The following verbatim copy of a letter it.

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I thought then, as now, that the land-writing of it. in writing which is the hand-writing of John Wilkes Booth, the murderer of President Lincoln, has been furnished us by the Hon. Wm. Millward, United States Marshal of the Eastern District of Penna. It was handed over to that officer by John It was handed over to that officer by John S. Clarke who is a brother-ju law of Mr. Rooth. The history connected with it is were living I doubt whether he him. comewhat peculiar. In November 1864, self would set Slavery aga: the paper was deposited with Mr. Clarke Union. Most or many in the by Booth, in a scaled envelope, "for safe keeping." Mr. Clarke being ignorant of the contents. In January last Booth called at Mr. Clarke's house, asked for the ed at Mr. Clarke's house, asked for the package and it was given up to him. I is now supposed that at that time he took out the paper and added to it his signa-death) to draw from. I know my is now supposed that at that time he took appears to be in a different ink from that used in the body of the letter, and also from the language employed could not have been put to it origina

country like this spurns justice from her will proudly beg permission to triumph side she forfeits the allegiance of every honest freeman, and should leave him, and should leave him him should leave him him should leave him.

as his conscience may approve.

People of the North, to hate tyranny, to love liberty and justice, to strike at wrong and oppression, was the teaching of our fathers. The study of our early history will not let me forget it, and may it.

and not for the black mac. And looking upon African Stavery from the same stand-point held by the noble framers of No. 58; our constitution, 1, for one have even considered it one of the greatest blessings (both for themselves and us) that God ever bestowed upon a favored nation.—Witness heretofore our wealth and power, witness their elevation and enlightenment witness heretolore our wealth and power, witness their elevation and enlightenment above their race elsewhere. I have lived among it most of my life, and have seen less harsh treatment from master to man than I have beheld in the North from father to son. Yet, Heaven knows, no one would be willing to do more for the negro

the way for their total annihilation. The few days it will be his good fortune to consouth are not, nor have they been righting duct you all to your hours. The fane of for the continuance of Slavery. The first this army for courage, indestry and disbattle of Bull Ran did away with that idea.

Their causes since for war have been as noThen let each officer and man see that it for the continuance of Slavery. The first battle of Ball Ran did away with that iden. Their causes since for wer have been as noble and greater for than those that urged our fathers on. Even should we allow they were wrong at the beginning of this contest, cruelly and impustice have made the wrong become the right, and they stand now (before the wonder and admiration of the world) a noble band of patriotic heroes. Hereafter reading of their deeds, Thermopylæ will be forgotton.

When I sided in the capture and execution of John Brown, (who was a muri-

When I sided in the capture and execution of John Brown, (who was a munderer on our Western horder, and who was fairly tred and connected, before an impartial jury of treason, and who, by the way, has since been made a god) I was proud of my little share in the transaction, for I deemed it my duty and that I was helping our common country to perform an act of justice. But what was a crime in poor John Brown is now considered (by themselves) as the greatest and only

virtue of the whole Republican party

set Slavery against th every tie which we once revered as sucred. The South can make no cheice. It is either extermination

Choice, Land and to discover upon

what grounds the right of a State to se-cede has been defined, when our very name United States, and the Declaration of Afterward he returned the package to Mr.

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Clarke again for safe keeping, scaled and bearing the superscription, "J. Wilkes Booth."

But there is not time for the decided for undertaking such a step as this, where, on the one side, I have many friends and everything to make me happy, friends and everything to make me happy, than \$20,000 a year The inclosure was preserved by the family without suspicion of its nature. After the afflicting information of the assassination of the President, which came upon the family of Mr. Clarke with crushing force, it was considered proper to open the envelope. There were found in it the following paper, with some Seven-Thirty U. States onds, and certificates of shares in oil companies. Mr. Clarke promptly handed over the paper to Marshal Millward in whose custody it now remains. From od early (although they so widely differ in whose custody it now remains. From a perusal of this paper it seems to have been prepared by Booth as an indication of some desperate act he had in contemplation; and from the language used it is plation; and from the language used it is some the perupose in the perupose and almost every body in the language to disturb the good feeling that now seems to prevail, we do not feel it necessary to prevail, we do not probable that it was a plot to abduct the President and earry him off to Virginia. If this was meditated, it failed, and from making a prisoner of the President to his assassination was an easy step for a man of perverted principles. It also appears in the Northern mind a sense of right and properties of the president of the president to his assassination. This seemed to us strange; with that of the county of Butler itself. That would be, I guess, about sixty years. Well, as old is a conventional term—that the rebel leaders, even, would be permitted to return to their former allegience without molestation. This seemed to us strange; different and greatly distant term, As, for of perverted principles. It also appears justice (even should it possess no season that Booth was one of the party that was engaged in the capture and execution of John Brown of Ossawattomie, at which is to meet her ever threatened doom? John Brown of Ossawattomie, at which time he doubtless imbibed from Wise and his associates those detestible sentiments of cruelty which have culminated in an And even now I would hold my life as MY DEAR SIE:—You may use this as you think best. But as some may wish to know when, who and why, and as I know not hor to direct, I give it (in the words of your master)

"To WIOM IT MAY CONGERN!"

Right or wrong, God judge me, not man. The world could be set of the world could be set of the severest penalties of the law, in his vigor and prime. You have heard of the Phoenix—but I need not follow millions. Under his, administration definite to wards will not gravitate to wards Washington; but will be glad to be allowed to escape with their lives for some foreign country.

Suffer the severest penalties of the law, in his vigor and prime. You have heard of the Phoenix—but I need not follow what overflowing hearts could we bless of the law, in this he will be sustained by the loyal millions. Under his, administration definite the prime which we could now awake, with the will be sustained by the loyal of the Phoenix—but I need not follow what has been but a frightful dream. In this he will be sustained by the loyal millions. Under his, administration definite to wards Washington; but will be glad to be allowed to escape with their lives for some foreign country. For being motive good or bad, of one thing pure and spotless. But I have of late I am sure, the lasting condemnation of the been seeing and hearing of the bloody North.

I love peace more than life. Have bloom, and would shudder to think how I love peace more than life. Have loved the Union beyond expression. For four years have I waited, hoped and prayed for the dark clouds to break, and fora restoration of our former sunshine. To wait longer would be a crame. All hope for peace is dead. My prayers have proved as idle as my hopes. God's will be done. I go to see and share the bitter end.

I have ever held the South were right. The very nomination of Abraham Lincoln four years ago, spoke plainly, war—war, upon Southern rights and institutions.— What foily! The South was wase. Who thinks of argument or patience when the finger of his enemy presses on the trage of the were so much of the minister of the control of the south was wase. Who thinks of argument or patience when the finger of his enemy presses on the trage of Y. It as goest and that "last diach" which the North have so long derided, and been endeavorated to piece the brothers heart,) for God's take, choose the right. When a country like this spurns justice from her side she forfeits the allegiance of every distributions to presse the forfeits the allegiance of every distributions to present the time trage of the rings of t

J. WILKES BOOTH.

Official Order of Sherman.

FORTRESS MONROE, April 22 .- The following important order of Gen. Sher-This country was formed for the white HEADOLARTERS MILITARY D. HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIVISION

MISSISSIPPL IN THE RIFLD RAILING C., April 19, 1865.—Special order e. 58: The General Commanding anour Constitution, I, for one have even considered it one of the greatest blessings hostilities, and an agreement with Gen't Johnson and high officials, which, when formally ratified, will make peace from the Potomac to the Rio Gran

than I have beheld in the North From Iather to son. Yet, Heaven knows, no one
would be willing to do more for the negro
race than I, could I but see a way to still
better their condition.

But Lincoln's policy is only preparing
the way for their total annihilation. The
South was the respective them been fighting.

The American Citizen.



any Paper in the County.

THOMAS ROBINSON. - - Editor.

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WEDNESDAY APR. 26, 1865 #3-"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable."-D. Webster.

An Observer," in the Herald of last week, suggests that it was us and others of similar sentiments to which he referred; as being so exceedingly jubilant over the success of our arms, on Monday evening the 7th inst. We take this t be a mere effort to cover up his track, for unless he entered our office, or way layed us on our way home, he did not see

and although we knew that our late Pres character-almost to a fault; till we did not believe it possible that he should e ntemplate soliberal a policy. Bethisasit

We have always been glad to receive communications from our friends in the army Theware always read with interest by all. Wo have, therefore, handed such publications over to the printer, sometimes without much examination --We done so with a communication written by "W" of the 14th Cavalry, which and dirty. But am I to blame? appeared in our paper of the 22d ult .-seems to have been considered somewhat severe in its criticisms, by some of our friends in the 6th dicavy Arlillery. be discussed. Such provision we know Two communications since published from that Regt, have replied to it, and we have one or two more on hand, which refer to one or two more on hand, which refer to the same subject, which we suppose the have so arranged.—To this I am not now writers would not wish published, had they known of those already forwarded. We will not therefore, publish them at present. We have since examined the expressions in it which, had we noticed that's a good while ago, -and I supbefore printing, we would have erased, Still we don't believe they were latended men—and this Stone Temple is now look for any thing more than a criticism, with-A. For ourself we have no favorite Regiwith pity, by my people. They know out in the least, reflecting on the 6th H A. For ourself we have no few personal with pity, by my possible amont B.s. les a number of personal for many of them who are now old, as friends scattered all through the army, we say, drank precious streams of knowl we have quite a number of personal friends and neighbors in the 14th cavalry, 102d, and 108d, 155th, and the 5th and 6th and 103d, 155th, and the 5th and 6th H. A., but more in the latter than may look at my battered doors and windows other. So far as we know, they have all done their whole duty. The 14th have had some hard times last fall and ground? Are there beautiful shades. had some hard times last fall and winter. We should therefore, feel disposed to let them have a little glory over their hard service to long at dark of their hard service to long at their hard service to long at their hard service to long at the student?—No, sir. There are their hard service, so long as it dont interfere with the true history of others.

So far as Penusylvanians are concerned,

Now, dear reader, why is all this? I am two regiments. The 4th Pa. turned its back on the battle of Bull Run, just as that eventful encounter was opening. The other, we believe the 45th, refused to move forward on the enemy while on the Peninsula. Peninsula. The former was from Montgomery, and the latter from Berks coun-

COMMUNICATIONS.

To Teachers. perintendent, it wil be necessary for am old.

will be granted. It has been reported to me that there

I am aware that however grandly mo

different and greatly distant term. As, for instance, butter may be called old when ident was bumane and forgiving in his it is strong, although it may be made but a few days. This may not be a very apt comparison-and I will take another. dog may be considered old when from 7 might. President Johnson has removed to 10 years of age—and so a cat, or a hogor a horse. An eagle may soar 100 years -so Ornatholigists tell us-and yet be suffer the severest penalties of the law, in his vigor and prime. You have heard I am merely in all this trying to defend myself from this plague-spot of old age, by a process such as lawyers use, when they have a hard case to manage-that is, throw plenty of dirt on the assailing

Now, I may be old-that is, compara tively—and, I may as well admit—my tab-ernacle looks dingy and wrinkled—tawdry are my keepers? For you must know, sir, that I have keepers, or what they call Trustees .- Why this is so, need not now ual drunkards .- This, you know, would going to object .- This body gave me at first a pretty fair dowry—enough to give me a Stone Temple, which then looked omunication of "W," there are some and admiration of all beholders —Bu very grand, and no doubt was the wonder thing there, with its proud cupalo, like a

Have I no friends? Where are the good moral character from some person long list of worthles that call me their or persons. Without this no certificate Alma Mater? Shall I, with the worth ies of all ages, have to curse the ingrati-tude of man? Will none speak for me?— It has been reported to me that there are teachers who have expressed them solves in a most disloyal manner in reference to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the stones could be assured, if I hold my peace, "the very cue to the brutal murder of the late the case and facility with which it can be transported to Lake Eric, at the city of Eric, where it will meet with an almost boundless demand for shipment to all the Lake cities and to Canada, and to many certificates will be witheld, and those unexpired will be cancelled. No one who has a heart to exult over such a fiendish act is fit to instruct our youth.

A. H. WATERS.

wants, like ary other lady, to cast off the clothing but at our biance. them whipped, bucked and gagged, and thousands of them utterly demouted, who could not tell their own names. Others so weak from starvation and sickness that they were unable to travel. Hundreds of boys, from fifteen to twenty, walking the county and a little in Armstrong. The company will be organized immediately, and a little in Armstrong. The company will be organized immediately, and a little in Armstrong. you up, like men, to meet the advance of | wretched. mprovement in civilization, science and rchitecture. Then this obtrus ve With erspoon need not turn up his nose (spoon) THE OLD ACADEMY.

EDITOR CITIZEN -- Sir :- At the reo furnish you a partial narrative of sev euteen months imprisonment South, for their gratification, and in order that our copperhead friends may have a just conception of the kind of christianity, humanity and chivalry that governs their coadjutors.

The exchange of prisoners was intercented in August, 1863, in consequence of the bad faith practiced by the rebels n relation to the Vicksburg and Port Hudson prisoners, there being a difference of 26,000 paroles on the books of the Commissioners. The U. S. Government was willing to exchange man for man, retaining the excess, but to this " Johnny would not agree, as it would curtail his

opportunities for the practice of rascality The first development we had of South ern character, was in the overweening desire they exhibited to possess our hats boots, overcoats, blankets, and the fondness they showed for watches, greenbacks. and jewelry. They stripped us of everything. This, too, in the face of winte exposure to the inclamoney of the waeth er, and a great searcity of what they call

Ten thousand men were confined du ring the winter of 1863 on Belle Island. with no shelter, no blankets, and about one pound of corn bread per day. Those who were quartered at Libby fared a lit tle better as to shelter, but one hundred and seventy-five men were confined in one room, having a coiling but eight feet in

We were not long in learning to an preciate those excellent gentlemen, (? Gen Winder, Major Turner and Dick. It was their constant aim to remind us that we, as prisoners of war, were wholly in their power: that the practice of every insult and indignity was chivalrous, and that a "Yankee mudsili" deserved and had no right to expect even as good treatment as civilized people accord to dumb brutes.

Let me particularize. It is admitted that a prisoner of war has a perfect right to effect his escape by all honorable means,

as a reward for his show of spirit, was placed in a dungeon, in the truest and fullest sense,) for twenty-one days, on bread and water, without any fire, and I think without his bedding; but Straight was a vandal and raider, so, of course, although a much respected officer in the U. S. army, it was all right.

Lieut. Moran, captured at Gettysburg, had in his possession a piece of shell, which killed his brother; this he wished to retain, but, during his search, the gallant Dick (?) discovered it, and took it from him. Upon his asking for it. Dick uttered an oath, and struck him rudely in

the face. A Lieut. of an Indiana regiment re-captured and taken to Augusta, Ga. Here he was stripped of a good suit of clothing, and given an old suit of gray. Upon his making a report of it to the Provest Marshal, he was threatened by

have money at interest, sir. —I am worth | blankets or fire. They then instituted a have money at interest, sir.—I am worth a something and may challenge favor.

There are now 918 National banks in the country. Many State institutions are constantly making applications to be is a beggar,—but ide know he begs.—Now person wounded among the number.

have money at interest, sir.—I am worth blankets or fire. They then instituted a Throughout its entire length the line of this road (which has been carefully while I have opposed dissolution and surveyed) runs through a valley, or sevellent agricultural country, and well timbered. But its prime of the richest and included among the number.

Now, Permit me to remark, that while I have opposed dissolution and disintegration on the one hand on the other instituted a surveyed) runs through a valley, or sevellent agricultural country, and well timbered. But its prime of the richest and included among the number.

I'm rich, sir, - and I demand a new dress. where the enlisted men had preceded us, sylvania, but which is now entirely una-A new, beautiful temple,—such as will our "Southern brethern" here gave us meet the advanced taste and means of the the finest exhibition of humanity we had

12,000 died during July and August.
From thence they were removed to Florence, S. C., where 4,000 died; and some to Salsbury, N. C., where 5,050 died, out of 9,000, since last September.

I have seen officers and men of our

mort of the Iron Horse on the banks of with a cane, bowed down like old men, the lovely Connequenessing soon.-Stir emaciated, filthy, poliuted, and utterly

Twenty-two thousand came through the lines, and I venture to say one half will die iuside of two months. Fifty four were buried the day before I left Annap-

Another feature. Last August "John nest of a number of friends I am induced ny" wanted men. He was then willing to exchange man for man, for humanity's sake. Thirty-five thousand fresh men would have done Lee's work. This was delegation on yesterday was more imsharp practice, but the government could not afford, at that time, to give well men ed. derstand disaffected men here claim that non-exchange. We have made this the subject of study and inquiry, and I wish positively contradict all such state-

In conclusion, considering the genius humanity for a poor man or a negro. consequently the right, to utterly disce made odious, that traitors must gard their feelings, their rights and privsympathy.

This same spirit carried them out of the Upion, but, thank God, it will bring them a sound thrashing, knock the fetters from the slave, and give every man South equal rights, and opportunities for acquiring education and wealth.

try, which, in by gone times, was very likely a favorite resort of bears; but abov that the country is not at all calcu-lated to excite brunish thoughts.

but these gentlemen deemed this one of the foulest crimes.

Col Straight was foiled in an attempt to make his escape in January, 1864, and stream. Its manager was an English gen-tleman named Lewis, who was something of an enthusiast, and hoped to revolu-tionize the iron business of this country transfer to the present occaterwards contracted and successfully operated with charcoal, and it may be in opthat spot, as it has been on a very large sion and enjoyment scale at Brady's Bend. Bear Creek, however has very little to do with the rail-road which hears its name, and of which institution, and by we propose to sneak, except that its eastern terminus is on its bank, about two miles from the Allegheny river, and the same distance from the line of the Ma-honing and Franklin Railroad, which is ntinuation of the Allegheny Val-

The Boar Creek Pullwad is to som mence at a point between a little village on the Pittsburgh and Eric Railr ad, call Peninsula. The former was from Mont gomery, and the latter from Berks countit ties. Now that the hardest of the service seems to be over, let all rejoice and be thankful that soon they will aff meet as brethren once more, surrounded by scenes of peace and love, to enjoy, through life, the fraits of their joint efforts in be half of a bleeding country.

Look at my dowry.—You may see it government to severy year reported by the County Auditor for faith than to be over-anxious about other people's uprightness and moral's fatures.

Provost Marshal, he was threatened by some soldiers from Arkausas, and after dark was taken down to the river, made walk out on a spring plank, and deliber at the Atlantic and Great Western Railrad.—An efficer of the 45th N. Y. Volunteers was shot in cold blood, whilst standing by the spring, at Macon, last directly through the heir runs eastwardly, standing by the spring, at Macon, last directly through the heir runs eastwardly, was shot while he and I were engaged in the County and brie road.—It is better to look closely after our own foundation for faith than to be over-anxious about other people's uprightness and moral's fatures.

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After Straight's exit their extreme the Atlantic and Great Western Railrad.—It was taken down to the river, made walk out on a spring plank, and deliber at the Milker plank and the county and brief road.—It was the fail in the provest Marshal, he was threatened by some soldiers from Arkausas, and atte Throughout its entire length the line

vailable, because inaccessible. Few peo-ple are aware of the extent and richness of the coal veins in that part of the coun-To Teachers.

The form of certificate recently issued by the School Department, requires the County of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of Butler, have a big interest of the county of the county of the county. Over an extensive tract of country through which this road passes, there are three veries of coal one above with no issue of soap, and no medical attended to the country of the country, especially in the northern part of Butler country. Over an extensive tract of country through which this road passes, there are three veries of coal one above with no issue of soap, and no medical attended to the special part of the country, especially in the northern part of the country, especially in the northern part of the country. Over an extensive tract of country through which this road passes, there are three veries of coal one above tudence. Hundreds of the poor fellows were shot for the smallest provocation. It is of excellent quality—the same as that found at the Brady's Bend Iron Works, which is but a continuation of the country.

company will be organized immediately, its management put into energetic hands, the work commenced next summer, and pushed forward vigorously. The prospect of rich renufleration is too promising to allow the enterprise to drag for, want of means. It is just such enterprises as this that render a country rich and prosperous by developing its great natural resources, and drawing forth its hidden treasures. den treasures.

Most Important Speech Made. WASHINGTON, April 22 .- Presi-

portant than any he has yet deliver-ed. After thanking Gov. Morton not afford, at that time, to give well men for sick. I remember this, because I unfor his remarks, the President said -We are living at a time when the the U.S. Government is responsible for public mind has almost become oblivious of what treason is. The time has arrived, my countrymen, when the American people should be edu-cated and taught what is crime, and that treason is the highest crime known to the Constitution. Yes, of their social system, what better treat-ment could we expect. It is all owing to against all he States, 2 cason against the abominable institution of slavery. A the Government of the United States planter is very kind to his equals and su-periers, but he has no feeling of charity mitted, and those engaged in it should suffer all its penalties. It is not Providence made him rich, and others tofore said, to say that traitors must poor, which gives him the power and be made odious, tha treason must be gard their feelings, their rights and privileges. It is hard to decide whether the pause They must not only be purpoor man or negro deserves most of our lished but their social power must be destroyed. If not they will still maintain an ascendency, and may again become numerous and powerful; for in the words of a former Senator of the United States, when traitors become numerous enough traitors become numerous enough treas a becomes respectable. And I say that after making treason odi-ous, every Union man and the Gov-ernment should be remunerated out The act chartering the Bear creek Railread Company passed at the last session
of the legislature. The corporators are
Messrs. Rawle, Vincent and Bonglas, of
Eric Griffith, of Mercer, and Bredin and
Kerr, of Butler.

But where and what is Bear Creek;
many a reader will ask. Bear Creek is
a considerable stream! But of no great
length, which rises in the northeast corner of Butler county, and discharge ner of Butler county, and discharges its waters into the Allegheny river, in Armstrong county, some eight or ten miles ing men, who have been drawn into above the Brady's Bend Iron Works. above the Brady's Bend Iron Works.— this rebellion, and while I say as to through a rough and rugged strip of country, which in bryone the say is say the leaders' punishment, I also say try, which in bryone the say is say the leaders' punishment. lenie cy, conciliation and amnesty to thousands whom they have misled and deceived and in reference to In speaking of reconstruction, he

ts re-iteration on the present occa-sion. Some are satisfied with the by the introduction of the use of coke, a thing at that time hardly thought of.—
But for some reason the enterprise proved a failure. The some furnace was afternited in the content of th territorial and other divisions, and are to lose their character as States, but their life-breath has on y been eration yet for aught we know. Perhaps
Mr. Lewis's fond dream of making iron
with coke has at length been realized on
each of these States in the possessbe in the government with a poculiar the operation of r bellion, loose that featu e, put it lion, and when it comes out without the institution it [Great applanse.] I hold it as a solemn obligation in any one of these States where rebel armies have been beaten back or expelled, how smal! the number of Union men, if enough to man the ship of state, I hold it, I say, a high uty to protect and secure to them a republican I hold it, I say, a high form of government. This is no new It is expressed in conformwith my understanding of the genius and theory of our government. Then, in adjusting and putting the government upon its legs again, I think the progress of this work must hands of its friends. pass into th [Applause.] If a State is to be nurs ed until it again gets strength, it must be nursed by its friends, not smot ered by its enemeis. [Applause]