CARLISLE, PA. Friday, DECEMBER 27, 1861.

Peoples' State Central Committee. A meeting of the members of the Peoples' State Central Committee will be held at Cov-

orly's Hotel, Harrisburg, on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22d, 1862, to determine the time and place for holding a State Convention to nominate State candidates, and to transact such other business as may be presented. A full attendance is requested. ALEX. K. McCLURE, Chairman.

GEO. W. HAMMERSLY, } Secretaries. JOHN M. BULLIVAN,

The necessary absence of the Editor of this paper must account to our readers for the lack of the usual amount of editorial

Two articles appear in the "American Volunteer" of this week, which we presume will be attended to and answered by the Editor on his return home. His sub has no desire or intention to indulge in personalities unless forced upon him.

We were greatly pleased to see at home on vesterday our esteemed friend and fellew citizen, Lieut. JAS. S. COLWELL, of Capt. Henderson's Company. He gives us some news of the battle near Drainsville, and assures us that two of our townsmen, to wit, A. B. SHARPE and W. M. PENROSE, Esqrs., werd engaged in it and acquitted themselves gallantly. We always knew that the sons of old Mother Cumberland would be true to the stars and stripes. All that the children of the old county desire is to have a chance to show in battle how dearly they love the Constitution and the laws of the land and how ardently they desire to sustain them. We will guarantee that when an opportunity offers no man. from amongst our amidst will be found wanting.

The Death of H. R. Prince Albert. By the Persia we have tidings of the death of His Royal Highness Prince Albert, consort of Queen Victoria, Duke of Saxe Coburg Gotha, B&c. The event took place in London on the 15th inst., after a brief illness, which was not considered dangerous until two days before it resulted in death. His disease was gastric fever. A profound grief will be felt throughout Great Britain for the loss of this good and distinguished man, who, by his domestic virtue, his works of charity, his labors for the benefit of the English people, and by his ecientific and literary attainments, has made himself loved and respected by both the high and low. Prince Albert was a Christian and a gentleman as well as a Prioce, and was

position. THE VAN WICK INVESTIGATION.

more illustrious by his virtues than by his

Congress at its special session in July last, appointed a select committee, of which Mr. Van Wyck, of New York, is Chairman, to inquire into alleged corruptions and speculations in the giving out of army and navy contracts. The Committee submitted the first instalment of their report last Monday, and brings to light some pretty handsome epeculations, on the part of certainn contretors in various parts of the country. The biggest haul amounting to nearly a hurdred thousand dollars, appears to have been made by certain men-in New York, among whom conspicuously.

One thing in the report is worthy of special mention :- all the frauds and extravigance revealed are traced directly by the committee to other agencies than the War Department and its able head, Gen. Cameron. The Berks and Schuylkill Journal says: Notwithstanding all the rumors which have connected the Secretary and the department with these abuses, no case is visible in this report wherein the agency of either for evil purposes is descerable. And as this is a matter o. importance, we here present a synopsis of the main points of the report:

Ist. The Cataline was chartered by order of Gen. Wool. When he and the Union Defence Committee were acting independently of the War Department.

24 In the matter of purchashint vessels for the navy, the arrangement was made by the Secretary of the

the arrangement was made by the catravagance of arms, the extravagance of arms, the extravagance of arms, the extravagance of arms, the extravagance of the process being run up, in consequence of the foregal on. As regards the purchase on arms, the extravagance was caused by the prices being run up, in consequence of the agents of the Union Defence Committee, General Fremont. the Gevenors of the States, and of various generals, colonels, cities and home-guard organizations, being all in the market competing sgainst the governments, and New York speculators took advantage of this to run up prices, and hold the arms till they forced the sovernment to yield to their terms. the government to yield to their terms.

4th. Everything done in the Western Department by Hremont was on his own responsibility, and without any reference to the Department at Washington
5th. The purchases of horses, nules and wagons occurred in the Quartermaster Goneral's Department.

-It should be a matter of pride to every Pennsylvanian to see Gen. Cameron. upon whom such immense interests devolved, come out of this ordeal unscathed. A more effectual refutation of the infamous slanders heaped upon him by his enemies could no. be presented.

The Dublin "Nation," openly declares that the news of the capture of the rebel leaders on board a British ship created wild excitement and enthusiasm in Dublin, and that it would awaken similar feelings and constions throughout the whole country. The editor adds :

The seizure was an "act worthy the spirit, daring and dash of the Americans; it was one to make Irish hearts jump with joy. If the English government resents this insult, there will come a great time for Ireland. Then the men who are gone with vengence will prove vengeful men indeed! Then wil the Irish race in America rush to arms, and

bound into the battle.
"Yes then will the force of England find in their front such desperate, men as entered their ranks at Fontenoy, to the cry of, remember Limerick. Yes, the men crow barred out of their homes in Ireland; the men oppressed, insulted, scoffed, and, wherever they went, pursued by English slander and hate those men will be in the van of the fight, and then will woe come to England. And what of Ireland in this great time? What will Irishmen do when comes this supreme opportuity, the like of which can only come in many ages? Who can tell what they may do, what they will be able to do, if they act well their part as brave men? They can, most certainly, establish the independence

DEFENDED OF PENNSYLVANIA. - A disputch from Harrisburg states that Gov. Curtin is about to issue a proclamation calling upon the eltisens to form military organizations fo-State defense. He has had all the State arm cellected, which are being repaired at Lancas ter at the rate of 1,200 per week. He will shortly visit Washington to confer with the National authorities for the defense of Dela ware River and Lake Erie?

A LADY in Northwestern Missouri of fers a premium for enough Yankee scalps ! make a bed quilt .- Wheeling Intelligencer. Perhaps she would like to take a whole Yankee as a comfort. - Prentice.

THE CHRISTIAN MAGNA CHARTA-

WHEN REBELLION IS RIGHT AND WHEN WRONG.

In such times as these, patriotism rises? into the midst of the very highest and holiest of religious duties. As the Sabbath was made for man, and the severest physical when those labors are necessary or merciful, so there is no service better pleasing to God in such an emergency as this than the support of righteous government against wicked ebellion. Order is heaven's first law. Next to submission to that law which requires us to love the Lord with all our heart, comes the duty to love our neighbor as ourself, and this rebellion is against the law of love, and as hostile to the peace and happiness of men as it is hateful in the sight of a holy and right eous God. A correspondent writes to us, says the New York Observer, and demands by what reasoning we would justify any revolution, if we condemn this rebellion. He throws himself on the abstract right of any people to change their form of government if they wish to do so, and therefore he would uphold the rights of the South or the North, he East or the West, to rebel, revolt, and establish a new and independent government at their own pleasure. Such a doctrine is worthy only of an Atheist. It strikes God from his throne, and makes anarchy in heaven and through the universe. For if it is ight to throw off human government, at off the divine. The obligation to obey, in both cases, springs from the same source; princes rule and men decree judgment only through the divine authority, which requires, the people to submit to the ordinances of men, "for there is no power but of God." It our correspondent, and any other reader, would learn their rights and their duties as citizens in time of public tumult and danger, they will find the charter, the MAGNA CHAR-TA of the Christian, in the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of Paul's Epistle to the Ro-

The letter and the spirit of the gospel define the duty of obedience and also the grounds on which rebellion and revolution weto be justified. "Love worketh, no ill to his neighbor; thereore love is fulfilling of the law." That is the measureof obedience: that is the defence of revolution.

When human government has ceased to answer the ends for which it was instituted and instead of protecting its subjects in the enjoyment of their rights, it becomes an engine of oppression and a source of general misery; when love plainly indicates the duty of incurring brief and lighter evils for the sake of delivering the people from longer and more grievous sorrows that cannot be removed without violence and blood, then it is not only right, it is the inevitable duty of the victims of such a government to cast it off in God's name, and rear another to be administered in his fear. Such a revolution s born of love, not of hate. On the principles we find in the Bible to require submiss. on and justify rebellion, we will meet the men of the South, the Thornwells, Palmers and Polks, before the judgment seat of Christ, and cheerfully abide the verdict of thorized teachers of God's word, with mis leading the people to their sin and ruin; worth, with yielding to the ambitious schemes of Woodruff, and Wright. traitors and conspirators, who have plunged |. To such a fair and reasonable proposition, this once happy and prosperous country into |six| of the Pennsylvania delegation, doug ate its beginnings, and is now prosecuted with such unheard of disregard of all law, human or divine, that the Govenor of Virginia has in his annual message proclaimed the barb rous design of subjugating four sovereign States to the iron despotism of a government professedly founded on the principle of the right of any state to secede at

pleasure I In its religious aspects this is a war that calls for the display of all the virtues that adorn the obristian character, and dignify human nature. "Vengeance is mine, I, will, repay, saith the Lord." He sends out armies as he sends the pestilence and lightning to execute his will. Any war waged in support of lawful government and to put down wicked rebellion, is the sword of the Lorde the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil." Such war is not inconsistent with love. It is the benign and benevolent administration of law which is far more essential to the happiness of men than that license which flows from the radical doctrine of the right of any people to upset government when they please. It is the duty of the constituted authority to put forth its utmost energies to bring the war speedily to a close with the least possible sacrifice of life and comfort-It is to show its supreme regard for justice and the rights of the whole people, by naintaining the fundimental law of the land

vorse than war. We are so antiquated and puritanical in our adherence to the everlasting principles of God's own word, that we would remember thine enemy hunger, feed him : if he thirst heap coals of fire on his head." While Charleston, that hot bed of rebellion, was in flames, if our troops at Port Royal had heard of it, and a thousand of our gallant soldiers. rushed to the scene and aided the inhabitants been an act over which angels would have war of hate, but of love: a war to restore the country to the enjoyment of equal laws and universal brotherhood and peace.

In such a war patriotism rises into the sublimity and purity of christian principle and devotion: Every true soldier and every loyal citizen is on the Lord's side. He may suffer the loss of property, of home and of life, but he suffers in the cause of good gov of the Franklin County Bar. He also repreernment, which is the cause of God. The de of war may go against him, but present uccess is not the measure of right. It is sduty to stand by the country in her day of wife and one child, larkness and danger; and it is better to perish under the ruins of a righteous government than to live under the iron heel of rebellion, or give place to the doctrine of Congress to put down the slave trade, and socession, that dry rot, which would destroy prohibit the importation of negroes from Afevery government, even the throne of Al-

CONGRESS.

In the United States Senate, on Friday, Mr. Willey, of Virginia, presented a resolution declaring that the existing war was forced upon the country by the States in rebellion, without provocation, and was designed to destroy the Union and Constitution, and that its purpose was to disown and repudiate labor is not inconsistent with its sacredness the fundamental principles of republican government. He addressed the Senate nearly two hours in support of his resolution, and

On Saturday a resolution was passed recognizing and applauding the gallantry of Gen. Lyon and the troops under his command at the battle of Springfield. The Ju. diciary Committee reported back the bill to abolish the Supreme Court and asked to be discharged from its further consideration. The House, on Friday, authorised the con-

struction of twenty iron clad gun boats. A bill to authorise the construction of a street railroad between Washington and George town was passed. The Consular and Diplo matic appropriation bill was passed.

On Saturday the House passed a resolution providing for the transmission of allotments of pay of volunteers to their families and

to sutler's on soldiers' pay. Mr. Wickliffe presented resolutions from the Kentucky Legislature in relation to extending relief to the sufferers from famine in | South, is now clear of Rebel troops. Ireland. Mr. Julian offered a resolution, his own pleasure, it is equally right to throw which was passed-year 78, mays 39-instructing the Judiciary Committee to report a bill to forbid the return of fugitive slaves except where the loyality of the claimant was to the effect that in addition to the expedition satisfactorily proved. Mr. Lovejoy offered a resolution requesting the Committee on the Judiciary to report a bill confiscating the property and liberating the slaves of those participating in or aiding the rebellion.

In the proceedings of the House of Repre sentatives, at Washington, as will be seen below, our "talented and consistent" Repre sentative, Hon. Joseph Baily, voted against a resolution to confiscate the property of rebels. Mr. B., it will be remembered, pro fessed great devotion to the Union and hostility to the Southern rebels. We give the resolution and the vote thereon.

Mr. Julian, of Indiana, offered a resolution that the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to report a bill, so amending the fu gitive-slave law of 1850 as to forbid the recapture or return of any fugitive from labor, without satisfactory proof being first made that the claimant of such fugitive is loyal to

to the Government. The resolution was passed - yeas 78, nays 39: YEAS - Messrs. Aldrich, Alley, Arnold, Babbitt, Baker, Baxter, Beaman, Bingham, Blair (Mo.). Blair (Penna,), Blake, Buffinton, Chamberlain, Clark, Colfax, Fre'k A. Conkling Roscoe, Coukling, Conway, Covode, Cuttler, Davis, Dawes, Delano, Duell, Edwards, Eliot, Fenton, Fessendon, Franchot, Franck, Gooch, Goodwin, Guerley, Hale, Hanchett, Harrison, Hooper, Hutching, Julian, Loomis, Lovejoy, McKean, McKnight, McPherson, Mitchell, Moorhead, Morrill (Me), Morrill (Vt. (, Oliu Patton, Pike, Pomperoy, Porter, Rice (Me), Biddle, Rollins, (N. II.), Sargeant, Shanks, Shellaberger, Sloan, Sherman, Spaulding, Stevens, Thomas (Mass (, Train, Trowbridge Vandever, Wall, Wallace, Walton, Washburne, Wheeler, Whaley, White (Ind.), Wilson, Windom, and Worcester.

NAYS .- Mesers. Ancona, Bally (Penna.), Biddle, Cobb, Cooper, Cox, Craven, Crittenden, Dunlap, English, Fouke, Grider, Harthat assizes. We charge them, as the au Menzies, Morris, Noble, Noell, Norton, Nugent, Pendelton, Robinson (Del.), Shiel, Steele, (N. Y.), Steele (N. J.), Vailandigham, Wads Webster, White (Ohio), Wickliffe,

the horrors of the most deplorable and, on all, were found voting against it. Their cession of havy blows in Missouri, the prestheir part, the most wicked was that was names are souther, DAIDY, Didate, was out ever waged since the blood of Abel: a war tained his seat through false pretences.) Leh- will cross the Osage river to assist Generals that has no decent pretext to justify or palli. man, Lazear, and Wright. Verily, party Stein and Slack, when a general engagement fealty is stronger in some men than is devotion to best interest of the country.

What makes the conduct of these men more odious, is the fact that they are found voting with such a man as the notorious Vallandingham, of Ohio, whose political character "stinks in the nostrils" even of his own party friends.

THE PLANET VENUS --- For some two weeks past, the dazzling lustre of this beautiful planet in the western sky has been a been abroad on cloudless evenings, Her brilliant aspect at this time has led some to sur pose that she had changed in some remarkable way from what she was in former times who is she held the same relation to the sun. But this apparent increase in lustre is due to the absence of large stars in her pathway. The other brilliant planets are now morning stars. She attains her greatest brilliancy about three weeks after New Year's after which she will rapidly decrease in in the evening sky.

State Ticket or Congressmen run last fall, and the Assembly Tickets were much complicated, its Party aspect is not clear. The Williamsport Bulletin says: - "It has been ascertained, since the final count of the Return Judges, that the Union and Republican majority, in at all hazards, bearing in mind that God is the last election in Pennsylvania, was 45,000. the judge, he puts down one and sets up an Had there been a State Ticket, and a full elecother and peace built on violated faith is tion, our majority would have reached 80 or 90.000."

ready for delivery, gratis, at the Drug Stores, ville on a foraging expedition, and also for that He says in this same portion of our who are happy to supply all that call for the purpose of making a reconnoissance in Magna Charta which we have just commended them, Every family should have and keep that docality. Drainesville is about midway to the study of every halting patriot. "If this book. It is worth having-comprising between General McCall's Headquarters and much general information of great value. It Leesburg. give him drink, for in so doing thou shalt gives the best instruction for the cure of On arriving in that vicinity our troops enprevalent complaints, that we can get anybushel of wheat, and its medical advice is sometimes worth to the sick, the wheat's without arms and with a flag of truce, had weight in gold. Many of the medical almanacs are trash but this is solid metal. Its in saving their city and homes, it would have calculations are made purposely for this Rifles and Easton's Battery of four guns. latitude and are therefore correct. Call and rejoiced, while it showed that this is not a get Ayer's Almance, and when got, keep it.

We clip the following from the last num ber of the Chambersburg Valley. Spirit: DEATH OF HON. JAS. X. McLANAHAN.-A tel-graphic dispatch received in this place on Tuesday, announces the death of Jas. X. McLanahan, in New York city. Mr. McLan ahan formerly resided in this place, where he attained a distinguised position as a member sented this district in Congress. Some years since he removed to New York city where he resided up to the time of his death. Mr McLenahan leaves a family consisting of

THE Richmond Examiner says a bill has been introduced into the Confederate rica. The object, no doubt, is to secure the good will of Franco and Mugland. Headquarters to night says : "Too much enod

PROGRESS OF THE WAR!

We devote a large portion of our space this week to important news from the Army .-Rebellion has received numerous and heavy blows during this and last weeks. From every quarter, we have glorious tidings of success for our arms. We give the pith of the despatches received up to going to press; Sr. Louis, Dec. 19 .- Despatches received at Headquarters from General Pope state that after a forced march yesterday he got between gave way to a motion to go into executive the enemy encamped some six miles from Chilhowee, Johnson county, 2,200 strong, and those in Clinton and Henry counties, but as soon as they heard of his approach they beat a rapid retreat toward Rose Hill, in Johnson county, leaving all their baggage, arms, mu-

nitions, papers, &c, in our possession. Genoral Pope then threw forward ten companies of cavalry and a section of artillery in pursuit, following the main body of his army .-At Johnson in Bates county, the Rebels being so closely pursued, scattered in all directions, but most of them going towards the South. Gen. Pope then forced a strong cavalry reconnoissance to within fifteen miles of Osceola, and intercepted and captured one hundred and fifty fugitive Rebels with all their baggage, horses, &c. Other squads from ton to fifteen were also taken, making the aggrefriends, and repealing the law allowing liens gate number of prisoners about three hundred-No fighting is reported to have occurred.

He says the whole country between Rose Hill, on the west, and Grand River, on the General Price has only 8,000 troops at Os-

ceola. 🛬 🔑 Sr. Louis, Dec. 20 .- Further information from the West this morning has been acceived of General Pope against the enemy at and near Clinton, and another part of his force, under Colonel Davis and Major Marshall, surprised another camp of Rebels on the afternoon of the 18th, near Milford, a little north of Warrensburg.

A brisk skirmish took place, when the Rebels finding themselves surrounded surrendered to Colonel Davis, who took 1,300 prisoners, including three Colonels, seventeen Captains, and one thousand stand of arms, sixty five wagons, one thousandhorses, alarge quantity of tents, baggage and supplies, etc Our loss was but two killed and eight woun-

ded. The Rebel's loss is not known. Information from Glassgow states that our roops captured about two tons of powder found buried on Claib Jackson's farm.

er two since in Johnson county. The troops in Kansas have been stirring during the past week, and good news may be expected from them daily.

Major Hubbard captured sixty Rebels a day

Capture of a Rebel Wagon Train with A Large smount of Camp Equipage Numerous Prisoners Taken.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 20 .- Major Williams, with a detachment of the Third Ransas Regiment, made a dash into Missouri on the 12th; and burned the towns of Papinsville and Butler, resorts of Rebel gueril'a bands. Two companies of the Fourth Cavalry have

arrived here from Fort Wise. SEDALIA, Missouri, December .19 .- Two hundred wagons, heavily laden with clothing, etc , for Price's Rebel army, have been captured by the Federal troops! Our troops are daily capturing Rebel rectuits on their way

to join General Price. The number of prisoners now captured is early 2,000 with a vast amount of camp equipage, amunition, arms, horses, stock, etc. A mill that has been engaged for some time iu supplying flour to the Rebels has also been burned.

The r vot week. 'a is thought that General Price will ensue, which it is believed must result in the defeat of Price and the scattering of his entire army.

The news from Kentucky is to the effect that the recent skirmishs at Mumfordsville was a most brilliant affair. Four companies of about 350 men, from Col. Wallack's regiment, led by the Lieutenant Colonel, drove back 3,000 Rebel cavalry, infantry and artillery. The troops are reported as behaving like veterans under a galling fire into which they had been ambussubject of remark among those who have | caded by the Rebels, but out of which they extricated themselves with great skill and coolness. Gen. Buell has sent to Gen. McClellan a despatch, dated Louisville, Dec. 18, to the effect that McCook's division is at Mumfordsville, and Gen. Mitchell at Bacon's Creek .-Zollicoffer is either actually retreating across the Cumberland or is preparing to do so whenever any considerable force appears.

The Rebels yesterday opened fire upon Colonel Geary's encampment at Point of Rocks, from the opposite side of the Potomac, but were so promptly and effectively replied to si lendor until she again becomes a morning that their guns were silenced and their forces star, and the other planets will take her place driven off. A number were killed and wounded, whilst the Federals escaped uninjured. Our guns were then turned upon some houses PENNSYLVANIA ELECTION .- As there was no on the Virginia side where some Rebels were

secreted. They were driven out with loss. From Port Royal we learn that our troops fully occupied Beaufort, and that large quantities of cotton were being gathered and brought forwardfor shipment. General Floyd's brigade has been ordered to Kentucky, leaving, as the Richmond Dispatch says, "a very large portion of Virginia exposed to the ene-

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- This morning at six o'clock a portion of General McCull's di-Ayers American Almanac is now vision proceeded in the direction of Draines-

countered the enemy, who had four regiments where. Its anecdotes alone are worth a of infantry-South Carolinians, Alabamians and Kentuckians-with a battery of six pieces of artillery and a regiment of Cavalry, under command of Gen. Stewart.

The only troops on our side engaged in the affair were General Ord's Brigade, the First The enemy were completely routed and fled

precipitately, after a fight of one hour and a half, leaving two caissons and a quantity of small arms, blankets, great coats, cto -more than our troops could bring away. After the enemy had retreated General

McCall sent two officers to count the Rebels killed and wounded, when it was ascertained that they had left on the field 57 killed and 22 wounded. Three of the latter died in being removed, making their loss 60 killed and 19 wounded-a total of 79 killed and wounded. and they no doubt carried off many. They also left on the field many horses disabled. Our men also brought in some prisoners besides the wounded.

Our loss is, as near as can be ascertained at present, ten killed and fifteen wounded. The expedition returned to their camp at Langley's at nine o'clock to-night. General McCall in his despatch received at

it cannot be given to General Ord for his gallantry and skill throughout the day: Easton's

Battery was admirably served and did good execution. The Rifles also behaved finely." Without anything definite being knewn, the belief strongthens and deepens that the troubles with England will be peaceably and satisactorily arranged. A despatch to the New York World declares that there is not the slightest probability of the dispute leading to war. Our own despatches state that Lord Lyons has not yet presented any official communication in relation to the Trent affair, and that any conference which he may have had with the Secretary of State in relation thereto latest. has been of an informal and confidential char-

From Port Royal we also have a repetition of the statement, received from other sources, of an engagement near the mouth of the Miss issippi, in which the United States steamer Massachusetts defeated and sunk Com. Hollins' celebrated "turtle" battering ram. The same correspondent gives currency to a less room of the totunda, at Dublin, to take into pulsations by its life-giving power. probable story of a slave insurrection in Miss-

The ship Cheshire, Captain Craig, from Liv erpool October 10, was captured as a prize about the 6th instant by the United States steamer Augusta, Captain Parrot: The Cheshire, it is stated, ran the blockade at Savanah, and discharged her cargo at Liverpool, where she loaded with coffee, salt, crockery. medicines, army blankits, and other articles of which the Rebels are in great need. From her position and movements it was apparent and she was accordingly seized and sent to his way home. New York in command of a Prize master Heath.

(Correspondence of the HERALD) Company A , 7th Reg., P V. R. C. Camp Pierpont, Va., Dec. 20th, 1861. DEAR HERALD: Although "more anon" was until "old Borens" again throws his cold man a lovial mess, descendants of the vermable literary one, as the number of periodicals, papers and portfolios, which lay scattered romisenously in the tent will testify. But

Yesterday morning Richardson Clark, a member of Company II., from Mechanicsburg, died in the hospital, of the typhus fever. regiains were taken home and were accompanied to Langley, by Companies H. and A. t was a sail scene as the cavalcade passed clowly down the road, the band playing the or by applying to the Publishers they can ob-Dead March;" and the question involuntari ly came up to the mind if our burial ceremony sure to confirm the truth of our recommendawould be selemnized by that dread tune, or whether it would be our lot to get home alive. It strikes me, while on this subject, that the mortality list of the Seventh has been unusually large, of which Company A has not been without a fair representation. As the Christmas holidays approach, the

boys brighten up, probably in anticipation of the good things expected from home, and of which we have notice, are already on their way hither. No programme is hid down as to the manner in which the day will be commemorated, but, I presume, if we are not on picket or other duty, it will pass off very rill not be as much of the "tanglefoot" used here as there will be and generally is used in 'wee dhrap' and get obstreperous, will find hemselves in durance in the guard-house. There have been no important movements n our division since I wrote you last. Our pickets recently brought in a family of nine "contrabands," who had escaped and came within our lines. They all secued remarks bly well pleased and appeared as if the break ing off the associations with their late masters had not affected them in the least. They were sent to Washington. No indications of a forward movement are perceptible por is one anticipated, and we have nothing before us but a season of tiresome inactivity, the weary, endless routine of camp life meantime should Gen. Lee and his 100 000 rebels take a notion to advance upon us, Me-

Cleban will be ready, and we withing and There have been many changes made in our regiment. No less than four captains have resigned, and as many hentenants promoted to their places. In six instances have orderly sergeauts been promoted. A new Adjutant has been appointed, and many other minor changes affected. Our company however, still retains its old officers. It may be interesting to know that among the officers in this regiment who bail from Wilkesbarre, Pa, Kuns's company is in this regiment. To are the Colonel, Quartermaster, Adiotant, Chaplain, Postmister and Sutler, the later having superceded his illustrious predecessor who is also a Wilksbarfean I see W. D. Halbert, of the First Regiment.

wearing the shoulder straps of a Lieurenant. "Will" makes a fine looking officer, and will no doubt do honor to the position he holds.

I hear the order "Fall in Guard!" and as I belong to that squad to day, will have to bring my letter to a close. Yours,

CAMP PIEBPONT, VA.,
December 22 1861.

Mr. Editor:—Gen. McCall's brilliant victory over the Rebels at Drainsville, last Fri day, and the gallant deportment of Gen. Ord and his Brigade, including Easton's battery and the Bucktail Rifles, are events of which Pennsylvanians may well be proud. Old Pennsylvania has the honor of making the first successful demonstration on the banks of the Potomac! The battery commanded by Capt. Easton, of Franklin county, did most signal service, and our troops generally showd the unfliaching spirit which ensures victory. Our Carlisle companies are in Rey-nold's and Meade's Brigades, and these two Brigades were not ordered up in time to participate in the fight, greatly to their disap pointment, although they would have been or hand if the enemy had rallied and with reinforcements inade an attack upon our column returning to camp The Carlisle Fencibles, with Meade's Brigade, made a splendid, but very severe forced march of ten miles from their camp. But in Easton's battery, which was in the action, most gloriously, "you know," there are also several Carlisle boys, and it is only due to them that their friends at home should know that they "stood to their guns Thoby throughout the fight. They are George II. Wolsh, — Peters, Geo. Martin and Martin Swartz. Although the enemy's grape fell thick and fast about them I am glad say none were hurt of the entire company. All the Carlisle boys only wait "opportuni ty," I am confident, to bravely evince their patriotism in the fight, as they are now doing t in patiently enduring the bardships and in elemency of the winter in the tented field. AN EFFICIENT BLOCKADE AFTER ALL.

The following remarkable confession taken we find in the Memphis Appeal of the 16th, is to the point: "Unfortunately the abilities and resources

of the Hessian government of Lincoln have been underrated. It is now nearly six morths since a vessel entered the port of New Orleans

negroes working on fortifications at New Madrid. Thompson has 1,500 men under his command. Who says the slaves are not a e e normamni et ne?

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LATE NEWS FROM EUROPE.

Halifax, Dec. 21 .- The steamer America, from Liverpool; for New York, put in here this morning at Coclock, short of coal The warlike sentiment and preparation i England were unabated.

large anti-war meeting had, however, been held in Dublia The British government has sent a letter approving of the course of Commander Williams, the mail agent on board the steamer Trent.

government, in answer to the petitions from A considerable number of additional English troops are to be sent to Canada The Hero, 86 guns, was to leave Portsmouth

FRANCE. will remain neutral in the event of a war between the United States and England.

consideration the aspect and position of Irish

on the 8th, for the North American station.

national affairs at the present momentous cri-The following resolutions were passed Mexico, and from the Atlantic to the Pacific shores, being largely composed of men of Itish birth and Itish blood, it would be unna tural to suppose that Ireland could remain an indifferent spect for of the struggle. peratively dictate to all Irishmen a forgetful ess of their past differences, and a united rally for the cause of their country.

By the Steamer Arago, which arrived on Beshop Porren then followed with a few exthat she was about to violate the blockade, the 21st inst., we learn that Gen. Scott is on tempore remarks, congrat dating the church

What the "Louisville Journal" Says, "We do not believe that even in this age of cheap publications any work can be more reaagain writing to you. The weather has been unusually mild and pleasant for some time past, and Gen. Meade has taken advantage of it by subjecting one breacher. yearly volume of 832 pages quarto, with an by subjecting our brigade to a severe drill; share of its attention. It contains official lists daily, and I presume will continue to do so of patent charas, important statistics, practical, this exquisite specimen of your taste and librecipes for useful domestic purposes, and has enality, lend your aid to God's service, rethe over us, when we will resume our canvass long stood, both in this country and Edrope, membering that the widow's mite would have domed's, there to smoke our consoling pipe, as the highest authority in the mechanic arts read the newspapers, and discussin our hum-ble sphere upon the topics of the day and the war feeling generally—for ours besides being er, the iron founder, the mechanic, or the in no most its weight. He said it, was appropriate to every beautiful buildings for God's service, for in no most it the dead we build costly monumanufacturer We have never opened a num 'Knickerbackers' of antiquity—is a so a berwithout learning something we never knew inerary one, as the number of periodicals, before and obtaining valuable information for the benefit of our readers. The Publishers, to my subject—what transpires in camp, not York, have deserved the success which they our tent have achieved. No one should visit that city without calling at their palatial establishment which is a museum of inventive genius. friends away off in the country do not know this work, and will take our advice they will mail >2 and become subscribers immediately,

We fully indorse the above, and would recommend our renders to take Prentice's advice, and subscribe for the paper. A new volume commences on the first of January, and it being a valuable work of reference, containing as it does, the only official list of patent claims published in the country, every number should be preserved. The paper is published every Saturday, by the well known patent agents, Messes, Menn & Co., who have pleasantly. There is one thing certain, there | conducted the paper during the past sixteen years.

In addition to furnishing specimen copies of the paper gratis, the publishers will send a pamphlet of advice to inventors, free of charge. Address, Munn & Co., 37 Park Row.

Cown and County Matters.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!-We tender to our readers the usual compliments of the season. May they each and all enjoy a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

ADMITTED TO PRACTICE--In the Orphans Carri, last week, on motion of W. J. Shearer, 'Eso', R. E. Shapley, was admitted to practice in the several courts of Cumberland' County.

RECRUITS WANTED.-WM. H. MAson, is the recruiting officer of the 11th Penna. Regiment, and will be in Carlisle, for two weeks—This Regiment is commanded by Col.

Coulter, a tormor citizen of Carlisle.—Carl.

Kurn's company is in this regiment.—To young men wishing to take a trip South, this is a desirable opportunity, as the 11th is to form a part of Gen. Burnside southern expendition which is now fitting out at Annapolis. pedition which is now fitting out at Aunapolis matrice.

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pedition which is now fitting out at Annapolis
Those wishing to join should apply at Griss
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Cotton Goods.—The rigidity of the
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merchants inform us that they have been
obliged to pay from thirty to fifty per cent.

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ADVICES BY SPECIAL THE STOMACH IN SECURI assisted by Mr. JESSE HAYS, (butchers,) slaughtered for my townsman, Mr. Joseph thirty four and a half pounds. These porkers were not very large, but exceedingly. Friend Sites is a man who prides himself on raising the best of hogs, attends well to the feeding and comfort of his steck, and consequently his "meat barrels are never empty." If any of our friends, in town or country, can do better than this, we shall be happy to chronicle the fact.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE EPISCO-

AL CHURCH. - The fine old bell of the Episco-

pal Church, which has been silent in the Sun-

day's chime of our Carlisle bells for some

months past, was heard ringing merrily on Wednesday morning, the 18th inst., calling the congregation and others once more to as semble. The object was the conscoration of from the New Orleans Crescent, and which the new and beautiful church which has been undergoing repairs for more than a year. Soon after ten o'clock, A. M., the greater portion of the congregation had been seated, and at 104 precisely, the Rt. Rev. Bishop Por-TER of the Diocess of Pennsylvania, followed by some ten or twelve, entered the church from a distant country. The same remark will apply to Mobile and other ports of the gulf. Where a vessel with a cargo of merchandize—has—passed—Lincoln's blockade, twenty passed the blockade in the war of 1812."

by some ten or twelve, entered the church with robes on, (in pursuance of the Church with robes on, (in pursuance of the Church with robes on, (in pursuance of the church the skillful manipulation of Mr. Stanburger, of Philadelphia, (who was its builder) echo-ing and filling the church with its sweet me ing and filling the church with its sweet me-BLACK REBEL ARMY, A telegraph dispatch lody. As the organ ceased the Bishop and from Cairo, daied Dec. 2, confirms the re-port that Jeff. Thompson has four-hundred Paulm of David, till they reached the altar-Rev. CLERO then read the instrument of en-

dowment, followed by the Bishop in prayer-

Bishop was read by the Rev. Mr. Hoskins, of St. Johns Free Church, Lancaster.

The regular congregational services were then performed. The lessons read were let Kings, 8th Chap , 22d to 63d verse, and He-

brews, 10th Chap, 14th to 27th verse. Rev. Mr. LEACOCK, of Harrisburg, delivered the sermon for the occasion Text - "The glory of this latter house shall be greater than the glory of the former, snith the Lord of Hosts." The sermon was very good and The Paris papers assert that the British of moderate length He dwelt at some length nanufacturing districts, stated that the cotton on the great temple built by Solomon -shor ports would be opened by February at the ing how the glory of the second temple, which though not as grand or as large as the first, should be greater than it. That sentence remained unfulfilled until Christ entered it, even when He was on his Fathers business. He showed that the sacrifices made in that tem-The Constitutionnel, Patric, Debats, and seven ple but typified its destruction. The Hary of ral other French journals say that France God was not intended to fill space enclosed in walls - it pervades the whole universe. It is A great mass meeting was held in the round a light shining in darkness, quickening its

The remaining portion of his discourse was devoted to the duties of the congregation to Resolved. That the population of the great. God and to each other. They must know republic from the St. Lawrence to the Gulf of that God's glory was not the church, or the decorations, -they must bring it with them If they would attend to the instructions delivered there. "Then will this house be filled with Gol, a place where souls are born again, where Jesus is glorified, and angels will swell the notes of your feeble praise, where harps will be tun. Il for heaven.

on their being able to complete their work through these times of war and tumult. He said, when we looked back on the history of the church, that generally in times of war the sonable than the terms of the substitute AME church partook of the spirit -- now is the time needs at \$2 per annum, with twenty-five per for God's work. Having erected this beauticent discount for clibs of ten It forms a ful temple, he hoped they would be faithful to have not forgotten God. Having completed its weight. He said oft, was appropriate to ments, and for our own convenience and comfort we have beautiful and finely furnished houses. How much more so a house reared Messrs: Mann & Co., of 37 Park Row, New to worship God and to commemorate the sufforings and death of Jesus Christ, remembering that His temple is the dwelling place of bumble and contribe hearts. The reminislected from the entire world. If any of our conces he drew of the old church and its associations were really beautiful. He hoped that all ant.cipations of this congregation might be more than fulfilled . Let us see to tain a specimen copy gratis, which will be it when we come to part with earth that it will bear witness to the fact, that we did not live alone for ourselves, but for the glory of God. Then precious will be our death for thrist's sake, and glorious our own reward " Wednesday evening, the Rt. Rev. Bishop POTTER confirmed ten persons who had presented themselves. The church was growled but every one was able to hear the Bishop through a beautiful discourse on Faith, Hope and Charity, and the christian virtues gene-

> Thursday morning, the Rev. Mr. CLERC was regularly instituted in this parish. The ceremony was solean and impressive and quite new to many of the congregation. The South East Convocation of this diocese had their annual meeting and sermon on this occasion. In the evening a meeting for missionary purposes was held.

The Markets.

CARLISLE PRODUCE MARKET.

Special Notices

IMPORTANT TO THE LADIES

THE USE OF Dr. HOSELTTER'S STOMACH BIT-

Marriages.

By the same on the same day, WILLIAM M. HAST-INGS to CAROLINE SNYDER, both of Mid Resex. On the 24th inst, at the residence of the brides Pather, Mr. H. C. CHESTON, of B istol. Pa., to Miss. JLN-NIE daughter of Joseph Culver Esq., of this borough

Deaths.

In South Middleton township on Sunday, Dec. 15th, JACOB SHEAFFER, aged 68-years, 4 months and 25 In Shippensburg, on the 16th in t, Mr. BENJAMIN SNODGRASS, in the 73rd year of his age.

Mew Advertisements.

DUFUS E. SHAPLEY, Attorney at Law Carlisle Pa. Office with Wm. M. Pentose, in Rice m's Rall, Dec. 47, 1861

TO ECRUITS WANTED .- For the Elaycoth Regiment Point's volunteers, now sta-tioned at Auraporla Md. Apply to the subscriber, at Henry Glass' Hotel. Wm. MASON Poc. 27, 1861-21. Recruiding Officer.

Torm opens January 16, 1802. Schelersbis are available hereafter for the Grammar School.

Dec. 27, 1801-41.

M. M. JOHNSON.



NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS. OTIGE is hereby given, that under the act of 20th April 1814, one per cent will be a laded on all State and County taxes unpaid on the 1st ordinatory, 1802, and every stay, days thereatte, one persept additional. All purseus who wish to save the interest would do well to call and pay their taxes. dowment, followed by the Bishap in prayer — interest was 1008. C. 410Meson.