

Our Paper.
From and after the 1st of January 1864
the subscription to the "Spartan" will be five
dollars.

TAX IN KIND.
When the Farmer or Planter, shall fail to
deliver his Tax in Kind as required by law,
he is required to pay five times the estimated
value of the portion not delivered, to be col-
lected in the manner according to the Act pro-
vided.

As many persons in this District have failed
to return their Tax in Kind, or to report there-
on and many who have not signed their original
report to assessors, notice is hereby given,
on failure to do so early, the law will be rig-
idly enforced against them.

T. O. F. VERNON,
J. B. CLEVELAND,
J. M. ELFOED,
Assessors.

P. S. Any person knowing of any one in his
neighborhood who has failed to make a true
report of any article of Tax in Kind, either one
of the assessors would be glad to hear from
them. As it is but just that all should pay
their mite.

We take pleasure in announcing that
the Episcopal Church in our town is about to
be completed, and we understand, will be
consecrated on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock.
The legislative assembly of that Church
will also meet in it on the day following, and
religious services will be continued during the
week.

Speech of Mr. Long, of Ohio.
We publish this week extracts from this bold
and vigorous speech, as delivered in the Fed-
eral Congress. It is refreshing to see the truth
so fearlessly proclaimed and to read sentiments
so catholic in spirit and redolent of a sound
judgment and elevated appreciation of the true
condition of things. It is no superficial scam-
pling of passing events or their future results.
With a philosophic eye he surveys the past and
present history of this bloody war, logically
sums up its fearful consequences and with a
moral heroism unsurpassed, enunciates his sol-
emn convictions of their truth. No wonder it
stirred the bile of the Black Republicans. We
are not astonished that it fell like a thunder-
bolt among them. Not surprised that they
crowded his heels like hungry curs. Not
amazed at their wriggings, agitations and ter-
rifications. The vote of censure which they
passed, was a shift which they alone would re-
sist to under the stinging sensations which their
truth and bold delivery produced. Instead of
meeting mainly by argument, they
had recourse to a vote of expulsion first and
thereafter, to a vote of censure which evinces
in its result that the spirit of truth still holds
a slight dominion over the Congress of Abraham
Lincoln. The most pleasing feature in the
speech, aside from the severe thrusts which
Kentucky received, is the reception by him of
the truth that no party can favor reconstruc-
tion, that we must acknowledge the indepen-
dence of the South or exterminate the whole
race. This is the true doctrine. Let the North
and West say so—and we are content. War
democracy is as objectionable as Black Repub-
licanism. Both have the same ends in
view, though the means proposed are differ-
ent. We like Mr. Long as a democrat.

Sugar.
A friend writing from Clinton to the Guar-
dian on business adds the following interest-
ing suggestion: "I have found that exposing
Sorgho Syrup in very shallow vessels to the
air causes it to crystallize, or form sugar. This
has been done in a small way only. When I
have carried the experiment further, I may re-
port results hereafter. In the meantime oth-
ers might be trying the experiment. Success
would be a great achievement just now."

Black Substitutes.
The Yankees are not to be cut down in mean-
ness and dirty work, while we are at war with
them. The New York Herald, of a late date,
says in many instances, the Yankees are com-
ing into our border States, and purchasing with
a little gold and a few green backs, negro men,
taking them North, and putting them into the
Tanner army as substitutes.

REMOVAL OF THE TREASURY NOTE DIVISION.
We are requested to state for general infor-
mation that the removal of the Treasury Note
Division, of the Confederate States Treasury
Department, to Columbia, South Carolina, will
delay for two or three weeks the issues of new
notes. About ninety ladies, attached to this
division, will leave to-morrow morning—Rich-
mond E.quirer, 26th April.

DALTON, April 29.—A large force of the en-
emy, consisting of infantry, cavalry and artillery,
attacked our pickets on the Ringgold road this
morning, capturing ten and wounding several.
The pickets retreated nearly to Tunnel Hill,
when they met reinforcements, turned upon the
Yankees, and after a sharp engagement drove
the enemy back. Losses on either side small.
The affair is regarded simply as a reconnais-
sance to discover our position. The enemy was
also reported moving out slowly from
Cleveland yesterday in the direction of Red
Clay.

Banks has been defeated the second time,
and utterly routed by Kirby Smith. His loss
is heavy. Gen. Price has whipped Steele at
Little Rock, and driven him back to the Mis-
sissippi river.

It is stated that an overwhelming majority of
the Republican members of both branches of
Congress are opposed to the re-election of Lin-
coln.

A sharp skirmish took place a few days
since at Watouqui Bridge, East Tennessee. A
large force of Yankees attacked General W. A.
Jackson, and were repulsed with considerable
loss.

A hundred more Yankee officers captured
at Plymouth are expected daily at the Libby
Prison.

The cancellation of the old currency is pro-
gressing at the rate of \$20,000,000 per month.
All the hospitals in and near Richmond have
been lately cleaned out.

Four men belonging to the "Iron Clad Mis-
sissippi," lately playing in Richmond, were cap-
tured in Gloucester county, making their way
to the enemy's lines with forged British papers.

Have any readers of the Spartan tried the
Sorgho meal for bread? It has been tried
and approved.

The Yankees Congress has passed a resolu-
tion directing the committee on the Conduct of
the War to inquire into the truth of the rum-
ors attending the recent attack upon Fort
Pillow, and whether Fort Pillow could have
been reinforced; and that they report the facts
as soon as possible.

Mr. Alexander Rieckings, of Forsythe county,
N. C., committed suicide on the 14th instant
by hanging himself. He leaves a wife and
eight children. Cause, fear of being made to
enter the service. He was one of those who
had furnished substitutes.

FROM PLYMOUTH, N. C.
THE RECENT FIGHT.

Plymouth, N. C., April 21, 1864.
I embrace this early opportunity to send you
a brief account of the attack and capture of this
place, and some of the actions of the boys of the
Old Cockade.

Plymouth, as your readers well know, is sit-
uated on the south side of the Roanoke river,
eight miles from its mouth, in Washington
county. It has been in the quiet possession of
the Yankees for some time, and is one of the
most strongly fortified places in North Carolina.
But the fact of its being so, has given the vic-
tory to the right, and we are now in the quiet
possession of it, with the Confederate banner
flying from the ramparts of the fort.

Twenty-three hundred prisoners, with the
Brigadier General commanding (Wesell), large
quantities of quartermaster, commissary and
sutler's stores, and about twenty-five or thirty
pieces of artillery, fell into our possession.
Our loss is small when we consider the terri-
ble assault our forces had to make on the works
of the enemy. We have to mourn the loss of
some brave men and officers.

The town is surrounded by immense fortifica-
tions with a large square fort immediately in
front, commanding all the roads, and contain-
ing five guns. To the left of the town, ap-
proaching it is situated another fort, with
two guns commanding the country for a mile
around. All the trees have been cut down, and
there remains an open plain to the range of
their guns. Through this our boys had to
charge, entering fort after fort in detail, and
being exposed to the raking fire of their guns.
The attack was well planned and as well exe-
cuted, and reflects great credit upon Gen. Hoke,
who has already won for himself a reputation
in the army of Northern Virginia, and the cap-
ture of Plymouth adds another feather to his
war plume. The attack commenced Sunday
evening, the 17th instant, and ended Wednes-
day morning the 20th at 10 o'clock. Thus you
see we had something to do. General Wesell,
who commanded the Yankees, stubbornly re-
sisted, fighting from fort to fort, and after the
town was captured, retreated into Fort Wil-
liams, and only surrendered amid the booming
of our guns.

The attack on the town was made by the
Brigade of General Ransom, who yesterday
morning the 20th, at day light, and all joined
in the praise of its gallantry and success, as
they had to charge, work, and fight hand
in hand in the streets as they drove the enemy
before them into their large stronghold, Fort
Williams.

The Branch Field Artillery from your city
(now Pegram's Battery) conducted itself nobly,
and suffered in the process of the fire of the
town in the open field light hundred yards distant.
I send you a list of the wounded, and in num-
ber, and am happy to say it had no men killed.
Eight of the horses were killed and seven
wounded. The destruction of property in the
town is awful to behold. Carriages are blown
up, dead horses and men lie upon the streets,
and the place is completely riddled by cannon
shot.

But before I close this desultory letter, I
must do justice to the Navy, which so ably
performed the part assigned to it. Capt. Cook,
with his ironclad Albemarle, out fought him-
self. He cleaned out the river, sinking the
gunboat Southfield, mounting six guns, and
disabling two others, which finally escaped,
besides capturing several tug boats and light-
ers.

I am sorry to state that Lieut. Col. Branch,
who commanded the artillery, was seriously
injured by a horse falling into a ditch, and
breaking his leg below the knee, after the town
had been surrendered. This accident is much
to be regretted, as he is a gallant officer, and an
efficient manner in which he handled his com-
mand. The loss of his services will be seri-
ously felt in this juncture of our affairs, but
sincerely hope he may be soon restored to
health.

He led the artillery charge for more than a
mile on horseback, and only had stopped when
a victory had perched upon our banner.

Yours as ever, CLAUDE.

From the Charleston Courier.

Propagation by Cuttings.
In view of the scarcity of seeds of all
kinds, let me suggest to your readers an
easy mode of propagating Irish potatoes
and tomatoes; I mean by cuttings. When
the potatoes have come out of the earth
three or four inches, on a rainy day or
after a shower, take up all the roots ex-
cept the one which is to remain, and set
them out as you would tomatoes or cab-
bage plants, or sweet potato drawers. They
will grow and bear as early as those
that are left on the potatoe. If you wish
to increase your Irish potatoe crop still
more, when the bushes commence to branch
out cut or break a number of these branches
from four to six inches long, and set
them out as if they had roots to them.
They will grow readily, and will bear po-
tatoes later than the others. Cuttings of
the tomatoes also grow very readily.

In transplanting cabbages, tomatoes
and other plants liable to destruction by
the grub or cut worm, a bit of paper
wrapped around the stem previous to plant-
ing, and extending an inch or more above
the surface of the soil, will effectively
protect them. All farmers or gardeners
know what ravages they can commit, in
the spring especially. This simple pro-
cess, requiring very little additional trou-
ble, will save much disappointment and
labor of replanting. The paper can re-
main until its rot away.

A. C.

THE CONFESSION OF AN ABOLITIONIST.

"In 'A Trip to Cuba,' written by H. H.
Davis, Jr., of Boston, an out and out Abolitionist, he is forced by being brought
into contact with the negro, to make this
confession:
"The negro of the North is an ideal
negro; it is the negro refined by white
culture, elevated by white blood, instructed
even by white iniquity. The negro among
negroes is a coarse, grinning, flat-footed,
thick-kull creature as Caliban, lazy, as
the basest of brutes, chiefly ambitious to
be of no use to anybody in the world. He
has but the tangible instincts of all crea-
tures—love of life, of ease, of offspring.
For all else he must go to school to the
white race, and his discipline must be long
and laborious. Nassau and all we saw sug-
gested to us the unwe question whether
or compulsory be better than none."

Lincoln has appointed Commissioners to
sell land in the rebel States, and the fol-
lowing is the result as far as we have heard
from:

In South Carolina, 103,574 acres of land
were sold for \$27,339; in Virginia 6400
acres were sold for \$110,407; in Florida
124 acres for \$16,092; in Tennessee 14
acres were sold for \$52,500. The expenses
in the District of South Carolina are \$15,805;
Florida, \$14,460; in Virginia, \$30,661; in
Tennessee, \$7,122.

THE MARIETTA PAPER MILLS, though
among the very best in the Confederacy,
and though the Government and newspa-
pers are clamorous for paper, are not work-
ing up to their full capacity. The cause
of this is the want of hands, some of their
best paper makers having been conscrib-
ed into the service. This ought not to be
so. Government should unhesitatingly de-
tail the necessary force to keep every mill
in the Confederacy at work to its full ca-
pacity.

Correspondence of the
Virginia Republican.

Highly interesting and important intel-
ligence has been received here from the
north side of the Potomac in relation to
Gen Grant's campaign in Virginia. It is
reported and believed that his movement
upon Richmond will be by three columns,
—anyhow by two. One of these columns,
starting from his present lines on the Rap-
pahnock, he will lead himself. The second
will move under Burnside on the south
side of James river, and will seek to cut
our communications at Weldon or Fer-
tersburg; and the third will move up the
Peninsula from Fortress Monroe under
Beast Butler. Should there be any error
in this statement, it consists in placing
Burnside on the south side of the James,
as the information to hand leaves it some-
what in doubt whether he will operate
against our lines of communication in that
direction, or march up the Peninsula. In
the latter event, the enemy will come at
us in two columns, each one starting from
a different point and having a distinct
base.

I do not feel at liberty to mention the
source from which this information was
obtained, nor the channel through which it
was communicated; but for the present
you may rest assured that you have the key
to Grant's projected Virginia campaign.

From the Rapidan the news is also im-
portant. Grant is certainly concentrating
his forces in front of Lee, as Sherman is
concentrating his in front of Johnston.
As the news from Kentucky and Kentucky
has been stripped of their garrisons for the
reinforcement of the latter; so have those
in Maryland, on the coast of Virginia and
North Carolina, and perhaps some even of
those on the coasts of South Carolina, and
Georgia and Florida, been deprived of
their forces for the reinforcement for the
former. Indeed, the enemy may be said
to have only three armies now in the field
—that under Grant, that under Sherman,
and that under Banks, which there is reason
to believe has become extricably en-
tangled in the network of rivers, bayous
and swamps and creeks by which the val-
ley of Red river is reticulated. In addi-
tion to this policy, the enemy give up in one
month, in a measure, all they have gained
in three years. But their necessities leave
them no choice.

Playing Opossum.

A very remarkable case of cure of a stiff
joint was recently effected by the surgeons
in one of the hospitals of this city. The
knee joint of a soldier had been for several
months altogether unbendable, and he had
been for that reason assigned to post duty.
The Surgeon of the Post, for some reason,
was led to believe that a cure could be at-
tained, and he directed one of his assist-
ants to put the man under the influence of
Chloroform. The opportunity was taken
when the subject was found asleep, and an
instantaneous bending of the joint was the
result. In order that the patient might
have no doubt of the perfectness of his
cure when he should return to conscious-
ness, the leg was drawn up and tied with
a handkerchief. Upon coming to his sen-
sual, and to a realization of his condition,
the patient struggled manfully to straight-
en and stiffen his leg, but it was "no go."
His limb was sound, and up to the front
he went. He has played his trick suc-
cessfully that we are assured that some of
his comrades who have been associated with
him for months, honestly believe that it
was the Chloroform that limbered his leg.
[Chattanooga Rebel.]

A MOST EXCELLENT MEASURE.—A
member of Congress from Tennessee has
now in his pocket the draft of a bill which
he proposes to introduce at the earliest
possible moment of the next session, when,
if adopted, will cut speculation off at the
knees, and inflict deserved punishment up-
on the sharks who have been preying upon
the wants and necessities of the people.
The bill provides that every one shall be
compelled, under oath, to report the amount
of the sales and the per cent profit he has
made, and that all profit beyond what is
just and reasonable shall be regarded as a
tax collected for the Government, and paid
over to the Government. Those who raised
their prices upon the passage of the cur-
rency bill to cover the depreciation of
the money, and continued the same prices
after the one-third was deducted, are per-
manently provided for. Such a law is badly
needed, and we believe would tend to a
greater extent to reduce the present exhor-
bitant prices than anything that could be
devised.—Marietta Rebel.

BARBARIY OF NEGRO SOLDIERS.—We
are permitted (says the Southern Obs-
erver) to make the following extract from
a letter written by a lady in Yazoo City to
a friend in Alabama, relative to the recent
visit of the Yankees to that city:
"We dreaded very much to see them come
on account of the negroes. Most of the
men were negroes. They, as soldiers, are
the most ferocious and unrelenting of
human beings. We dreaded their coming
as of wild beasts. On last week they took
an old man from near Sartoria—Col. Har-
ris—and beat him to death with a fence
rail. They captured two of our negroes
and, after shooting them down, took
them to the city and sold them. Such bar-
barities as these are being daily com-
mitted."

KNAPSACKS DISCARDED.—Knapsacks
have fallen into general disuse and discar-
d in the Confederate armies, and in de-
spite of them the soldiers call them "band
organs." Whenever a company or reg-
iment is seen marching with "knapsack
slung," the taunt is sure to follow: "I say,
you've got your organs, where's your nose-
keys? You left them behind, expecting to
find bigger and better monkeys as we were,"
&c.

A blanket and oilcloth, twisted into the
shape of a box constructor, and slung about
the shoulders, is the light equipment for
heavy, rapid marching, now.

The Hon. Alexander Long, who deliv-
ered the speech in Congress which created
such a flutter among the seceding States, as
a representative from the county and city of
Cincinnati. He is about forty years of
age, florid complexion, quiet in his man-
ners and exceedingly temperate in his habits.

St. Louis, April 25.—It is believed
that Gen. Lee would not venture on an of-
fensive movement. The Tribune's special
despatch says the ninth army corps is now
40,000 strong.

The capture of Plymouth.

We have some additional particulars of
the capture of Plymouth by Gen. Hoke.
The force engaged on our side was
Hoke's brigade, commanded by Col. Mer-
cer, of the 21st Ga. Ransom's brigade,
commanded by Gen. Ransom, and Kem-
per's (Virginia) brigade, commanded by
Col. Terry.

On Sunday afternoon, about 4 o'clock,
our forces, under the command of Gen.
Hoke, arrived in front of Plymouth, the
fortifications being plainly visible through
the trees behind which the Confederates
were drawn up. The last Virginia reg-
iment, commanded by Major Norton, was
through forward as skirmishers, and the
enemy's pickets retired behind their for-
tifications. Just as the firing commenced
a white object was seen in the field in front,
which was supposed to be a flag of truce,
but which proved on inspection to be a
target planted there by the Yankees for
artillery practice. In the same field there
were several targets planted, and by pre-
vious practice the enemy had gotten a per-
fect range of all the approaches to their
works.

The Yankees opened on the skir-
mishers with the large guns in the fort
which they were approaching, in which
was mounted a 100 lb. and 160 lb. and 8
inch Columbiad. No assault was made on
Sunday afternoon, though the skirmishers
were kept out.

During the afternoon a gunboat came
out from behind the town and started up
the river with a pleasure party on board.
Our artillery opened on her, but, though
struck, she proceeded on up the river,
landed her passengers, and that night at-
tempted to drop down to the town. She
was again attacked by the artillery, and by
some sharpshooters posted on the banks
for the purpose, but without stopping her.

On Monday our forces held the position
assumed Sunday evening, the enemy shel-
ling us furiously at times. By this shel-
ling the following casualties, of which we
have heard, occurred in the last Virginia
regiment: Deaase McMin, wounded in
the side, supposed mortally; Frank Joseph,
ankle crushed; Theo. J. Robertson,
in eight places, all slight; Lieutenant
Payne, face, slight.

On Tuesday, it seems, heavy fighting
occurred, with varied success, and on Wed-
nesday morning the place was carried by
assault, troops brigade entering and
charging with the bayonet up the principal
streets. Col. Mercer who led them,
was killed. During Tuesday our artillery,
including the Fayette Artillery, of Rich-
mond, was planted within 150 yards of the
fortifications and opened fire. The Fayette
Artillery, it is stated, suffered heavily
from the enemy's fire.

The gunboat which went out of the Ro-
anoke it is said made short work of the
shipping in front of the town.
Sunday morning our cavalry pickets
found a negro spy coming into our lines
wearing the dress of a field hand, and hav-
ing a red handkerchief tied around his
head. Under this dress was found the
full uniform of a Yankee soldier. The
negro was hung on the spot.

[Major General Hoke, the hero of Ply-
mouth, is a North Carolina, who went to
Virginia as a Lieutenant in the First reg-
iment which left North Carolina under the
command of the gallant and distinguished
Gen. D. H. Hill. This regiment gave
Beast Butler a blow he no doubt will re-
member all his days, for he has never since
let himself within gun shot of our lines.
General Hoke has fired successively every
gun, from Lieutenant to Major General,
and may now be said that he has the satisfac-
tion of having struck the first and last,
and long to be remembered blows the en-
emy has received in this war.—Eds. GUAN-
DIAN.]

Quick Work.

Buckland, in his Curiosities of Natural
History, says:
"When in Paris I paid a visit to the horse
slaughtering place at Montfaucon; there I
saw from fifteen to twenty horses, tied up
in a row, all to be killed that day. I was
told that sometimes a day's double that
number. The horse being killed and the
skin being taken off, the carcass is cut up
with hatchets and thrown in a huge tub,
big enough to contain the bodies of several
horses; when it is full, the top is fixed on
and steam turned into it. After a time
the lid is taken off, and it is found that
the steam has quite separated all flesh
from the bones, which are beautifully
white. The bones are then picked out
and placed in stacks; the flesh is thrown
out by shovels, and spread out widely on
the floors, to which the air has free access.
It soon becomes quite hard and dry, and
is then sent off in sacks to the chemist
who, operating on it, soon converts it into
prussiate of potash, and this again into
Prussian blue. The bones are ground up
in a mill for manure; so that in a compar-
atively short space of time, the horse hav-
ing worn out his energies in the service of
man, is converted, one-half into Prussian
blue, the other into loaves of bread, through
the medium of the wheat which absorbs
his powdered skeleton. Thus the French
man practically carries out the threat of
his orge, who, when he smelt the Eng-
lishman, pronounced the following ad-
dress to him:
"Be to him;
I smell the blood of an Englishman;
Be he alive or be he dead,
I'll grind his bones to make my bread."

RATHER OF A RICH RESOLUTION.—In
the Federal Senate, on the 7th instant,
Mr. SAULSBURY offered the following:
Resolved, That the chaplain of the
Senate be respectfully requested, hereafter,
to pray and supplicate Almighty God in
our behalf, and not lecture Him, in forming
Him what to do, or state to Him under
pretence of prayer, his (the said chaplain's)
opinion in reference to His duty as the Al-
mighty; and that the said chaplain be fur-
ther requested, as aforesaid, not, under the
pretence of prayer, to lecture the Senate in
relation to the questions before the body.

The resolution was objected to by some
of the Black Republican members, who
thought the prayers of the reverends about
right in tone and color, and it was laid on
the table.

NEW YORK, April 27.—The steamer
Greyhound has been sent up the James
River and ordered down the French ves-
sels which went to City Point about two
weeks ago. It is expected they will re-
turn without the tobacco.

Gen. Foster has applied for a command
in the field. He will probably be assigned
to Burnside's corps.

From Virginia.

ORANGE, April 27.—Two dozen
from the New York 2d corps entered
our lines today. They say Grant and
Meade reviewed their corps on Friday last,
and that orders to move this week with
five days rations had been issued to the
Yankee army. Adieu in front.

ORANGE, C. H., April 27.—Mobly sur-
prised a picket post of forty men in Hun-
ter's Wood, Fairfax county, on Sunday
last, capturing eighteen men. The rest
escaped. During the day the enemy pur-
sued Mobly, recapturing four horses and
taking prisoner Lieut. Hunter, command-
ing company A, and wounding Lieut. Nel-
son of the same company. A fight be-
tween Mobly and the Yankees occurred
at Lexington on Monday week, in which
the Yankees lost three killed and seven
wounded. Our loss was one man wound-
ed. All the Yankees have left the valley.
Most of them are coming to reinforce
Meade. Averill has gone to Southwest
Virginia on a raid. Meade was receiv-
ing reinforcements over the Alexandria
Railroad.

RICHMOND, April 27.—No sign yet
of a flag of truce boat with the returned pri-
soners expected last week. Members of
Congress are arriving slowly, and it is be-
lieved that not more than half a quorum
will be here on Monday. The President's
message will be quite short. The city is
very quiet today, no news or rumors.
Weather clear and warm with indications
of a storm.

THE LATE EXPEDITION INTO FLORI-
DA.—The committee appointed by the
Yankee Congress to inquire into the facts
of the late expedition into Florida have
made their report. Most of the facts set
forth in the report have already been sub-
stantially made known. The committee
claim to make it appear that the object of
the expedition was to "cut off a rich source
of the enemy's supplies," "give an outlet
for cotton," and "open a favorable field for
the enlistment of negro troops." But the
real object of the expedition is best told
by the following letter from Old Abe,
which was brought to light by the investi-
gation:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, January 13, 1864.

Major General Gilmore:
I understand an effort is being made by
some worthy gentlemen to reconstruct a
legal State Government in Florida. Flor-
ida is in your department, and it is not un-
likely that you may be there in person. I
have given Mr. May a commission as Ma-
jor and sent him to you with some blank
books and other blanks, to aid in the re-
construction. He will explain as to the
manner of using the blank, and also my
general views on the subject. It is desir-
able for all to co-operate, but if irreconcil-
able differences of opinion shall arise, you
are master. I wish the thing done in the
most speedy way as possible, so that then
done it may be within the range of the
late Proclamation on the subject. The de-
tail labor will, of course, have to be done
by others, but I shall be greatly obliged if
you will give it such general supervision
as you can consistent with your more
strictly military duties.

A. LINCOLN.
As might be expected, the committee
gives as the cause of the disaster of the ex-
pedition the same old convenient excuse—
that the rebels greatly outnumbered them,
and had greatly the advantage of position,
&c.

PERSEVERANCE UNDER DIFFICULTIES.—
Illustrating what can be accomplished to-
wards making the country self supporting,
even in the midst of a desolating war, Gov-
ernor Vance, of North Carolina, (who, by
the by, understands that the mission of a
governor has as much to do with the mat-
terial welfare of his people as with the
writing of political metaphysical messages),
in a recent speech, narrated an instance that
came under his immediate observation,
where a poor widow with three children,
the eldest incapable of taking care of the
youngest, entreated, last year, a patch of
rented ground with the assistance of a lit-
tle steer not much larger than a calf.
Afraid to leave her little ones at home in
her cabin, she would take them daily to
the field, build for them a small pen, cov-
er it with leaves to protect them from the
sun, and when she had plowed a distance
from her little brood, would move the pen
to a more convenient spot, that she might
watch over them and nurse her babe at the
end of a weary row. She raised three
hundred and sixty-seven bushels of corn,
had plenty to support herself and children,
and sold to her neighbors.

"The brow of that woman (continued his
excellency) is worthy the proudest laurels
that ever rewarded the virtue of the patriot
or testified to the endurance of the hero."

AN ANECDOTE OF GOV. VANCE.—A
curious story of the Livingston Messenger
relates the following incident of Governor
Vance's recent address to the North Caro-
lina troops of Lee's army:
Gen. Lee arrived after the speaking be-
gan, and the Governor paused till he should
be conducted to a seat on the platform.
There had been no cheering previously,
but as the old hero stepped up where the
crowd could see and recognize him, a spon-
taneous and hearty shout burst forth to ac-
knowledge the gratification it gave to see
him there. Vance resumed with a smile
and the remark—"Pardon me, fellow sol-
diers, for not joining in your cheer. My
heart was in it, I assure you, but I expect
to meet all my breath before I'm done talk-
ing."

HENRY CLAY'S REMAINS.—We learn
from the Lexington (Ky.) Observer that
the remains of Henry Clay, after an inter-
ment of twelve years, were removed last
week, upon the death of his wife, and
placed side by side with hers, beneath the
beautiful monument erected to his memo-
ry in the Lexington Cemetery. Connected
with this event we may be permitted to al-
lude to a single fact. The wreath of im-
mortalities placed upon his coffin by his
friend, the gifted poetess, Mrs. Ann P.
Stephens, prior to the removal of the body
from Washington, was found to be in an al-
most perfect state of preservation, being
but little faded, whilst a gold ring bearing
the initials, "J. W." which rested near
the wreath, was as bright as though just
from the jeweller.

An obituary in the Columbus (Ohio)
Crisis states that a lady on her death bed,
recently was approached, and told that she
could not go to Heaven unless she was
willing to accept the negro as her equal.

MAIRIES

On Sunday morning last, by Ellen W. W.
Esq., MR. CHARLES SHILL, to MISS
BILLY BISSOP, all of this District.

OBITUARY.

Died of congestive chill, near Richmond, Va.,
March 28th, 1864, Elias B. Meaders, third son
of Benjamin and Catherine Meaders, aged
27 years 8 months 24 days. The fourth and
last one of the brothers which have all died
immediately after going into the army. He
was member of company (K), 1st Regiment
Engineers. He had presented himself twice
for field service, but being rejected by the
Medical Board, owing to the feebleness of his
health, he afterwards attached himself to this
Engineer Company, to assist in his military
career as much as he could. He was a devoted
and fair for a brave and faithful soldier of his
country as well as the Cross. He attached
himself to the Philadelphia Baptist Church,
November 8th, 1860, he was a worthy
member and a devoted, useful to church and
community. Elias from a child has ever been
very steady and sober, and in camps he was
neglected not his pious traits, but was always
found trying to do justice. As God and his
country. He was an obedient, submissive son,
and loving brother, a devoted and affectionate
husband and a kind and indulgent father. He
never slept his last sleep to rise again. He
died in white robes, for eternity. He
leaves an affectionate wife, a tender, loving,
loving sister, with vast circle of relatives and
kind friends to mourn his loss, but we mourn
not as those without hope; for we believe
that he is in Heaven now with the redeemed
at rest.

Far in the old dominion now
He like his other brothers sleep
And he in Carolina left,
Kindred and friends to mourn and weep.

Sickening and dying there he lay,
His loving wife was far away;
He now sleeps in a soldiers grave
There in the dust with silent pray.

But when the last loud trumpet sounds,
To wake the nations under ground;
He with the saints and sons of God
Will shout free grace and dying loud.