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From Wilmington. WILMINGTON, Dec. 23.—The enemy's fleet have gone to sea, only a few of them visible this afternoon.

During the whole of yesterday, scarcely a gun was heard in the direction of the forts. Not even a rumor of importance was heard.

Another effort will be made, and one as stubborn as that which has failed so signally in the past few days. Many have asked the question: "What is the enemy about—what do they mean?"

One of the prime causes of their abandonment of the beach where they had secured a landing, is traceable to the want of water. No army could live upon the beach unless supplied with water from a source other than that within reach of the shore.

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GEN. SHERMAN ON SLAVERY.—From a gentleman who has had several conversations with Gen. Sherman recently, the Confederate States, he says slavery will exist in the South after the conclusion of peace, let the war terminate as it may.

THE ADVERTISER

JAMES T. BROWN, EDITOR. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4, 1865.

From and after the 1st December, the subscription price to the Advertiser will be TEN DOLLARS per annum IN ADVANCE.

Fair Warning. All persons indebted for subscription to the Advertiser are notified that the paper will be sent after the 1st January next unless paid for in advance.

Deferred. We are reluctantly forced to defer until the next issue the publication of a beautiful and appropriate tribute to the memory of those noble soldiers.

A Christmas Story. We have received from the Carolinian office an interesting little novel entitled "The Soldier's Story or the Mysterious Case-Book."

Remember the words of Edmund Burke: "No nation was ever conquered but by itself. As long as the public mind remains untouched, the public cause is in no danger."

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Speaking of the apprehension of runaway negroes, we would like for the Confederate States, or the Chronicle & Sentinel, to inform us the price allowed in that State for the apprehension of runaway negroes.

The proprietors of the Carolinian and Port-folio in a late number of the Carolinian, says: On the first of January, we shall commence in the above weekly journal the publication of some of the most popular stories of the day.

Small Turkey hens sold in Richmond on Christmas eve at \$1.00 apiece. Gen. D. H. Hill has been ordered to report to Gen. BRADFORD at Charleston. Official information has been received that a column of 5,000 of the enemy are on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, North of its crossing of the Mississippi Railroad.

For the Advertiser. The following Contributions we gratefully acknowledge for the two weeks ending Jan. 21. Miss Kate C. Mays, 2 pair socks.

For the Advertiser. Mr. Editor:—In November, 1863, the citizens of Edgefield Village and vicinity subscribed wood and money, to purchase wood for the needy families of the village, and confided the distribution to me.

Little Graves.—Sacred places for pure thoughts and holy meditation, are the little graves in a church yard. These are the depositories of the mother's sweetest joys—half-unfolded buds of innocent humanity.

GEN. R. S. RIPLEY.—The Courier learns that this officer has been ordered to the Army of Tennessee.

WILMINGTON.—The Yankees threw 20,000 shells at Fort Fisher without doing any further damage than dismounting two guns and burning a few unimportant buildings.

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State of South Carolina. HEADQUARTERS, CHARLESTON, December 29, 1864. SPECIAL ORDERS. The Legislature of South Carolina has declared that all free white men between the ages of sixteen and sixty years, not already in Confederate service, shall be liable to militia service.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE. COLUMBIA, December 27, 1864. GENERAL ORDERS NO. 21. THE following persons having been elected to the Field Offices of the several Regiments of State Troops, are herewith announced as such, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

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