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SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD. A correspondent of the S. F. Call accompanied the steamer Del Norts, in the search for the wreck of the Brother Jonathan. From his report we take the following :

PATTERSON'S STATEMENT OF THE WRECK.

Every one being anxious to hear the story and incidents of the wreck, Mr. Hattshorne at once sent for third officer Patterson and the remainder of the crew who were saved with bim. His statement is substantially this: When the Brother Jonathan passed Orescent City, about one P. M., the sea was running very high, and a severe gale blowing from the northwest, so much so that the steamer was making no headway whatever, and Osptain De Wolf decided to put back to Crescent City and remain until the weather moderated. The jib was set up with the intention of bringing her round, and when they had almost succeeded in doing so, her bow struck on a sunken rock with a crash that sent everything reeling on deck. A few min-utes previous to this, Patterson had been re-lieved by the second officer, and had gone below, reaching his bunk just as she struck. He immediately tried to get on deck, but the door of his cabin had been so much spring by the shock that it was with difficulty he could open it. Just as he reached the deck, the vessel lifted from the rock and came down with a terrific force, tearing a tremendous hole in the hull just where the foremast rested on the keel. The foremast then dropped right through the bottom of the vessel until the foreyard lay across the deck. In the meantime the Captain and first officer were busy making efforts to lower boats. But no boat could live in such a sea, and the terrified passengers preferred remaining on the ship's deck to facing death in a small boat. The boat that he (Patterson) was placed in charge of was ordered to he let down by the first mate. The names of those saved have already been published.--In all, eleven men and four whits women, two children, and a Chins woman and child. The seamen saved, and mentioned in the dispatch as pegroes, were Portuguese, among the crew of the whalers recently burned by the Shenandoah, and this was their first trip on the Brother Jonathan. They are powerful, clean-limbed fellows, and are highly commended for their coolness and bravery on this occa-sion. With incredible difficulty they suceceded in pushing off from the steamer, and had not left her over ten or fifteen minutes when she fired two guns.

singing or the suip, Her bow then began to sink slowly; her stern high up in the air. Gradually the water crept up, until a small portion of her stern was seen ; and then, with a sudden lurch, she disappeared-the last thing seen being the distress flag at the mizzenmast, as it quivered out of sight forever.

A WOMAN'S STATEMENT.

Her statement is interesting, as notwith-standing the sudden and afarming nature of the accident, she seems to have preserved her senses and powers of observation throughout. She was on the hurricane deck when the yessel struck, having just come from the lunch-table, at which very few of the ladies were present, on account of the roughness of the weather. The Captain endeavored to get a weather. The Captain endewored to get a number of women into one of the boats, and she was going into one of them, when some-body caught her by the arm, and she was dragged away. Mrs. Scott then took her lit-tle boy, a bright-eyed lad of four or five years of age, with her shawl tied him to her body, of age, with her shawl tied him to her body, leaving her arms free, and refusing a life-pre-server, jumped into the boat as it was lowered, braising herself very badly. From the boat she saw the passengers all move aft, as the ship began to settle, and could scarcely retain herself as she saw her deliberately sink, with every soul on board. It was almost miracu-lous how even this boat was saved, on account of the fearful sea running at the time, being kept affoat by bailing with an old bucket and the hats of some of the men. The women

and calmiy, uutil the waters covered them. This girl speaks highly of Mr. Belden's kind-hearted and unselfish conduct, and it will be some slight alleviation to the misery of his broken-bearted mother to know that her son died manfully, trying to aid his fellow passengers.

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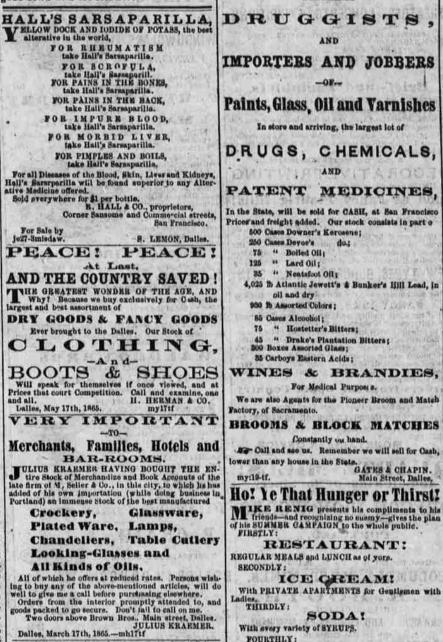
BORNES IN FRONT OF DEATE. It is stated that Mrs. General Wright was put in the boat saved, but atterwards, for some reason, removed on deck again, with the hope, perbaps, that she might be placed in a lawar boat. in a larger boat. Some of the most heart rending scenes oc-

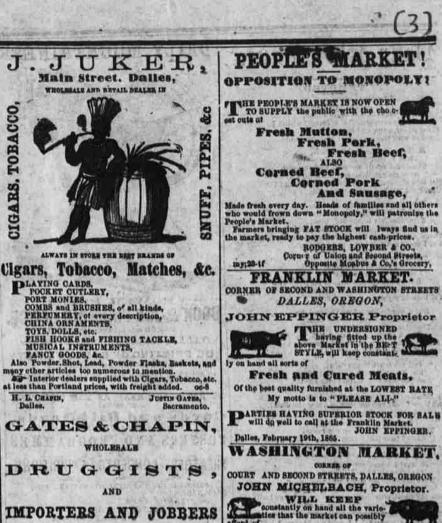
curred when the first boat was being lowered; The women were put in first, and one woman clung to her husband sobbing and crying until forced from him. The husband valuely strove to seize her dress as she went down, and it was with the greatest difficulty that they could be parted. From all the different accounts, it appears

that everything was done by the Captain and officers which could be done, and there does not appear to have been any of that wild disorganization and recklessness which so often occurs at scenes like this, and makes men blush for their kind.

The most striking feature throughout seems to have been the extreme reinstance on the part of the passengers to go into the boats. They had literally to be thrown in.

It is estimated that iwenty or twenty-five persons perished in such of the small boats. This number, added to the pineteen saved, accounts for say seventy persons, leaving about one hundred and thirty who must have gone down with the steamer.





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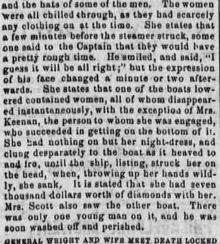
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ARM IN ARM. Afterwards abe saw him (Belden) standing on the hurricane deck, with two life-preserv-ers on, and close by stood General Wright, with his wife's arm locked in his, Cap'. De W in and another g ni eman, supposed to be | Major Eld,, There the, all stood, blavely

