WAY NORTH CAROLINA SHOULD BE LOY-est incidents in the history of the people shich might have led us to expect as such. North Carolina was early filled up by accessions of a fine class of emigrants fom the North of Ireland, Scotch Highhoders, Germans of the Moravian faith, and Swiss from the Canton of Berne -The founders of the present city of Newhen, gave it the name of New Berne, from the capital of the canton whence they cane. Their immediate descendants were a stardy and honest as themselves; a vein of religious feeling characterized them. which displayed itself in their earliest newspapers and in the erection of a large number of churches. It still exists in the practical form of an extended and liberal system of common schools, well endowed and supported by the State with a sagacitr quite common in the Southern slave States. North Carolina devotes anunally to her colleges and schools \$371,320, and ther are well taught and numerously at tended, while South Carolina, many times richer, can spare but \$74,000 yearly for

In 1774 an assemblage of delegates was seld at Newbern, and recommended the calling of a Continental Congress, avowing the most patriotic sentiments, and symnathizing with the people of New England; and in the spring of the following year the famous Convention was held in Meckleuburg, at which the first Declaration of Independence was adopted, thirteen months previous to the immortal one of the Continental Congress. The Mecklenburg Declaration has given North Carolina al nost a pre-eminence over the other original pal States for sagueity, courage and patrictism. Such a State as this would be in sane indeed to torfeit her high position -Her conduct during the Revolution was admirable, and the action at King's Mountais is one of the most gallant of the whole war, while her Southern namesake was to the very last the principal stronghold of the tories and disaffected.

THE BATTLE OF BELMONT -CATRO, Nov. 7 .- A great battle was fought to day at Belmont, three miles above Columfrom their intrenchments with great loss; barned their camp and stores, with all their baggage; took all their cannon; brought home all their horses and mules, two field pieces and nearly one hundred prisoners, but were finally forced to retire to their boats, the rebels having received reinforcements from Columbus. Our force was about 3,500. The rebels' force about

Gens. Grant and McClernand, Cols Dougherty, Logan, Fouke and Buford, be haved with great gallantry, and were everywhere found in the thickest of the fight -Both the Generals' horses were shot: Gen. McClernand's twice; his suddle and clothing were riddled with balls. Capt. Bie laski, one of his aids, was killed, and Capt. Dresser, his other aid, had his horse killed; his holsters each caught a ball; another grazed his head, and another penetrated his blanket. He was the first to mount one of the guns enptured, which is now in camp. Gen. Grant had his horse killed under him, and Col. Doughetry was wounded and taken prisoner.

To the heroic conduct of our officers and men the country owes a lasting gratitude. Capt. Hatch, Assistant Quartermaster, was the last one aboard the boat, staying behind to assist all aboard. I was not in the engagement, but learn that our loss will be between three hundred and five

Corron Ponts .- Cotton has four great outlets-New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah and Charleston. Of the total crop the past year, (3,800,000 bales,) 3,110,000 were exported from these ports. The possession of them, consequently, controls the crop. Its exportation is at present prevented by the blockade; but this, in public estimation, is not entirely conclusive against its coming forward. Foreigners believe the blockade cannot be made effectual .-The question of its efficiency may be raised, and in their distress they may decide against us. We consequently shall be entirely at ease on this point, nor will Europeans fairly give over their projects of interference, till the ports are in our possession and held by a land force. When this result is accomplished, we are in every sense of the word masters of the situation. We could be dispossessed by no force which could be directed against us from any quarter, while we should be in a position to deal with the rebellion in our own way. The possession of the ports named would crush it, as it would destroy its means, and would be such an illustration of our power as would render all further resistance hopeless.

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. A Union Party."

Entron Amus: Under the above cape est Union sentiment of the State of Ore. The New York Tribune says: all the voting necessary to the putting for in its own language; "Whatever misdown of this rebellion "

tions amounts to just this: The party, or and will be, held as responsible therefor as to administer the government, must furnish sion." principle the portion of the people carry- sense or patriotism of those Democrats who litions of doing "all the fighting" or pay- prejudiced against the name. The States- given to mortal man. ing all the taxes. "The majority shall man should remember that if it be a virtue of late years, the special motto of the De-may have it, and that this may possibly absolute privacy and repose.

have admitted a rank secession principle es, nothing can be easier, if all the other into an article written specially for the churches will but join ours.

this is a fair statement, and I think it is, or question; and, for one, if a new party is the difference between the Statesman, with to made for the purpose of accommodating We need Union men who think and rea- the Statesman to say how it shall be formed. theories make much trouble; in connexion ed, personally, as the Statesman, I verily originated the present troubles.

ered a fool who would talk after this mandent; traitors made that election a pretext filled by sound Union men. for destroying our government; now, I be an excuse for rebellion; till they learn that the constituted unjority shall rule; then I may resume a place in the old ranks or in new ones, as circumstances require." So far from being a fool, he would be considered a wise man, a patriot. What is our government worth if the mere prejudice of a name is to cause its destruc-

Again: "It is evident that with two tickets nominated as 'peace' and 'republican,' secession will prevail; and the same result is equally certain with any three tickets, in the field." In the case of two tickets, secession and Republican, I would earnestly inquire; will the editor of the Statesman vote secession? Will Messrs. Gordon, Harding, Heath, vote the disunion ticket? Will our esteemed Judge Boise do it? Not any of these; they are Union men. Well, who will do it? Let the man be pointed out who will do so, not an ignoramus, and we beheld a traitor. Why then use this kind of scare-crow to 'coerce' men into a Union party? Suppose there are? If I believed Union Democrats were British territory. no more sincere than the Statesman professes to think, I would not think of a un-

the coming election. With your permis- tors do not "nestle" in their camp, and city on the occasion of his departure for pest, single-handed, we would willingly ac- party, the Statesman and its special friends that the Republican party is able to fur- not be agreed upon. In such an unlikely

that portion of the people, electing officers though they had voted directly for Seces-

indicate that the Republicans must not picion of secession proclivities; they are in tucky troops shall follow the hearse." run a ticket, or " secession will prevail," it the ascendency in Oregon, if any party is, caves the statement of the case to be this: and a due regard for their principles, their The Republican party elected a President; past labors for the good of the country, and Jeff Davis and others said, "We will made without pay, while others were groweccede." The Statesman says: 'Republi- ing fat in office, demand that they have must not try to elect any more.' Now, if can party is a Union party, without doubt fer excuses. those who agree to its theory, and seces- the prejudices of other Union men, and to ionists, is not so much as could be desired. divide the offices, I claim as much right as you rightly, as well as to feel right. False And that I am as patriotically disinterest with a small share of selfishness, they have believe, as I have concluded not to run for Congress this time, nor State Printer, and to accord these demands, the Spanish fleet It has occurred to me that a Union to be in the way of nobody for the U. S. Democrat in Oregon could not be consid. Senate. The place of Governor, I am in-

clined to yield to some good Union Dem-

I am in favor of a Union arrangement, will be a Republican till traitors learn that through the Republican Convention, by the success of an opposite party shall not conference, or otherwise; but not a direct Union party, in which politicians who have direct Union party, are they selfish? It is foir, I think, to presume that they are as arrangement will be made, and while I like to see men ambitious for distinction in offices of honor and pay, I wish to see them from shallow sophistry and scheming pol- is an improvement over last year.

C. Hoel. Respectfully, SALEM, Dec. 20, 1861

GOLD IN THE RUSSIAN TERRITORY .- By the arrival of the Hudson Co's steamer gence is given of gold in paying quantities per under the circumstances. Good -\$10 per day with a rocker-having been discovered upon the Stickeen river, one white man only having been at work .-Stickeen river is north of the British line. were traitors enough among professed Un- and is in Russian Territory, at least the ion Democrats to cause secession to pre- lower thirty miles. Gold has also been vail; would not the future interest of the found on the Naas and Skeena, but in country be promoted by knowing who they smaller quantities—those rivers being in to be a printer, but he should not be re-

ion with them under any consideration. - fair days, lose it in a storm.

But I have more faith. I believe the hon- GEN. SCOTT'S RETURN TO NEW YORK .-

tion the Oregon Statesman for Dec. 2, dis-gon is largely in the majority. The loyal-courses upon the proper way to manage to of Parallel and the majority. The loyal-tions with which the warrior, Winfield Warlike Attitude of England: courses upon the proper way to manage ty of Republicans is unquestionable; trais Scott, was hailed as he rode through the REPORTED CAPTURE OF NEW ORsion, I would notice some of the points when the Statesman indicates that Dong- Mexico, fifteen years ago, was the return made; believing them to be inconsistent las Union Democrats may be wire-worked of an old, decrepid veteran on Saturday and strongly savoring of that very party to vote for Secession candidates, because night, who feebly walked with tottering steps to his carriage, and was rapidly driv. has command of the Federal troops on the selfishness which in words the article so a part of the Democratic party has proved en through the city. For years and years carnestly ignores. The Statesman says: traitorous, or for any other reason, it pays he has been a resident of New York, and of the Osage, and was losing many men by If we believed they (the Republicans) a very sorry compliment to their intellibilis martial form, towering above those of desertion. would conserve its (the Union's) existence gence and patriotism. As to the third ordinary men, never failed to attract the Memoris, Tenn., Dec. 4th.—The Avaattention of citizens or strangers. But lanche says the Federal forces between with all the prestige which his battles and Louisville and Bowling Green amount to ord them a monopoly of the renown, &c." may take the responsibility of bringing it career attached to him, he was never 50,000, but that Buckner and Johnson Again "It will not be assumed, we think, out in case a satisfactory Union ticket can watched with more reverence and affection are ready for them. than on Saturday night by the hundreds of N. Y. Dec. 5,-Dispatches from rebel nish all the means, do all the fighting and case, it might receive the blessing called people who braved the pelting storm to sources in Savannah, Dec. 2d say the Unse his last return bome from the seat of ionists have evacuated Tybee Island, and war; and among the crowd many an eye the cotton, and other property was burnt guided partisans or ambitions individuals moistened, and many a kind greeting was by the proprietors. The principle assumed in these quota shall invoke such a disaster, ought to be, uttered as the feeble old man, upheld by N. Y. Dec. 7.-A dispatch from Kentwo servants, and followed by some of the tucky, gives cheering accounts of the proghighest dignitaries of the land, came out ress of the Union forces. of the car and entered his carriage.

Lieut, Gen. Scott, Commander-in-Chief the means and do all the fighting necessary Who questions the loyalty of California? of the Army, in his full physical vigor, into maintain such government. If that No one, and yet Republicans elected their spired respect and awe; but, retired from proposition were true, then on the same ticket. And who dares question the good all official station, enfeebled by age, and dragging his limbs wearisomely along, the Bosrov, Dec. 9.—Steamer Baltic, with worn-out warrior moved all hearts with N. Y. 57th regiment, left for Ft. Pickens ng elections would have to pay all the helped them defeat the disunion ticket? sympathy and affection. Whatever his this afternoon. taxes. But we have never practiced any Suppose Republicans should invite all shortcomings or his political weaknesses Battimore, Dec. 4.-Maryland Legisla- rebels residing in St. Louis, for the benefit such absurdity. On the contrary, all loy Union men to operate with them, on the may have been, his bitterest enemies, if ture in session. Governor says that the of the Union people who are refugees from al, worthy citizens have held themselves as one issue of supporting the Government; there were any in that crowd, could hardly honor of the State must be vindicatedmuch bound to defend the honor of our would Douglas Democrats refuse to join in ficing patriot, the wise counsellor, whose the rebellion put down. government, and support it in all respects, and support the strongest ticket that could words, deeds and example have been a Dec. 9.—The Chamber of Commerce also the water batteries in reach of the under the rule of one party as another. It be selected from both Douglas men and tower of strength to the nation since the asks Government to send armed vessels to guns of the steamer Richmond. Warringhas been held the properly constituted ma Republicans? And why? The States outbreak of this wicked rebellion, and the European coast to guard against privation was burnt and the Navy Yard defority shall rule, and that without any con- man answers in substance, that they are ed was as hearty and honest as ever was shout of welcome with which he was hail- teers.

nocracy. Even the Oregon Statesman, be in the way of " the direct Union" party when, during our last Indian war, it so arrangement; and that less objection might Robinson, Ky., recently gave Hon, J. J. realously urged that all the military ap- be made to some other plan. The truth is, Crittenden a rousing reception. He was pointments should be confined to Demo- many persons as patriotic as the States- screnaded, cheered and ovated generally. crats, did not claim that Democrats should man can be, are opposed to following its He was moved to tears, was the gallant furnish all the means" for the war; nor dictation. Admitting that men will be old boy, when an ardent young lieutenant under military protection. indeed do all the fighting, for it made no projudiced, as much respect ought to be said to him; "Mr. Crittenden, those cursobjections to volunteer privates, from all paid to feelings upon one side, as upon the ed traitors down in Frankfort and Lexingparties from even the odious Know Noth- other; and, suggestively, the Statesman ton don't like your course in advocating crops, and that they should be paid for should be willing to consider whether his the defense of Kentucky from invasion. their labor, No; the proposition is not true that the direct Union party will suit the people, as Never mind, sir; you're getting old; you've The preparations now being made at minority is free from obligation to support well as the politicians. The Statesman no been in the harness a long time, and before Cairo for a demonstration Southward, crethe government, except upon the condition doubt believes it to be a very easy matter very long, in the course of nature, you that it shall rule the majority. This is the to form a Union party after its notion; of must die." "No, no," interrupted two or bes. Gens. Grant and McClernand com- doctrine of secessionists; and it is remarka- course there is nothing to be done, but for three bystanders; "No, Mr. Crittenden Potomac, as fast as possible. boys of Kentucky intend that you shall be purpose of perpetuating the Union of these. In short, the Republicans have done no wrapped in a winding sheet of the Stars thing to make themselves odious; they are and Stripes and buried to the music of the When the Statesman or any Union men loyal to their country, lying under so sus- Star Spangled Banner, while loyal Ken- a demonstration on the former place daily.

Mexico are to be enforced on the part of Federal fleet. the Spanish Government:

1. Ample satisfaction for the dismissal of the Spanish Ambassador, the satisfacans, you elected the President and the something to say as to the way and manner tion to consist in sending a special repreofficers, that we have agreed to; but you of forming a new Union party. The Repub- sentative of the Republic to Madrid to of the Potomac, state that the Confederate

which have arisen since it was suspended crals under Gen. McClellan. 3. The punishment of the persons who have ill-treated or wronged the Spanish subjects, and an indemnity for the capture Potomac, as sutlers are moving their stores.

of the frigate Conception; and 4. Guarantees for the fulfillment of these

In the event of Mexico not consenting and troops are to seize Vera Cruz and

JOHN C. BRECKINBIDGE.-The Camp ner: "Republicans, you elected a Presi- ocrat, as indeed all the other offices, if well Nolin, Ky., correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial says:

On his memorable journey home from Washington, shortly before his death, especially his modification of Cameron's Senator Douglas remarked to a distinguish- report. ed Kentuckian whom he chanced to meet at Indianapolis, " I know your man Breck- our lines on the Potomac in force, all to gain and nothing to lose, will come juridge better than you do yourselves .up leaders. If, then, Republicans decline a Mark my words, sir, within a year from the regiments in the field to 1,046. this time John C. Breckinridge will be a General in the rebel army!" The result tation of England, France, and Spain, deshows how thoroughly Mr. Douglas did clining to take any part in the expedition much interested in the perpetuity of the know his former friend. The year has to Mexico. Union and are as faithful, as the Oregon but half passed since the prediction was Statesman, or the Union Democrats it pro- made, and to-day Mr. Breekinridge holds they hate Spain intensely. fesses to represent. I trust a satisfactory a commission as Brigadier General in the Green.

SANDWICH ISLANDS .- The Advertiser says that forty-six whalers at that port act in perfect accordance with honor, fair show 30,950 barrels of whale oil, 1390 play, openness, and with arguments free sperm, and 410,200 pounds of bone, which

The bulk of the Ochotsk fleet still mains out, and it is known that many of them have done well.

The editor of the Plainfield, N. J. Gazette, a secession print, says that even titions against suspension tabled by a vote the Quakers condemn the peace policy and Labouchere, from the North, the intelli- he thinks it is useless to print a peace pathe Quakers.

> Fourteen of the Massachusetts regiments are armed with the Enfield rifled muskets, eight have the Springfield smooth bore muskets, and two the Springfield rifled muskets.

-Zollicoffer, the Rebel leader, who has the 7th captured 30 rebels at Glasgow. made so poor a figure in Kentucky, is said garded as a type of his calling. At the last accounts his case was a foul one, and -Many that keep their profession in the Union men were distributing his mat-

Latest from the East.

LEANS. CONGRESSIONAL, &c., &c.

Syracuse, Mo., Dec. 7 -- Gen. Pope

Louisville, Dec. 6 .- A steamer from

els at Nashville.

have failed to regard him as the self-sacri- her portion of the national tax paid-and

Rebel news from Charleston-that the blockade was run through inland channels, Gen. Scott is at the residence of his that vessels from the West Indies had ar- men killed by enemy's fire, and five by the rule," has been the admission of all; and, to hold prejudice, others besides Democrats daughter in Jersey City, where he seeks rived-that the Bermuda brought 3,000 explosion of a cannon. guns to Charleston-the Fingal 12,500 fled cannon-that 5,000 rebel troops were

> The Sec. of State has written to Gen. McClellan that slaves employed by the rebels, and escaping to our lines, be placed

The Sec. of the Treasury has given orders that in territory coming under our control, negroes be employed to save the

ates considerable alarm along the Missis-

The Rebel troops are leaving the upper

Richmond. St. Louis, Dec. 9 .- Great preparations

are being made at Columbus Ky. by the entitled to bring prizes into neutral ports. rebels to resist an attack of the Federal fleet from Cairo which is expected to make The N. Orleans Dry Docks have been

brought up and placed across the river at at Alleghany Comp, Pocahontas, Spans.—The following demands upon Columbus, to prevent the passage of the Hollin's celebrated "Turtle" is also at

Columbus, to "run down" the Federal Deserters from the rebel forces on the

force at Centreville, is one hundred and 2. The formal recognition of the Mon fifty thousand, and that the Commanders Almonte treaty and the payment of claims are daily expecting an attack from the Fed-

The Norfolk Day Book of Dec. 9 says a battle is immediately expected on the Gen. Butler's expedition reached Port to increase cadets at West Point.

Royal Dec. 7. Com. Foote wants 1000 seamen for the Mississippi expedition.

There are 13,000 sick in the Army of the Potomac.

The black flag has been hoisted at Columbus, Ky.

Gen. Prentiss took 500 rebels in North Missouri, Dec. 8. There is great rejoicing in Kentucky at

the President's conservative policy, and

The rebels are said to be approaching The Government has decided to

Our Government has replied to the invi-

Mexico will resist all expeditions, as It is understood that the Legislature of

loyal masters. [Doubtful dispatch.] In the U. S. Senate to-day, Fessenden and Summer presented petitions asking for

the emancipation of slaves under the war on Military Affairs inquire into the expe-

the protection of emigrants to California and Oregon-which was referred to the Committee on Territories. DEC. 11 .- Debate in the House on sus-

pension of the writ of habeas corpus. Peof 108 to 36.

Etheridge, Clerk of the House, has reecived letters from Tennessee stating that Union men, who were fleeing into Kentucky for protection. Parson Brownlow's

army has been increased by Unionists from North Carolina and Alabama, and he is giving the rebels much trouble. St. Louis, Dec. 10 .- Maj. Marshall on

The Union men in Kentucky have nominated Garrett Davis for U. S. Senator. Price is on the Osuge River with about

Federal force in St. Louis, 20,000.

Gen. Buell with 70,000 Federal troops

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was at Bowling Green, Ky., near Johnston's force of 50,000 men.

THE FIRE IN CHARLESTON.

Various reliable accounts say that on the night of Dec. 10 a fire broke out in Charleston, S. C. Half the town is in ashes. It is supposed to have been caused by slaves, who have risen.

The steamer Illinois reached Old Point Dec. 14, and says that it passed within six miles of Charleston on the night of the 10th. A tremendous conflagration was going on, and the place was evidently burning up.

The Norfolk Day Book of the 13th gives an account of a negro insurrection in South Carolina, at Charleston. The plot of the negroes was discovered and checked.

The intelligence respecting the destructive fire at Charleston is confirmed. Norfolk and Richmond papers of the 14th give full accounts. A great number of buildings were destroyed, including the Catholic Cathedral, St. Peter's Church (Episcopal). Cumberland Street Church, the Methodist and Circular churches. The offices of the Courier and Mercury were both destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$7,000,000.

Quincy, Dec. 12 .- The President has declined to send to Congress communications with England, France, and Spain, in relation to Mexico.

Gen. Halleck has made a forced contribation to the amount of \$10,000 from the southwest Missouri.

News from Ft. Pickens confirms the necounts that Ft McRae was silenced, and stroved Col. Brown says he can take Ft. Barraneas as soon as reinforcements reach him. The firing continued two days. Two

St. Helena, near Beaufort, is occupied Enfield rifles-also percussion caps and ri- by Federal troops. Our forces intend seizing all approaches to Savannah and Charleston soon.

Gov. Andrew, of Massachusetts, protests against the Massachusetts soldiers catching slaves, and Sec'y Cameron says it should be stopped.

Col. Mulligan has been reinstated in the command of his regiment. Quincy, Dec. 15 .- Charleston Courier

says there are no rebels at Beaufort. All cotton and corn destroyed. Charleston is alarmed at near approach of Federal fleet. Citizens of Savannah and Charleston moving into the interior of the State.

There are a number of letters of marque in N. Y. issued by the Mexican Government, to prey upon the commerce of England, France, and Spain, and vessels are manded. They landed at 8 o'clock, A. M., bly strange, admitting the Statesman to be Union men to agree with it, and all would never will die; we can't spare him." 'Well, Gen. Wool at Ft. Monroe, is anxious to fitting out under a similar decision to that the battle commenced at 11, and lasted un both honest and logical, that it should be harmonious-like a union of the church-continued the officer, "I hope not; but if make a demonstration with his forces on allowing the Nashville to be fitted out at Southampton. The vessels will sail under the Mexican flag as war vessels, and are

A dispatch to the Cincinnati Commercial, from Cheat Mountain, Dec. 4, says: Yesterday, one of the hardest and best fought battles during the war, took place Gen. Milroy commanded the Union Forces and Gen. Johnson, of Ga., the rebels. The Union loss was 30, and the rebel loss 200 killed with many wounded and 30 prisoners. Gen. Johnson was wounded. Our forces numbered 750, the rebels 2,000. The rebels set fire to their camp, and retreated to Staunton.

Quincy, Dec. 12 .- In Congress, vesterday, resolutions were passed in honor of Lansing's resolution to return fugitive

slaves came up. Stevens and Lovejoy made speeches against it. Wilson offered resolutions in the Senate.

Nesmith in the Senate, announced the death of Senator Baker. He paid a brief tribute to his worth and memory, and offered the usual resolutions of respect to his

McDougal followed, referring to the decease of two distinguished Senators, Donglas and Baker.

Latham closed with a most beautiful, eloquent and truthful eulogy on the deceased when the Senate adjourned.

Congress was to adjourn on Thursday, the 19th, for two weeks, to enable the members to spend the holidays at home.

In the Lower House of Congress, yesterday, some hard words passed between Fonke of Illinois, and Conway of Kansas. It is feared that something serious will grow out of it.

Vallandigham offered resolutions to the effect that the action of Com. Wilkes be sustained, notwithstanding the belligerent attitude of England. Laid over.

The bill to raise 20,000 more troops for Kentucky, was opposed by Lovejoy and Kentucky will abolish slavery, reimbursing Stevens, but was afterwards passed

In the U. S. Senate, Hale offered a resolution to the effect that the Committee diency of providing a uniform plan for deal-Nesmith introduced a bill to provide for ing with the slaves of rebels, which was agreed to.

Lane of Indiana, offered a resolution that the Committee on Judiciary be requested to prepare a law to prevent aiders of treason from bringing suits for commercial debts in the U. S. Courts. Agreed to:

Wilkinson offered a resolution to expel Jesse D. Bright. Referred. Dispatches from St. Joseph, Mo. state the rebel leaders had begun impressing that a battle was expected soon, between

the rebel forces at Lexington, Mo., and the troops under Gen. Prentiss. It was Prentiss' intention to cross the river on Saturday the 14th, at a point above Lexington, and attack the rebels. The rebels are 2,500 strong; the Union forces 4,000. The bark Agnes, arrived at Baltimore,

reports a fight between the pirate Sumter, and the U. S. gunboat Iroquois, off Martinique

Ben. McCallough is in Richmond. The steamer Connecticut, arrived at Old Point, reports that Ft. Pulaski is