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RRESIDENT JUHNSOA'S DECRGKEN In these times, when so much doFends upon the decision of character of our President, such aneodotes as the following are very encouraging: The day before the oxecution of the assassins there was a great aeal of discussion in this city about the proba. bany of pany of gentleman were at the Astor House, most of whom agreed that the woman would not be executed, some assigning the reason that the President would not have pluck enough to brave public sentiment, and allow a woman to bo hung. A well known merchant of New York who was present coolly remarked, "A man who talks about Andy Johnson's want of plack evidently don't know the man. If Andy Johnson has signed the death warrant of Mrs. Suratt she will die. If he bad intended to bave reprieved her, he would have signed it." He added "Let me tell you what I know. I was shut up in Nashville when tho eity was surrounded by twenty thousand rebel troops, who demanded its surrender. Gen. Buell was in the eity Fo marmined on the surrender of Ho determined on tho surronder of the city the rebel forces. He cam to Gov, Johnso dond the cit that he could not defend the eity, and that Nashville must bo surrendered. The Governor heard him quietly through, and then replied; 'You are in command of the United States troops, and can do as you please with them. But two of the regiments belong to the State of Tennessee. Over those I have control. In the center of the city is a powder magazine; I have trenches dug connecting the magazine with every prominent build Now you march ont with your troops. I'Il defend the city with my two reis iments as long as I can. When I can do no more, I will fire the city and blow it to the heavens, for Nashvill shall never be surrendered while I am alive.' Buell did not march out, and Nashville was not surrendered. "What I tell you," said the merchant, " heard. But the moral grandeur and heroism of these utterances cannot be told, And that," quietly remarked the merchant, "is Andy Johnson, and so all will find bim who have to do with him."
A Combustible Mud.-At a recent meeting of tho Asiatic Society of Bengal, Major Risley described a combustible mud of whieh be first heard last September. It exists in large
tracts, notably in the Pertobghur dis. trict in Oude, where there is a jheel or swamp of black mud which looks like ashes and smoulders like wood. The mud, when dried, blazes quite freely. It has been tried at Cawopo by Mr Taylor, the locomotive fore. man, end was found to rive nearls as much steam as wood. "It would do very well for locomotives, and could be supplied at six annas the maund." When charred it cen be used in a blacksmith's furnace. The asbes, of which it leaves a great deal, will (they say) be very usetul as a manure tor poor sandy soils. Bits of bone and fragments of decaged wood were fonnd in it at considerable depths. The Calcutta analyzers call it impure peat, rosulting from the continual decomposition of vegetable matter at the bottom of the marsh. It is curious that the natives, though well aware $8 f$ properties, make no use of it ; the reason being that it owes its origin, to enormous sacrifices of ghee and grain burnt in situ by god-like people in old time.
The London Times is assailing Queen Vietoria again, requiriug of her to put an end to herisyatem of seclusion, and solive as to bescen moro by her people.
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