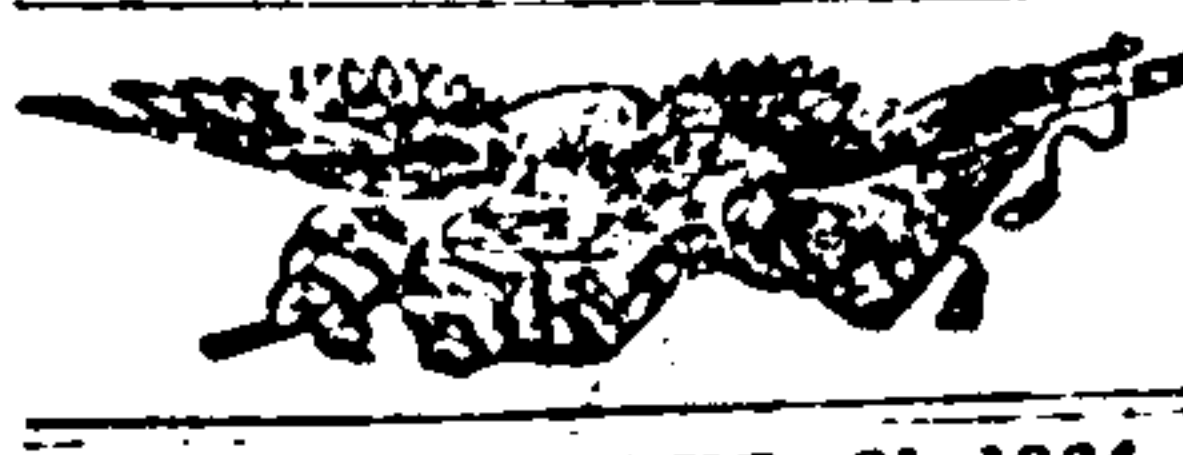


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Two-and-a-half cents per Week, Day or Night, in Advance.
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TO ADVERTISERS.
The following exhibit of our regular rates will be found of service:

Table with 2 columns: Description of ad space and corresponding rate.

OUR ADVERTISING AGENCY.
An advertising agent for the city is Captain William Gibson, who will, as a special opportunity, call upon the old patrons of the Clipper, and to whom any favors in the advertising line can be handled. Our patrons will find him entirely reliable.

PERSONS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., wishing to subscribe for the CLIPPER can leave their orders to our Agent, J. GUNLOCK, 607 Seventh Street, New York, or with GIBSON BROS., Printers, 251 Pennsylvania Avenue.

THE FAILURE BEFORE FORT FISHER. NOTHING VEILY SERIOUS.

The failure before Wilmington of the national forces, although greatly disappointing public expectation, is not an event fraught with any serious consequences to the good cause, no matter if gold speculators are able or the strength of it to push speculation somewhat. So far, as the ultimate fate of the rebel confederacy is in question, all sensible persons consider it past even hope. In the contest, however, it was different. Let a failure of the kind occur then, and weak-hearted Unionists might find their courage sinking to zero, as they are in such event the indefinite postponement of the overthrow of the rebellion.

But all parties have at last learned valuable lessons from the war. They have found out that it is in part a game of chance, and that something that men understand such things as the failure of certain combinations, and a better understanding and subordinate as to details, all have a vital bearing upon great results, oftentimes defeating the best calculations and the most costly and elaborate preparations.

But then, let it be remembered that in those times, in a gigantic conflict, one battle does not make the fate of a campaign, any more than "one swallow makes a summer." Whatever misadventure has from time to time befallen the Union army, coming from the best of both worlds, all have seen as the results of these collisions, that the rebel cause has been steadily going under. Even in victories, the seeds of future defeat, as with their constant and unduly stimulated, they have pressed forward to afterwards receive terrible chastisement. In this regard, had they not met with some success on the line of the Rappahannock, they would never have been so terribly punished at Gettysburg. Had Hood's army failed still more signally around Atlanta, it might have been saved annihilation near Nashville.

And in this affair before Fort Fisher, what is after all the extent of the disaster? The affair is a failure—a failure with no loss of much consequence, except of time. Our captures of men amount to more than our losses, while the great naval force is at once available for whatever other field of action may be indicated upon the letter promise of success is presented. In this regard, except in the magnitude of the preparations, it is only the repulse of Fort McAllister, again, which it will be recollected was attacked by our monitors on a former occasion,—to be carried at the proper time with comparative ease.

Let it be noted, too, that whilst in part the rebels have had an entire success which up to the time of Sherman's experiences seemed impregnable except to occasional great raiding parties, now we have a vast army continually operating in the rear of, or flanking every city and town, from the coast to the interior.

In this regard, therefore, Wilmington is threatened from the rear, but little less effectually than Savannah is at present. The fate of all these rebel strongholds—all can now see—is but the mere question of time, and if the fleets fall before Fort Fisher, or Fort Sumter, or any other fort which get hold of, such a condition of things should not, in the slightest degree, discourage the patriotic, because all must see after this, that the actual combinations must in the end be effectual. Meanwhile, what have we, on the instant as an offset to this, and calculated to discourage the rebels, is the utmost degree? We have the demonstrated success of the expedition against the immense salt works and lead mines of Western Virginia, blows which affect them in the most vital manner, and which have depended the supplies of the only great army they now have in the field—thats before Richmond. Let the rebel prints say what they please now, as to the insignificance of this success of the Union troops, ever since the war began, they have displayed these sources of supply, till they truly the terrible loss they have sustained now.

What the English Noblemen Pays for their Sunning Hounds.

The number of couples in a pack of dogs depends upon how long the days are, and the price of the pack varies accordingly. In order to give the aristocratic taste to enlarge upon the subject, we have been furnished with the following particulars, and the price of the pack is as follows:—

A NICE PLACE TO PURCHASE A PARROT FOR THE NEW YEAR.—The Watch and Jewelry Store, 100 N. 10th St., has a large stock of parrots, and is prepared to furnish a pair for the New Year. The birds are of various colors, and are of the best quality. The price is \$100 per pair.

COGNAC'S HONORABLE.—This celebrated Cognac, in such universal demand, is now being sold at a low price. The quality is of the highest, and the price is very reasonable. The price is \$100 per gallon.

THE PRIZE.—The prize for the best of the season, in the form of a gold watch, is now being sold at a low price. The watch is of the highest quality, and is of the latest design. The price is \$100.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

YOUNG LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—We have a large stock of the latest styles of dresses, and are prepared to furnish a pair for the New Year. The dresses are of the highest quality, and are of the latest design. The price is \$100 per pair.

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