

THE EVENING NEWS.

Friday, September 23, 1870.

USEFUL INFORMATION.—How to lay off a square acre of Land: Measure all 209 feet on each side, and you will have a square acre within an inch.
An acre contains 4,840 square yards.
A square mile contains 640 acres.
A mile is 5,280 feet, or 1,760 yards in length. A league is three miles. A fathom is six feet. A hand (horse measure) is four inches. A palm is three inches. A space is three feet.
A barrel of flour weighs 196 pounds; a barrel of pork, 200 pounds; a barrel of rice, 600 pounds; a keg of powder, 25 pounds; a firkin of butter, 56 pounds; a tub of butter, 84 do. The following are sold by weight per bushel: Wheat, beans and clover seed, 60 pounds; corn, rye and flax seed, 55 pounds; buckwheat, 52 pounds; barley, 48 pounds; coarse salt, 85 pounds.
A ton of round timber contains 40 solid feet; square timber, 54 solid feet.
A commercial bale of cotton contains 400 pounds; a pack of wool, 240 pounds.
A section of government land is 640 acres, or one mile.
A liquid ton is 202 gallons.
A box 16 by 16 inches, and 8 inches deep, contains a bushel.—*Ex.*

GUN-DROPPERS IN THE ARMY.—In the *Progress of the War* we read: In General Decaen's army, as everywhere, there are, of course, cowards and shirkers. They have made the following calculation: "The loss of a musket in time of war costs a year or two in prison." General Decaen dislikes this little game, and publishes the following proclamation: "Every soldier who loses his musket will be sent to the advance posts without arms. He will get a new musket only when he has captured the complete accoutrements of one of the enemy's soldiers." When I left St. Avold there were three or four of these fellows in the advance posts, but not a man in the division had lost his gun since the proclamation.

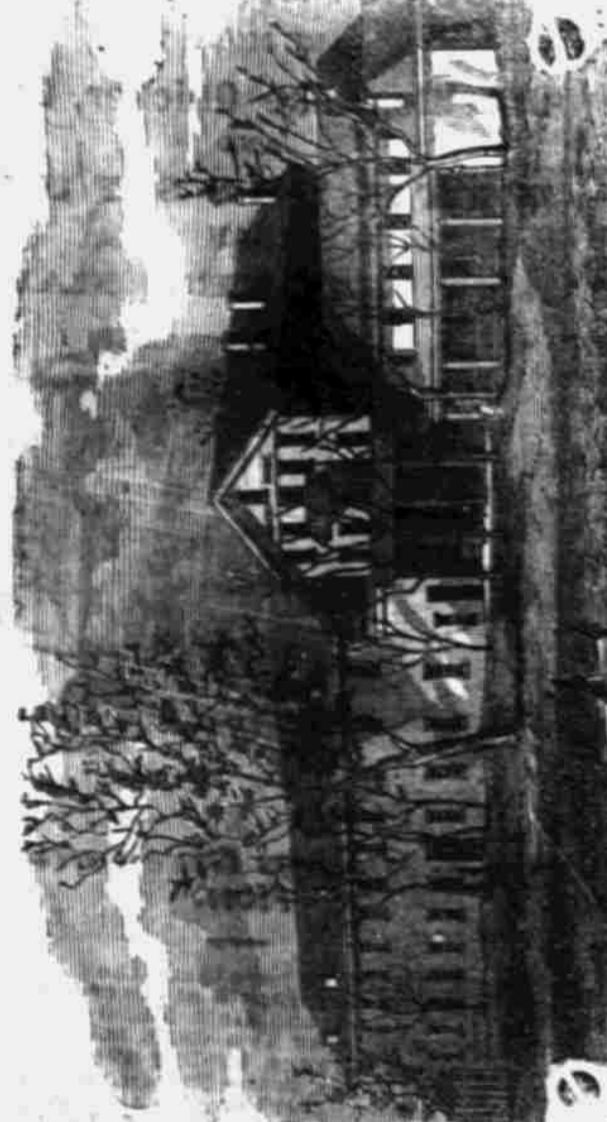
BARBARITIES OF THE TURCOS.—A correspondent writing from Frankfort on August 12th says: The German soldiers condemn most of all the deceitful practices, at Worth, of the Turcos and Algerians, who lie flat upon the ground, among the dead and wounded, and allow the German troops to pass over them, when they jump to their feet and fire upon the rear of the German ranks. Most brutally did they behave, however, after the battle was settled, for at night they sneaked out among the dead and dying, and upon discovering the least sign of life in the body of a German soldier, would mutilate it in a shocking and horrible manner. Their atrocities have been so great in past engagements, that the German officers have issued orders to their troops to show no quarter to these barbarians. They are a fierce looking set, and I have seen many of them passing through here, as prisoners of war, selling their epaulettes, their tassels and accoutrements for a glass of beer or a cigar, there evidently being no patriotism in their veins.

Jones said to Hawkins, a crusty old bachelor, "What a pity that poor old Golden has gone blind. Loss of sight is a terrible thing, and the poor fellow's eyes are quite sealed up." "Let him marry, then," exclaimed the waspish old celibate; "let him marry, and if that don't open his eyes, then—then his case is indeed hopeless."

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