

New-York Daily Tribune MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1864.

To Correspondents. No notice can be taken of Anonymous Communications. Whatever is intended for insertion must be authenticated by the name and address of the writer...

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

By the arrival of the steamer Fulton we have intelligence from Port Royal to the 29th ult. We learn that the publication of newspapers at that place has been prohibited, and that all citizens had been enrolled...

Gen. Washburne has promulgated an order requiring a tax of a half per cent to be levied and collected from all persons in Memphis who are in any way exempt from military duty and hold trade permits.

The Rebel Governor of Mississippi has ordered the trial by Court-Martial of those persons who have not responded to his call on the militia and the Rebels at Jackson, in that State, were greatly alarmed on the 29th ult., by apprehensions of a Union raid by Gen. Morgan L. Smith, who, it was said, had crossed the Big Black River on the previous day with between 2,000 and 3,000 men.

A Union expedition which crossed the Mississippi River from Memphis, Tenn., and went fifteen or twenty miles into Arkansas, captured on the 30th ult. forty Rebel soldiers, including Brigadier-General Adams, an Adjutant, three Captains and one Lieutenant.

By order of Gen. Canby the district of West Tennessee and Vicksburg has been formed into one command, under Major-General Dana, with headquarters at Memphis.

GENERAL NEWS.

At a meeting held on Friday evening, of the Postmaster-General and the representatives of the various railroads between Washington and the North, the following new mail arrangements were made, which will go into effect on Sunday, the 15th day of the present month.

Our last advices from Panama, which are up to the 16th of November, contain a full account of the discovery of a Rebel plot to capture one of the Panama Railroad Company's Central American steamers, and afterward to seize the steamers of the Pacific Mail Company.

The Mayor, Controller and Supervisors, being the persons having official charge of the business of procuring volunteers in this city for the national army, have issued an address to the citizens in regard to the execution of the military enrollment ordered by Provost-Marshal-General Fry and Gov. Seymour.

Late on Saturday night, an Irish woman named Mary Bean, aged 62 years, was arrested and committed to one of the cells of the Sixth Precinct Station-house. During the night, one of her fellow-prisoners, a colored woman named Elizabeth Sevecke, without any provocation, jumped upon and kicked her about the head and breast until she was quite dead.

The steam transport Merrimack, Captain Sampson, from New Orleans the 27th ult., arrived at this port on Saturday. She brings no news. Captain Edwin D. Phillips, senior lieut. officer of the First Regt. Maine, died on board the Merrimack on Friday night, very suddenly. He was formerly Adjutant of the regiment, and was one of the officers turned over by Gen. Twiggs, in Texas, to the Rebels. He was thirty-five years of age.

Jeremiah Waddington and Robert Drysdale, bounty-brokers, were charged on Saturday, before Justice Clarke, with having drugged a furloughed soldier, named Canniff, and taking him to Portland, Maine, where they sold him for \$1,000. The Court granted an order of arrest in the case of each of the accused, and held them to bail in the sum of \$2,000.

The Coroner's inquest into the causes of the late fatal accident on the New-Haven Railroad, near Seventy-sixth-st., was continued on Saturday. Three witnesses were examined, two of them being employees of the Company. Their testimony was that the road was in good condition throughout, and that it is carefully watched and repaired. The inquest was adjourned to the 10th inst.

A fight occurred at a place called Timber Ridge, in Fulton County, Southern Pennsylvania, on Friday between a lot of deserters and Company F of the 20th Pennsylvania Regiment. The contest lasted for about an hour, the soldiers driving the deserters for a considerable distance through the woods, killing one and wounding two of them. The remainder escaped.

The steamship North Star arrived at this port yesterday forenoon. She left Aspinwall on the 18th, conveyed by the gulf breeze. On the 26th the Augusta's machinery broke down, and the North Star towed her into Port Royal, arriving there on the 29th. After taking on coal, &c., the North Star resumed her voyage.

William George died in the Tombs from the effects of the blows inflicted on him by John Donovan, while suffering from whisky insanity, on Friday morning. A coroner's inquest was held on the body of George, when it was shown that the cause of death was the fractures of the skull inflicted by Donovan with the stone poker.

The Albany Journal says: Gov. Fenton will take his seat in the House of Representatives at the opening of the session, and will not probably come to this city before the middle of the month. He will resign his seat in Congress before the first of January.

Francis W. Rice, esq., U. S. Consul at Aspinwall, who arrived at Port Royal on the North Star, on business with the State Department connected with the Salvador pirates, came passenger on the Fulton.

William H. Hanford, accused of the murder of Miss Leland of Brooklyn, near Bridgeport, Conn., escaped from the prison at Danbury on Saturday. Enos Prizer, the senior editor of The Evils

County Intelligence, died at Doylestown, Pa., on Friday last.

Senator Latham, Judge Field, and Peter Richings and daughter arrived here yesterday in the North Star.

Gold opened at 230, sold as low as 229, and closed at 229. The market was quite steady throughout the day and no large buying was shown. Government stocks are steady. For the new issue there is a good demand at 107 1/2.

Gen. Sherman has reached Millen, seventy-eight miles north of Savannah—so much seems to be admitted by the Richmond papers. To reach that point he must have passed successively the Ocmulgee, the Oconee, and the Ogeechee Rivers, the three points at which respectively it was supposed the Rebels had a chance.

OUR CHARTER ELECTION. Our City chooses Municipal officers to-morrow. Our City chooses Municipal officers to-morrow, and the vote bids fair to be uncommonly tight.

BOARD OF EDUCATION. The election of to-morrow, so far as concerns the Board of Education, is of extraordinary interest, inasmuch as it is the first under the new law reorganizing the Board.

THE REGULATIONS GOVERNING PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS.—The Revised Statutes of the State of New-York provide that the electors of President and Vice-President shall convene at the Capitol on the day preceding the first Wednesday in December after their election.

THE PRESS AND THE WAR. We have no sympathy with that wretched counterfeit of generalship which is constantly crying out that its combinations are deranged, its movements anticipated and its plans baffled.

THE SUNDAY MERCURY'S PREDICTIONS VERIFIED. The readers of these letters will have noticed that they have consistently adhered to the assertion that Gen. Sherman was marching directly for important towns on the Georgia or Carolina coast, and not for Pensacola, Mobile, Brunswick, or any other point on the Gulf, as confidently affirmed by most of the prominent newspapers of the North.

OF COURSE, the sole use of "feints" is to deceive the enemy with regard to your objects and purposes, and keep his forces guarding points which you do not mean to strike, so as to weaken his defense of those toward which your efforts are to be directed.

naturally keep the enemy so long as possible concentrating their forces and their efforts on the defense of Augusta, Macon, Mobile, Brunswick, &c., if he designed to avoid them all, and push for salt water at Savannah, Ga., or Beaufort, S. C. If, then, the special correspondent of The Mercury was advised as to his plans, he was guilty of nothing short of treason in proclaiming them, and his act might have cost the Union its second-best army.

This is no solitary offense. The Mercury habitually deals in "sensational" intelligence of the same sort. Here is another paragraph from the same "special correspondence," which we feel constrained to raise before reprinting it:

Two days ago a firm in New-York received an order to furnish the Government with three thousand feet of fuse, to be shipped to ——. For what this fuse is intended, whether for employment in the explosion of mines or for other purposes, I do not, of course, pretend to hazard an opinion, preferring to leave that to the public. I can say, however, that if certain Rebels would only condemn the predictions confidently expressed in very well informed circles in this city.

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for confirmation. He has been an Inspector for many years, and as such has gained a considerable reputation among school children for making broadly amusing speeches, which we hope he may preserve as Inspector. The vote of the District for Sheriff was: Farmer, 6,469; Kelly, 3,316; Connolly, 2,432.

IN THE SIXTH DISTRICT all parties with one accord present the name of James M. McLean, now President of the Board, representing the Twenty-first Ward. It would be a fortunate thing for the city if more men like Mr. McLean would consent to serve in responsible posts. Mr. McLean will be re-elected President without opposition.

IN THE SEVENTH DISTRICT the Citizens' Association has nominated John Wheeler; the Unionist, McKoon and Mozart Democrats, James Monteith, and Tammany, William Hitchman. Mr. Wheeler is vouched for by the Citizens' Association.

MR. MONTEITH has been the principal of a public school until within two or three months, and is well acquainted with the school system and its wants, but he is the author of a series of geographies and other books extensively used in the schools, and there is a question as to the propriety of members being interested in supplies furnished to the Board.

THE TERM of service in the U. S. Senate of the Hon. Wm. A. Richardson (Dem.) expires with the present Session, and the lately chosen Union Legislature will elect his successor for six years ensuing. The Hon. Elihu B. Washburne (who has been longer in the House than any other Member), Gov. Richard Yates, Gen. John A. Logan and Gen. John M. Palmer are suggested as candidates for the post. They are all able and good men.

ATTENTION is called to Mr. Dayton's card, in our advertising columns. It is signed by many of the best citizens of the District.

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men" at once repudiated the transaction. The other organizations, finding that no faith would be observed, proceeded to form their ticket alone. Their candidates, who are duly advertised in THE TRIBUNE, are well known and unexceptionable, and will be supported by the Union men "who believe in it. As for the other organization, which claims the antiquity as well as regularity, it evidently is acting for no other object except the candidates of Tammany Hall and the Ring. Except they can never again have a foothold in a Union State convention, the leading members are preparing to, as they would have done in 1854 but for the riot, join the Copperhead party at once. That they have a fictitious, not to say dishonest, candidate for Alderman, not named in the Directory, and mean to abandon him and to vote for John Bryce, is patent. Several of them have said as much. For that reason they refused to cooperate with the other organizations. They are of aid for the Ring, "for by this craft they have their wealth." All that will be left for them to follow the lead of their ancient friend, the District-Attorney, and go over bodily to the Copperhead party. Only by this course can their future conduct be consistent with their past actions. They have it actually in contemplation, and will do it when they become powerless as professed Union men, to injure the candidate of the party, as they did the lamented Washworth in 1852. [WASHTON.]

LATEST SOUTHERN NEWS.

Extracts from Richmond Papers of Friday and Saturday.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4, 1864.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has received Richmond papers of Dec. 1st and 2d, at its Bureau in Washington. The following is the most important news contained in their columns:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1864.—We have just received Richmond papers of Friday, Dec. 2, from which we extract the following:

AFFAIRS ABOUT RICHMOND. From The Dispatch.

The report that Grant was crossing troops to the north side of the James River was repeated yesterday, but we believe it to have been without any foundation. We think it more likely that any movement will be made by the Union army in the direction of the river.

There has been no more fighting on Camp Pickens' lines. The shelling of Dutch Gap still continues. It was reported that below Richmond quiet still prevailed, and that the Union army was still in the possession of the movement of troops toward our left.

Mr. Grant will find our troops in the neighborhood of Dutch Gap ready to meet him on the usual landing at Dutch Gap. There is a small boat from one of our batteries struck a steam dredge square amidships and sunk it instantly in the water to a depth of 15 feet. This dredging machine had just been repaired and is the only one of the kind in the river. It will delay the completion of the canal.

SOUTH SIDE There was some skirmishing on the right on Wednesday, but it did not amount to much. Grant has ordered all citizens within five miles of his rear lines to move away under penalty of imprisonment and loss of property. The same order is driving from their homes the helpless women and children, and other non-combatants. The acts of humanity, of civilized nations and of God, are set at defiance, and daily violated by the military authorities.

FROM NORTH ALABAMA. From The Richmond Dispatch.

The following official dispatch was received yesterday:

MACON, Nov. 27, 1864.—To Gen. Cooper: Gen. Roddy reports from Corinth, on the 26th ult., that the enemy evacuated Decatur having destroyed several warehouses filled with provisions and ammunition, harness and pack-saddles. Fifteen pontoon boats were secured by Col. Wind, who posted the enemy closely.

G. I. BEAUREGARD. FROM THE EAST TENNESSEE FRONTIERS. From The Richmond Dispatch.

We learn that some East Tennessee Tories made a raid upon Baker'sville and the surrounding country in Yancey on Monday, the 29th, Jackson Stewart, our part, was killed, having seven balls shot through him. Sixty men of the militia were shot through, and Mr. Robert Pennington was badly abused and beaten by the raiders, and a good deal of property was destroyed or carried off.

THE DEBIL PROTECTS HIS OWN. From The Richmond Dispatch.

Our Northern accounts state that Gen. Butler and Staff were on the Greyhound the other day, when it took fire and was burned, but all escaped without injury, thus verifying the old proverb that the Evil One ever takes care of his own.

THE KNIMY BILLY WHIPPED AT GRAHAM'S. VILLP, S. C. From The Richmond Dispatch.

A mail dispatch was received last night which stated that our forces had engaged and routed the Yankees at Grahamville, S. C., driving them five miles. The Yankees left their dead on the field, and retreated in the direction of Grahamville. About thirty miles north-east from Savannah, the party beaten are evidently troops sent up from Port Royal.

DISPATCH FROM GEORGIA. From The Richmond Dispatch.

A cavalry fight in which our victorious troops were engaged on Tuesday. The Yankee cavalry under Kilpatrick were attempting to cross the Savannah river, when they were attacked by Wheeler, and after an obstinate fight were driven back in the direction of Millen, where Sherman had his headquarters, having been heavily defeated. It is reported that the Yankees were so closely pressed as to lose their hat, which was recovered by one of our troopers. This trophy should be laid up in lavender with Pope's coat, Washburne's pantaloons, and Halgren's wooden leg.

SHERMAN'S MAIN ARMY IS MOVING TOWARD THE coast, and a battle is expected soon.

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that Nashville is to be regained and that the feet of his soldiers will press the soil of Kentucky, etc. he has called. We cherish large hopes from his enterprise, but trust that what is now in our grasp will not be too much impeded in the effort at more.

If it shall please Heaven to favor us with the success which it now seems reasonable to expect in Tennessee, it will be an overwhelming rebuke of arrogant Sherman and a hundred fold compensation for the pigs he may stand to cost or the loss he may incur while running the gauntlet in Georgia.

THE INVASION OF GEORGIA. From The Richmond Sentinel. Our exchanges up to Saturday last, the latest dates received at the time of writing this, are exceedingly communicative of our troops and Generals, but know comparatively little of the movements of Sherman. The situation of his main force is alleged to be positively a mystery. The movements that they chronicle seem to be but feints or feelers, and with small bodies of troops.

MEANWHILE Sherman is supposed to be moving down behind the Oconee, which he does not, worst of all if Brunswick be his goal. His course in that case would be to cross the Ocmulgee near its mouth, and move down behind or south of the mouth of the Altamaha. The forces which have come to the north of the Oconee, are alleged to be but very few in number, and to be limited in their operations to reconnoitering parties.

GENLEMEN connected with scouting parties up the Augusta & Atlanta Railroad, arrived from Greenboro under date of Nov. 29, report as follows: There is no enemy south of the mouth of the Georgia Railroad, nor any this side or east of the Oconee River. A party of Yankees passed through Green County on Sunday. This is the greatest force that has ever been seen this side of the Oconee.

THE RUMOR that an entire outfit in Green County was killed, is not correct. About 1,000 Yankee Cavalry have been encamped for the past few days at Reid's Mills, between Eatonton and Waller's Ferry. Negro scouts report that they speak of moving to another section of such property has been destroyed in Cooper and Putnam, such as mills, gin-houses, and some corn cribs, and dwelling houses.

IT WAS thought in Sparta on Wednesday that the enemy's cavalry and infantry were moving down the Oconee towards the coast. It is the current opinion up the road that Sherman's army is moving down between the Oconee and Ocmulgee rivers. We have information that the enemy's cavalry, 6,000 to 7,000 strong, is moving on Sparta property has been destroyed in Cooper and Putnam, such as mills, gin-houses, and some corn cribs, and dwelling houses.

THIS is an advance line to Savannah from Milledgeville. A column, supposed to be Steuarns, numbering from 2,000 to 3,000 infantry, is reported to be moving in connection with the cavalry above mentioned on Sparta. At Sparta there are two roads, one leading to Atlanta and the other to Savannah. It is probable that after ravaging the country about Sparta, it will combine in column moving on the road to Savannah.

FROM THE CENTRAL ROAD AND VICINITY. The enemy's destruction at Milledgeville is said to embrace the State House, Executive Mansion, Penitentiary, depot and other buildings. The report that the Asylum was destroyed is contradicted. The rumors in town that Sherman captured a lot of ammunition at Milledgeville is incorrect. All ordnance stores were removed.

THREE car loads of powder passed through this city on Friday, on the way to Columbia, South Carolina. The powder is in kegs, and is being used in destroying barns, cribs, and anything that may be of use to Sherman, in front of his main force on the Ocmulgee.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to The N. Y. Tribune. WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1864.

THIS NORTH TRIAL. Emissaries of New-York Conservatism, or the allies of its Copperheadism have been working at the President for a week to get him to stop the military trial of North and others for the fraud on the soldier's vote.

New testimony, principally from confession, includes new men in the crime, and fastens fatally on many heretofore only suspected. The prominence and usefulness of some of these makes their rescue a matter of the highest concern to the New-York Copperhead leaders. They wisely choose the agent they sent here, "Conciliation," he said, "should be the spirit of our victory; you are elected, Mr. Lincoln; you can afford to be generous. Conciliate Horatio Seymour and the New-York Democracy by forbearance to his friends and in trouble. You have overwhelmed these men at the polls; let up on them in the courts, and make them your friends." The Ambassador, after his last paving over the case, returned to Albany confident of success.

THE MESSAGE. The President's message is not yet in type, and will not be ready for transmission to Congress to-morrow.

A NEW BATTERY. The Rebels have just opened a new battery near Fort Darling, raising the channel from Dutch Gap up.

HANCOCK'S CORPS. Applicants desiring to enter Hancock's veteran corps must satisfy their local provost marshal of their fitness before they will be forwarded.

OUR RETURNED PRISONERS. The steamer Baltic arrived to-day at Annapolis with 500 more parolees from Savannah. Forty-nine died on the passage, and all give evidence of the inhumane barbarities they have endured.

PRIZE CASES. The following prize cases were adjudicated by the Fourth Auditor, and are now ready for payment: The Judson, captured by the U. S. steamer Commodore; cotton captured by the Cimarron; the Florence, captured by the U. S. steamer Samoset; the James Williams, captured by the U. S. steamer Penobscot; the Carmis, captured by the U. S. steamer Bermuda; lot of mules captured by the U. S. steamer Juliet; the Island Belle, captured by the U. S. steamer Keokuc; the Calcedonia, captured by the U. S. steamer Keystone State and Massachusetts.

CONGRESS. A quorum of both houses is present. The report of the Secretary of the Treasury was finished to-day.

TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS. WASHINGTON, Saturday, Dec. 3, 1864. CABINET COUNCIL ON THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. The President's Message was the subject of a special Cabinet meeting to-day.

OPENING OF THE SESSION OF CONGRESS. It is not probable that the House will assemble on Monday, as a large proportion of its members, many not proposing to come on before the last of the week. Nothing will be done on the first day more than to receive the President's Message and accompanying documents, and refer them to the appropriate committees. The changes in the committees will be announced on Tuesday.

THE DEPARTMENT REPORTS. So far only the Reports of the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster-General have been printed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1864. THE NEW ATTORNEY-GENERAL. The recently-appointed Attorney-General, arrived here to-day from Kentucky.

CONGRESS. There is now nearly a quorum of members of Congress in Washington. Many will arrive by to-morrow morning's train.

THE MESSAGE. It cannot yet be ascertained with certainty whether the President's Message will be transmitted to Congress to-morrow or on Tuesday.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS. The only reports printed are those of the Secretary of the Navy and the Postmaster-General. That of the Secretary of the Interior will be placed in the printer's hands to-morrow. The reports of the other Departments are not yet completed.