

WASHINGTON.

IS THE ARMY TOO LARGE?

NEW HOUSE EVIDENTLY THINKS SO—PROBABILITIES OF THE SKELETON ESTABLISHMENT BEING FURTHER REDUCED.

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The appropriations for the military establishment for the current fiscal year are \$28,554,987.79, and the estimates for next year amount to \$53,697,178.50.

By a resolution of the army to 15,000 men, and a corresponding or greater reduction in the number of officers, a saving of about \$4,500,000 can be made in the army and traveling and general expenses of the army, and nearly \$1,000,000 more in the cost of subsistence.

There may be some opposition to a further reduction of what is already a skeleton of an army; but the fact that the Government has had troops enough to keep many companies, and sometimes whole regiments, in the South during political campaigns, will be pointed to as proof that 10,000 men can yet be spared, and the army still be large enough for all necessary uses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The Postmaster-General to-day reappointed the following special agents of the Post-Office Department, whose commissions expire on the 31st inst.:

George H. Bangs and P. H. Woodward, Superintendents of the Railway Postal Service, Headquarters at Washington, D. C.

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A GREAT COMBINATION WEAKENING. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Though there has been no actual decline in freight rates since the reduction in the East, there is a gradual weakening, and it is deemed probable that in a few days the combination will be broken up.

RAPID TRANSIT IN BROOKLYN. A largely attended meeting was held in the Assembly Rooms on Washington-st., Brooklyn, last evening by a number of citizens who are opposed to the route for the Brooklyn Silent Safety Elevated Railroad decided by the Board of Aldermen.

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NEWS FROM TWEED.

REPORTED ARRIVAL IN CUBA. SEVERAL AMERICANS STATED TO HAVE RECOGNIZED HIM IN THE STREETS OF HAVANA—HE IS SAID TO HAVE ARRIVED ON TUESDAY IN A SCHOONER.

THE NEWS IN THIS CITY. VARYING OPINIONS ABOUT THE TRUTH OF THE REPORT—THE POLICE OFFICIALS CREDIT IT—BELIEF OF PERSONS WHO SUPPOSE TWEED HAS BEEN IN HIDING WAITING FOR A SETTLEMENT—SUPERINTENDENT WALLING'S REASONS FOR THINKING TWEED IN CUBA—WHAT THE SHERIFF BELIEVES.

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TRADE ALLIES.

NEW-YORK MERCHANTS AND TRUNK LINES WORKING FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN RAILROADS AND BUSINESS MEN—A WEIGHTY CONFERENCE AT THE GRAND CENTRAL DEPOT—RAILWAY MANAGERS AND LEADERS OF TRADE IN ACCORD—FREIGHT RATES.

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