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JAMES GORDON BENNETT, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR. OFFICE N. W. CORNER OF FULTON AND NASSAU STS. Volume XXVIII, No. 216. AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING.

NIBLO'S GARDEN, Broadway.—THE DUKE'S MOTO. WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway.—THE LAST. WINTER GARDEN, Broadway.—SERIOUS FAMILY.—LEAF.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery.—AFTERNOON—NEW YORK PICTURES—HARRISON'S CHIEF—PHIANT'S LEGACY.

WOOD'S MINERAL BATH, 54 Broadway.—STROPHIA'S SPA, BROADWAY.—LIGHT EXHIBITION AND PARADES OF THE NORTH RIVER.—AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

NEW IDEA THEATRE, 48 Broadway.—THE WESTERN COURT.—AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY, 618 Broadway.—CONJURERS AND LECTURERS, FROM 9 A. M. TO 10 P. M.

ROBERTS' OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn.—STROPHIA'S SPA, BROADWAY.—AFTERNOON AND EVENING.

New York, Thursday, August 6, 1863.

THE SITUATION.

Everything along the front of the Potomac army was reported quiet yesterday morning. On the previous night the enemy opened with their artillery at Rappahannock Station, creating some confusion among our troops across the river.

By the arrival of the Adelaide at Fortress Monroe yesterday, we have news from Charleston to the 2d inst., two days later. When the Adelaide left Folly Island, on Sunday afternoon, the shore and water batteries were firing on Fort Wagner.

A blockader which attempted to run out of Charleston on Saturday night was sunk by the guns of the Ironsides.

We give some very interesting items of news from the Southern papers to-day; among the rest a proclamation from General Lee, calling upon every man capable of bearing arms to turn out and strike a decisive blow for the independence of their homes and country.

A despatch from Memphis of the 3d instant furnishes some information from Tennessee and Georgia. The Atlanta Appeal says that the rebel War Department has determined to stop the navigation of the Mississippi by organizing a system of guerrilla warfare.

The people of North Carolina who desire peace are alarmed at Jeff. Davis' recent proclamation, and are flying into the swamps and mountains to escape conscription. The Union feeling in that State makes stronger manifestations every day.

ledges that on the whole it is seldom that intelligence has been received as gloomy for the rebel cause. It regards the riots as little short of an insurrection. The Star regards everything as indicating the rapid exhaustion of Southern resources.

By the arrival of the steamer Hecla off Cape Race yesterday we have advices from Europe to the 29th ult. Details of the news, which is very interesting, may be found in another part of today's paper.

The Aspinwall steamer Northern Light, Captain Tinklepaugh, arrived at this port yesterday. She brings us very interesting news from Central and South America, which will be found fully detailed in our correspondents' letters.

The annual State elections will be held to-day in Tennessee and North Carolina. The rebels in the former State are to elect a Governor and members to the Richmond Congress, on a general ticket.

The Democratic State Convention of Maine is announced to be held to-day in Portland. The two factions, it is thought, will unite upon one candidate for Governor.

The Democratic State Committee met at Albany yesterday, and resolved to call a State Convention to meet at Albany on the 9th of next month.

The Pennsylvania Republican State Convention yesterday nominated Governor Curtin for re-election. Hon. David Agnew, of Beaver county, was nominated for Judge of the Supreme Court.

The trial of prisoners indicted for taking part in the late riot commenced in the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Recorder Hoffman on the bench, and District Attorney A. Oakley Hall as prosecuting officer.

Cabinet of Mr. Lincoln, takes advantage of it and plays upon the fears of the administration. Lee holds that the best place to defend Richmond is near Washington; but our military authorities do not believe that the best place to defend Washington is at Richmond.

When Jackson, with a small body of troops, dashed down the valley of the Shenandoah, the authorities at Washington became scared, and the rebel general was thus enabled to keep paralyzed not only Banks' corps, but McDowell's, which consisted of fifty thousand men.

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The stock market was strong in some points yesterday and steady in others. Prices were generally better than the day before. Gold was 127 1/4 at the close.

The Virginia—The Present Situation. From all the intelligence we have recently received we have come to the conclusion that Lee, who is somewhere between Cedar Mountain and the Rapidan, is preparing another bloody campaign against Washington, relying upon his superior numbers to defeat Meade in the next great battle, and as a consequence to capture the federal capital.

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stantial fabric of a vision, which is fast melting into thin air, as the day dawns and the stern reality of truth takes the place of darkness and illusion.

The Fall Elections. We are now within three months of the fall elections in this city and State. The politicians are busy preparing for the contest and shaping their course for the struggle at the ballot box.

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stration from a few hundred misguided men in resistance to the draft, which was seized upon by some thousands of the thieves and vagabonds of a great city for purposes of spoliation and plunder; and in the absence of all our local military forces these rioters did considerable mischief; but when systematically met they were speedily suppressed.

A GLEAM OF VICTORY.—The London Times, with the bad grace of a false prophet, condescends to call the capture of Vicksburg a gleam of victory. Pretty good this, as a gleam of victory, which placed in our hands thirty-one thousand prisoners, two hundred and seventeen pieces of artillery, forty thousand stand of small arms, &c., to say nothing of the control of the Mississippi river.

The DEATH OF YANCEY.—The death of that arch plottor of this terrible Southern rebellion, William L. Yancey, is deplored among the rebel journals as involving the loss of a saint, who embodied in himself almost, if not quite, all the talents and all the virtues of all the great men of ancient and modern times.

Last night the enemy brought several pieces of artillery down to the river bank at Rappahannock Station, and opened a brisk fire upon our troops there. Considerable confusion was occasioned at first, but the appearance of our own batteries upon the bluff restored order and speedily drove off the rebels.

The fact that Lee, with his headquarters at Stevensburg, seven miles southeast of Culpeper Court House, rather than four miles as stated in some newspapers, and with a considerable force of infantry at the Court House, permitted Buford to rest on Saturday night at Brandy Station (five miles from Stevensburg and five from the Court House) after the fight of that day, proves in Lee's determination not to risk a general engagement in that immediate vicinity.

On the whole we do not momentarily give either that Lee has promptly continued his retreat towards Richmond, or that a heavy battle was fought yesterday evening or is being fought to-day in the vicinity of Stevensburg.

Fortress Monroe, August 3, 1863. Lieutenant Colonel Ludlow, Inspector General of the Seventh Army Corps, and late Commissioner when an attack on Beard's position by daylight of Sunday morning last, which he did not do, from Stevensburg up to Brandy Station the country is especially suited for operations according to the particular style of tactics to which the rebels always resort when they can, a circumstance of which Lee would have gladly availed himself if he dared venture to do so.

Fortress Monroe, August 4, 1863. The steamer Geopline arrived this morning from Beaufort. She reports that last Sunday morning the United States gunboat Ironclad arrived at Beaufort, having in tow a prize—an English iron propeller, the Kate, captured while running the blockade from Wilmington, N. C. She also raised another gunboat yesterday, having another prize in tow. She could not make them out.

REVENUE MARINE.

Explosion of the Naugatuck's One Hundred-Pounder Rifle.

Lieutenant Waldron and Five of the Crew Injured.

THE DAMAGE TO THE VESSEL.

FULL PARTICULARS OF THE AFFAIR.

A serious accident occurred yesterday about noon on board of revenue marine gunboat Naugatuck, Lieut. Commanding J. W. Wilson, by the bursting of her gun, which has injured several persons seriously if not fatally.

This is the second time the gun of this vessel has exploded. The first was a one hundred pounder rifle, which blew into several pieces while the vessel was engaged with the rebel Fort Darling, on the James river. At that time her commander, Lieutenant Constable, and the captain of the gun, were the only persons injured, and both of them recovered, although Captain Constable is still suffering from the injuries he received at that time.

The Naugatuck has been stationed for some time past near Fort Schuyler, to protect our interests in that quarter. Formerly she was stationed at the Narrows. She was built to exemplify the principle of Commodore Stevens' submerged battery, which has for so many years laid in wait just off Hookston. She was built of a small proportion, and carried a long twenty-two foot beam, and nine feet deep, and was about seventy tons burden. She was propelled by two fifty horse power engines, with two screws. Her appearance was quite novel at any time. In action she was sunk to her upper deck and her cabins and houses were all taken down; so that nothing remained above water but her pilot house, smoke stack and the gun.

The following is a list of her officers:—Lieutenant Commanding—J. W. Wilson. Lieutenant and Executive Officer—Mr. Waldron. Acting Lieutenant—Mr. Burdick. Chief Engineer—F. H. Pulifer. Assistant—W. Garrison. Lieutenant Waldron was injured considerably by the terrible explosion, but none of the other officers were injured excepting a severe shock. Five of the crew were injured, two of them seriously and three of them slightly, and, as we remarked before, all hands were prostrated.

The vessel will probably come down to the city to-day for repairs; and a new gun. Everybody seems to think that it is wonderful that the entire vessel should not have been entirely destroyed by the explosion. Had it not been for the heavy reinforcements on the gun there is no telling what the damage might have been.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

Reorganization of Gen. Grant's Army—Our Losses at Jackson—Evidence of Extremist Buchanan's Treason—Destruction of Rebel Property at Hatchers.

The Democrat's Vicksburg despatch, dated the 30th, says that in the late advance on Jackson letters were captured confirming the treason of James Buchanan. His replies to Jeff. Davis confirm Scott's accusations. In the late operations against Jackson General Sherman lost one thousand men. The army is now undergoing a complete reorganization.

General Herron's division, at Natchez, destroyed an immense amount of rebel stores and captured a large quantity of salt from Louisiana for Lee's army, and a great number of cattle from Texas. News from Tennessee and Georgia. Memphis, August 3, 1863. Robison's rebel force, having been driven from West Tennessee, has joined Chambers in Mississippi. James Forrest, without eight hundred cavalry, was at Jack's creek three days ago. Gen. Dodge has sent a force after him.

The Atlanta Appeal of the 24th ult. says the Governor of Georgia is making extensive preparations to stop raids into that State. It says a large force of raiders from Gen. Rosecrans' army was at Whiteside.