

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST.

Additional Details of the Advance of Sherman's Expeditionary Force.

THE ENEMY GRADUALLY FALLING BACK.

Cavalry Skirmish Near Baker's Creek.

THE TROOPS MOVING VERY LIGHT.

Occupation of the City of Jackson.

ARRIVAL OF OUR ARMY AT MERIDIAN.

Mr. DeB. Randolph Keim's Despatches.

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and doubtless will be kept up along the entire march.

I should have stated that there was great rivalry between the different regiments and brigades as to which should go.

Gen. McPherson remains in command of the city during the absence of Gen. Sherman.

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The enemy took advantage of every commanding eminence or belt of timber to delay our march.

Our present position, twelve miles in advance, was almost only after a severe contest of artillery.

From scouts and reports we learn that General Polk, two days ago, established his headquarters at Clinton.

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much favor there by his judicious administration of affairs.

The reports that General Smith's command of cavalry and mounted infantry, in their expedition into Mississippi, had a fight with Forrest's men, are not confirmed.

Refugees from Mobile report that the inhabitants of that city feel sure of an attack upon that place by the Union forces.

Fifteen thousand rebel troops are reported to be in and about the city.

The Union sentiment prevailed to a considerable extent, and would be expressed as soon as protection was afforded to the citizens.

Nothing was known of the reported revolt at Fort Morgan.

Great dissatisfaction is said to exist among the Tennessee, Kentucky and Mississippi regiments, and large numbers of deserters are coming into our lines.

Reliable information from Southeast Tennessee says that the refugees are leaving Tennessee and Georgia by thousands.

Many of them are in a starving condition. Large numbers of deserters from the rebel army continue to arrive at Chattanooga daily.

The rebel scrip is worth only five cents on a dollar.

CRIME IN THE METROPOLIS.

Horrible Case of Wife Murder in Seventh Avenue.

A Husband Crushes in His Wife's Skull with a Hatchet.

THE PERPETRATOR IN CUSTODY.

INQUIRY BEFORE CORONER BANNETT.

One of the most deliberate and cold-blooded cases of wife murder which has been our duty to record for years past took place at No. 339 Seventh avenue, about ten o'clock on Friday evening, and resulted in the almost instant death of the victim.

The perpetrator, Edward Hunter, is a man forty-seven years of age, and a carman of considerable means, keeping several horses and carts in constant motion.

He was married at an early age, and has two sons and two daughters, all of whom are grown up. Some fourteen years ago his wife died, and Hunter subsequently married the woman who he is now accused of murdering.

It appears that their union was far from being a happy one, particularly for the last three or four years, owing to a disagreement between them about disposing of certain property owned by Hunter.

Another cause which tended to increase their domestic unhappiness was the fact that Hunter spent much of his time, after business hours, away from his family, and those who knew him well allege that he was unfaithful to his wife.

He also attributed improper conduct to his wife; but her character, as far as known, was above suspicion. She was an industrious, religious woman, and much respected by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Hunter, for the last year, has been very abusive to his wife, and all efforts to reform his character in that respect proved unsuccessful.

Some six months ago Mrs. Hunter, being fearful of violence at his hands, resolved to leave him, and went to live with her mother, a lady nearly seventy-five years of age.

Occasionally since she has returned home to visit the family, and on Friday evening Mrs. Hunter went to her mother's house, as usual, to spend the night.

George Hunter, being sworn, says—live at 339 Seventh avenue, I am son of the deceased, Elizabeth Hunter; an elderly man, I understand the nature of an oath; I was at home last evening all the time after my father came from his work; he is a carman; he came in at about ten minutes past eight o'clock, and he was very drunk; he was very abusive to his wife, and she was very angry; he was very abusive to his wife, and she was very angry; he was very abusive to his wife, and she was very angry.

Coroner Bennett was subsequently notified, and yesterday held an inquest over the remains of Mrs. Hunter. Below will be found the most important testimony elicited and the verdict of the jury.

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Another Case of Murder in Grand Street. Last evening Coroner Widdie had under investigation, at the Eighth precinct station house, the case of Mrs. Mary Ann James, a poor, intemperate woman, who was found dead in the rear basement of premises No. 61 Grand street, under circumstances which strongly indicated that her death was the result of violence.

It appears that she had been in the habit of drinking, and that both of them were of intemperate habits. They often quarreled, and for the last few weeks Mrs. James had been confined to her bed from sickness and intemperance combined.

Yesterday afternoon the Eighth ward police received information that a woman was lying dead in the basement in question, and on going to the place Mrs. James was found lying dead under a quantity of bedding, in a perfectly nude state.

Coroner Widdie being notified repaired to the scene, and on examining the body Mr. Bouton found several marks of violence about the head, face and neck, but he was unable to find any fracture of the skull, and he was unable to find any fracture of the skull, and he was unable to find any fracture of the skull.

From all the facts presented to the jury they came to the conclusion that the result of a beating or other violence, the result of a beating or other violence, the result of a beating or other violence.

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at a quarter past six o'clock we left for the theatre, leaving my mother, father, George and my child; between twelve and one o'clock we returned, and when near Madison street we met my father in the company of an officer and Mr. James Hancog, who informed me that my mother was dead; I went to the station house, and then to the police office, where I found my mother dead on the floor, lying in her bed for about three or four years.

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