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usual and proper course in these matters, it becomes the duty of Congress to take the initiative in decisive action. Congress must either put down Lincoln or be put down by him. It should take a position of open opposition to his course in this matter, and thus give the people a distinct rallying point against him.

many of the party; but nothing of the sort was attempted. Mr. Chase, in a roundabout way, was induced to withdraw from the Presidential squabble for the time being; but the Pomeroy-Chase circular remains unanswered in Congress. Does not this go to show that among the republicans, in both houses, "Old Abe" has fallen below par?

THE CONSPIRACIOUS RUMORS COME OF TO-DAY. The canvas on the republican side was closed last Saturday night at Hartford in a public meeting, at which Senator Wilson and General Garfield were the principal speakers, and with every assurance of a great victory. It will be a matter of general astonishment should the result be a victory for the democrats, with their unfortunate copperhead peace affiliations.

INTERESTING FROM THE GULF. ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER COLUMBIA. Visit of Gen. Banks to Fort Hudson and Alexandria. The steamer Columbia, Captain Barton, arrived at the port yesterday morning, bringing New Orleans dates to the 25th of March.

AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING. ACADEMY OF MUSIC, Irving Place.—ITALIAN OPERA.—BENNETT'S OPERA, Broadway.—POOR'S REVUE, Broadway.—WALLACK'S THEATRE, Broadway.—ROBESON, Broadway.—WINTER GARDEN, Broadway.—JUDITH, Broadway.—OLYMPIC THEATRE, Broadway.—IRISH ENTERTAINMENT, Broadway.—NEW BOWERY THEATRE, Bowery.—PERKINS STREET THEATRE, Park St.—BOHEMIA THEATRE, Bowery.—THEATRE OF LEAVES, West 42nd St.—THEATRE OF LEAVES, West 42nd St.—THEATRE OF LEAVES, West 42nd St.

The Metropolitan Fair—The Opening Day. This city will present a scene to-day which may well be regarded as an evidence, not alone of patriotism, humanity and loyalty to the national cause, but of the wonderful vitality of the metropolis, wholly without parallel.

The Metropolitan Fair is a grand conception; grand, not alone in its object, but in the magnitude with which it is gotten up. The wenders of the Crystal Palace pale before the splendor of this extraordinary exhibition.

THE LIQUOR ORDER CHARGES AGAINST GENERAL BLAIR. The special committee on the charges against General Blair have had the honor of the chief officers who sign the celebrated liquor order before them, and they testified that the word "each" after the different items is a forgery, and that the order, as given, was for only one thousand dollars worth of liquor, instead of nearly one thousand dollars worth, which was purchased under it.

NEWS FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, April 3, 1864. GENERAL HEADS AND THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG. General Meade, in a written statement furnished the War Committee, avers that he never issued an order to retreat on the 3d of July from Gettysburg, as alleged by General Butterfield, and never heard of such being in existence until told of it by General Gibbon, but that, on the contrary, when General Slocum became engaged, the Fifth corps was ordered up to his support, with the view of holding the position to the last.

THE ORIGINAL DEFENSE OF FORT HUDSON HAS BEEN VERY GREATLY STRENGTHENED, AN ISSUE OF FORTIFICATIONS BEING CONSTRUCTED, AND BY LIEUTENANT GENERAL BURNETT'S ORDER, BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE, HE HAS ORDERED GENERAL BURDESSA TO REMAIN AT FORT HUDSON. The drill and discipline of the colored troops at Fort Hudson are very good, and the command of the various regiments are in excellent condition, and present a neat, clean and healthy aspect.

THE SITUATION. We have some interesting news from the Gulf Department by the steamer Columbia, which arrived from New Orleans yesterday. General Banks had paid a visit to Fort Hudson and Alexandria. The fortifications at the former place have been greatly strengthened, so as to defy any attack of the rebels, should such be made.

THE COMING CAMPAIGN IN VIRGINIA—GENERAL LEE'S PREPARATIONS.—Our latest reports from "the front" of the Army of the Potomac say that the enemy are digging rifle pits on the opposite side of the forks of the Rapidan, and are tearing up the Fredericksburg and Richmond Railroad. This means that Gen. Lee is preparing to resist Gen. Grant at the crossings of the Rapidan, and to cut him off from the advantages of a flank movement by way of Fredericksburg.

THE PROPOSED REFORMS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM.—No public institution should command more earnest and intelligent consideration at the hands of legislators than the system of public education; and now that the Legislature has taken hold of the subject, we hope it will not be allowed to drop until some decided reforms be introduced in the system now prevailing in New York.

THE ADMIRAL WILKES COURT MARTIAL. In the Wilkes Court Martial yesterday Captain R. H. Wyman testified to the inefficiency of the Wachusett, which he commanded, and the slow speed of the Bonoma and Tioga, her consort in the fleet, and also to the unceasing efforts of Admiral Wilkes, day and night, to discover and take the rebel privateers in the waters of the Gulf.

TRADE RESTRICTIONS IN KENTUCKY. As large quantities of supplies have recently been sent into Western Kentucky, thus violating laws, and probably shipped for that purpose, General Bragg, of Cairo, has issued orders suspending permits for loading goods between Paducah and Memphis, prohibiting steamers landing goods on the Kentucky river between Cairo and Paducah, and between Paducah and Memphis, except at Columbus, Island No. 10 and Fort Pillow, and prohibiting commerce by order of the military and naval officers, and forges, trading boats, shills, &c., are not to be allowed to cross the river between Cairo and Memphis, and boats from Paducah and Columbus are not to run except for military purposes.

THE SOUTHWARD MOVEMENT OF GENERAL STEELE'S FORCE. Private advices from Little Rock say General Steele's force, fifteen thousand strong, left that place for the south on the 23d ult., and will unite with the troops from Fort Smith at some point in the southwestern part of the State.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS. "Historians" needs a second commission, in reply to the criticisms of different army officers of his statement recently published in the Herald in reference to the battle of Gettysburg. He again reviews the principal incidents in that important engagement, and takes up and responds to the attacks of his critics. He reiterates his statement that General Meade intended to order a retreat of the army on the 2d of July, and that the troops of Burnside's division, belonging to the Fifth corps, were ordered to and did move down, while the brigade of General Cox passed over them. In support of these assertions "Historians" adduces strong testimony.

"HONEST OLD ABE" AND THE POMEROY-CHASE CIRCULAR IN CONGRESS.—When the Pomeroy-Chase circular was first published it was denounced by the Lincolnites as a forgery, and when acknowledged by the parties concerned as a genuine document, it was pronounced a very wicked and ungrateful lie. We next expected that the friends of "Honest Old Abe" in Congress would take the side of Senator Pomeroy and his committee men, as conspirators against the administration and the har-

RESIGNATION OF CAPTAIN LITTLE. Captain Little, of the staff of Provost Marshal General Patrick, has resigned. The Captain has been in most of the engagements of the Army of the Potomac, and during the last eighteen months had charge of all rebel prisoners, numbering over twenty thousand, together with all prisoners from our own ranks under arrest for crime, desertion, &c. No officer has been entrusted with more important duties than those which have fallen to the lot of the Commanding General. Captain Little, Thirty-fifth New York State Militia, succeeds the Captain at headquarters.

THE CASE OF QUARTERMASTER FITCH. The findings of the court martial in the case of Captain Fitch, Assistant Quartermaster at Brandy Station, have been disapproved. Captain Fitch ordered up, some time since, an immense number of cars, it was charged unnecessarily, and the court acquitted him. General Meade disapproved the decision in an order severely censuring the officer, and directing him to be assigned to duty where his blunders may prove less detrimental to the service. This officer is the one who last spring led at the head of his wagon train from Winchester to Harrisburg and Philadelphia, alarming the country with the report that the whole rebel army was at his heels.

THE RECENT ILLINOIS DISTURBANCES. All is quiet. The prisoners were sent to Springfield this afternoon. No further trouble is apprehended.

NEWS FROM CALIFORNIA AND OREGON. Money is tightening: rate firm at two per cent per month. Atlantic currency exchange at the rate of 50 a premium for gold in New York. Coin bills, 5 & a premium. Telegraphic transfers, 7 premium. Sterling unchanged. The weather is showery, and the apprehensions for short crops are no longer felt.

THE RAINY SEASON.—After a comparatively dry winter, the rainy season of spring—North and South, East and West—appears to have set in with unusual severity. Both armies in Virginia are "stuck in the mud," and many days may elapse before they are liberated by the sun and the wind. Generally, however, they have several weeks of beautiful weather in Virginia in April and the early part of May, followed by a rainy season in June, and sometimes extending into July—as in 1862 on the Upper Potomac. We rely upon General Grant to avail himself of the first opening in the weather for a forward march.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT. WASHINGTON, April 3, 1864. The following cases will be argued in the Supreme Court of the United States during the present week: No. 171 and 207—The United States, appellants, vs. Sebastian Hauer, and the United States vs. Jose Joaquin Batullidon. No. 172—Manuel Rodriguez vs. The United States, from the District Court of Northern California. No. 173—Anna R. Demott, executrix, plaintiff in error, vs. Charles E. Wallace, from the Circuit Court of Washington, D. C. No. 174—Anna R. Demott, executrix, plaintiff in error, vs. Zachariah Smith. No. 175—The United States vs. Edgar Corbett et al., from the District Court of Wisconsin. No. 176—Benjamin D. Godfrey, plaintiff in error, vs. Charles T. Egan.

REBEL PRISONERS RELEASED. Twenty-five rebel prisoners were released from the Old Capitol prison on Saturday, took the oath, and went North.

THE SHIP STAFFORDSHIRE, before reported captured and dismantled off Provincetown, will be towed to Boston tomorrow by the steamer George Shattuck.

DRIVING OF LIEUTENANT ADAMS. Lieutenant A. G. Adams, of the marine, was drowned last night off the naval wharf boat. The body has been recovered.

WYTHE GARDEN.—There is to be a new play and a new scenery at this theatre this evening. Miss Aileen Jones makes her first appearance here in the new tragedy of Judith, the Daughter of Merath.