THE EVENING STAR.

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WASHINGTON CITY:
WEDNESDAY....DECEMBER 14, 1864.

☞ READING MATTER ON EVERY PAGE. SEE OUTSIDE FOR INTERESTING TELEGRAPHIC AND OTHER MATTER.

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS can be supplied with the STAR at their residences, put up in wrappers, by ordering it through the Secretary of the Senate, the Clerk of the House of Representatives, or at the *Star* office, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and 11th street.

Important from Tennessee.

THE LEFT WING OF HOOD'S ARMY DRIVEN FROM THE RIVER WITH HEAVY LOSS BY THE UNION FLEET.

SEVERAL PROMINENT REBEL OFFICERS KILLED.

TWO TRANSPORTS RECAPTURED FROM THE ENEMY.

Acting Rear Admiral Lee, writing from Clarksville, Tenn., under date of December 8, informs the Navy Department that Lieutenant Commanding Fitch defeated and drove from the river the left wing of Hood's army on the 4th instant, with heavy loss to the enemy, including several prominent officers, and recaptured two transports from the enemy. Our loss was none killed.

FROM CITY POINT.

The steamer Cossack, now on the mail route temporarily, in place of the steamer Daniel Webster, withdrawn for repairs, arrived here this morning from City Point, with the army mails and passengers.

She brings no news from the front, as an unusual quietude prevailed there when she left City Point yesterday morning. Since the beginning of the cold weather, picket firing between the contending armies has almost ceased, as if by mutual consent, and during the past two or three days, the weather of which has been extremely cold, the pickets seemed to have turned their energies towards adopting means to keep warm. The Cossack brought up a number of embalmed bodies, among which was that of Lieut. Brennan, of the 11th Maine volunteers.

POPULAR MUSIC.—From W. G. Metzerott, Music dealer and Publisher, corner Penn'a avenue and 11th street we have two of the latest and most popular musical publications: *The Trumpet of Freedom*, (published by Ditson) containing some fifty spirited patriotic pieces, and *The Bugle Call*, by Geo. F. Root, containing fifty or sixty admirable pieces of the same description.

☞ From J. C. Parker, Post Office News Stand, we have Harper's Magazine for January, containing more of Ross Browne's Experiences in Arizonia, and more chapters of Dickens' *Mutual Friend* and Wilkie Collins' *Armadale*.

JUST THE THING.—Philp & Solomons sends us specimens of an ingenious invention, patented by them, for fastening manuscript matter together, in permanent or temporary form, as required.

☞ The order requiring Gen. Hooker's headquarters to be removed to Columbus, has been reconsidered, and will, therefore, remain at Cincinnati.

☞ Gold is said to have been found lately in small quantities near Bennington. It is also found in small quantities here.

☞ The Legislature of West Virginia meets on the second Tuesday in January, 1865.

☞ Navigation is about closed on the Hudson river for the season.

☞ ATTENTION UNION MEN!—A Mass Convention of the loyal citizens and residents of this District will be held on TO-MORROW (Thursday) EVENING, at half-past seven o'clock, at Union League Reading Room, Ninth street. Officers and members of local and all State Lincoln and Johnson associations, also members of Union Leagues are specially requested to be present

Business of great importance to loyal men will be brought forward. LEWIS CLEPHANE, Pres't Central Lincoln and Johnson Associ'n, D. C.
J. T. CLEMENTS, Secretary. de 14-2t

☞ SEATON HALL,
Corner D and Ninth streets.

Positively last night of
MR. GEORGE VANDENHOFF,
the Celebrated
DRAMATIC READER AND AUTHOR,
FRIDAY, December 16, 1864.
PROGRAMME OF SECOND EVENING.
Mr. Vandenhoff will give, for the first time, his new and original Humorous and Anecdotical Chat on
IRISH BULLS!
With copious illustrations of the subject, and traits and sallies of English, Irish, Scotch, French and American WIT AND HUMOR!
Single Admission, Reserved Seats.....$1
Doors open at 7; Readings at 8.
Tickets for sale at Metzerott's Music Store, where diagrams of the Hall may be seen; also at the door in the evening. dec 14 3t*

☞ THIRD WARD RECRUITING ASSOCIATION—The regular meeting of this Association will be held on WEDNESDAY EVENING, December 14, at 7½ o'clock, at Temperance Hall. A copy of the enrollment list will be on hand, when all persons will have an opportunity to examine it, and if they find themselves incorrectly enrolled have the correction made. Every person in the Ward should be present to attend to the above, and also join the Association before another draft, which will not be many days.
N. D. LARNER, President.
E. R. McKEAN, Sec'y. d 13-2t

☞ I. O. O. F. LEVEE, for benefit Beacon Lodge, No. 15, on MONDAY, January 16th, 1865. Particulars in future advertisement. de2-1m*

☞ DR G. L. RICE,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
No. 448 E STREET NORTH, BET. 6TH AND 7TH STS.
Office Hours, { From 8 to 10 a. m.; " 1 o 3 p. m.; " 4 to 7 p. m.
nov 28-tdec16*

☞ PARTIES, BALLS, WEDDINGS.—SHAFFIELD'S Confectionery, Ladies' Dining Saloon, 386 Sixth street. I am now prepared to furnish, in the best French style, and my own superintendence, Parties, Weddings, and other entertainments, in most reasonable terms. The best French Confectionery always on hand. Private Dinners and Suppers furnished at my Saloon. Country Orders and Parties attended to in the shortest notice. Ice Cream and Water Ice made by steam power, in plain and fancy moulds, for Parties, Dinners. nov 12-1m*

MELODEON FOR SALE—Mason and Hamlin maker. Apply at 289 E street, between 14th and 15th. 1t*

COSTUMES FOR MASQUERADES, Fancy Dress Balls, Tableaux, Private Theatricals, &c., for hire and made to order. Apply 268 C street, between the hours of 8 and 10 a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m.
Messrs. GOURLAY & CURLAND.
N. B. None but parties of address will be attended to. de 14-1m*

QUEENS OF SONG. Being memoirs of some of the most celebrated female vocalists, from the earliest days of the opera to the present time. By Ellen C. Clayton, 1 vol., with portraits
Arctic Researches and Life among the Esquimaux in the years 1860, 1861 and 1862. By Charles Francis Hall, with maps and 100 illustrations.
de 14 FRANCK TAYLOR

MESS MACKEREL,
SMOKED SALMON,
SMOKED HALIBUT,
DIGBY HERRINGS,
YARMOUTH HERRINGS,
ANCHOVY PASTE,
SARDINES.
KING & BURCHELL,
dec 14-12t Corner 15th st. and Vermont avenue.

TO THE CATHOLIC CITIZENS OF WASHINGTON, AND OTHERS.
I have again returned from the Northern cities with the largest and finest stock of PRAYER BOOKS, STATUARY, CROSSES, MEDALS, FINE ENGRAVINGS, with and without frames, ever offered in this city
BOOKS FOR CHILDREN, and a variety of other articles suitable for presents, all of which will be sold at the lowest possible prices.
M. D. RUSSELL,
Bookseller and Stationer,
dec 14-tjan 1 525 Seventh street.

PATE DE FOIES D'OIES DE STRASBURG TRUFFE,
RIS DE VEAU AUX PETITS POIS,
RIS DE VEAU AUX TOMATES,
RIS DE VEAU A L'OSEILLE,
TRUFFES DU PERIGORD AU NATUREL,
PATE DE FOIES GRAS,
BEGASSE TRUFFEE,
CEPES A L'HUILE,
CHAMPIGNONS,
HARRICOTS.
For sale by
KING & BURCHELL,
de 14-12t Vermont avenue and 15th street.

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA. No. 52 Equity.
In the matter of the Estate of the late Julia Keep.
The heirs at law of the said Julia Keep, and her several creditors, are hereby notified that on the 20th December instant, at my office, in the City Hall, Washington, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, I shall, by virtue of an order of said court, state an account of the debts due by said Julia Keep at the time of her death, and the proper distribution of the fund provided for the payment of the same, and of any surplus of such fund. The creditors are requested to file their claims with me on or before said day, and they and the parties interested will be pleased to attend at the time and place named. W. REDIN,
de 14-eod Auditor.

FROM MOBILE BAY.
Rebel Naval Force Augmented—Vessels Waiting to Run the Blockade.
NEW YORK, Dec. 13th—A Fort Morgan letter states that the new rebel Ram at Selma is being armored. It is reported that there are seven rams and gunboat inside the obstructions.
There are besides four blockade-runners, with cargoes of cotton, waiting to escape from Mobile Bay.

Nevada State Government.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 10.—The Nevada State Government was inaugurated on the 5th. The Legislature meets on the 13th, and will elect United States Senators.

St. Albans Raiders Discharged.
TORONTO, CANADA, Dec. 13.—The St. Albans raiders have been discharged for want of jurisdiction. There is much excitement.

FROM THE SOUTH.
[From the Richmond Dispatch, Dec. 10.]
The news from Georgia yesterday was of a somewhat exciting character. The enemy, who had been marching down the Ogechee river with three corps—one corps on the north and two on the south side—endeavored to unite their forces nearly opposite ——, *but met with considerable resistance from the Confederate forces*, and at last accounts had not effected their object, which was also prevented in part by the unfavorableness of the river approaches.
On Wednesday the demonstrations of the Federals on the ferries, on the Savannah river, became more determined, and *they managed to get some of their infantry across* the flats within sight of the river. Here we were well prepared, and our artillerists did good work. It was supposed that *they would be compelled to abandon the attempt*. From some cause, either lack of ammunition or inability to get their cannon in position, the Yankees made very little use of artillery, and this added confidence to our troops. It was reported that the enemy had effected a landing on the Coosawhatchie river, below Pocotaligo; but they had not been able to reach the railroad.

GO TO RUSSELL'S BOOKSTORE
FOR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
You cannot fail to be suited in style and price. Goods suitable for presents to members of the Catholic Church.
525 Seventh street west, near
dec 14-tjan 1 Pennsylvania avenue.

PRESERVED FRUITS, &c.
PRESERVED QUINCES, (Fresh.)
" PINE APPLES, "
" PEACHES, "
" LIMES, "
" PEARS, "
" DAMSONS, "
" CRAB APPLES, "
BRANDY PEACHES, "
RED CURRANT JELLIES, "
BLACK CURRANT JELLIES, "
GRAPE JELLIES, "
CRAB APPLE JELLIES, "
SPANISH OLIVES, "
TOMATO CATSUP, "
TAMARINDS IN SYRUP, "
GUAVA JELLY, "
For sale by KING & BURCHELL,
dec 14-12t Corner Vermont avenue and 15th st.

THERE IS NOTHING LIKE LOOKING AROUND WHEN YOU WANT TO BUY A
HOLIDAY PRESENT,
And while you are looking take a look at
RUSSELL'S BOOKSTORE,
525 7th street, near Pennsylvania avenue,
And see the Largest, Most Varied, Richest, and Cheapest stock of
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS, WRITING DESKS,
Ladies' Workboxes and Dressing Cases, Gentlemen's Dressing Cases, Ladies' Companions; the Poets in fine binding,
GOLD PENS AND PENCILS, PENKNIVES,
Cigar Cases, Books in best binding, &c.
Make an offer for the article you want, and you shall have it without regard to cost. We are selling everything in this store cheaper than any place in the city. Remember,
RUSSELL'S BOOKSTORE,
7th street, between Penn. avenue and D street,
Under Avenue House.
P. S.—Just received a fine collection of Children's Books, Building Blocks, Lill's Blocks of A B C Game, &c. dec 14-dtJan1

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK
FOR JANUARY, 1865.
A Premium Number.
Unrivalled and unapproachable. Two splendid Steel Plates, a superior Colored Fashion Plate, and fourteen full page Engravings, among which are three Robe Dresses from the celebrated house of Messrs. A. T. Stewart & Co., of New York, and one from Brodie's Emporium. Several Crochet patterns, adapted for winter wear. A Coatee Evening Dress, a novelty. The latest style for Bonnets, Collars, Capes and Caps. A beautiful article, printed in colors, called the "Work Table Companion." A Tidy, printed in tint; and a humorous engraving, "Scenes on the Ice." We cannot begin to enumerate the numerous illustrations, as there are about eighty, all of them useful and ornamental.
Marion Harland contributes "A Hasty Speech, and what came of it." Miss V. F. Townsend, Miss M. W. Janvrin, Miss Frost and Mrs. Dennison also contribute to this number. The Holly Tree Promenade, original Music for the Piano, by the editor, J. Starr Holloway; and a Model Cottage, with plans, make up the best number of Godey's Lady's Book ever issued. For sale at
PHILLINGTON'S BOOKSTORE,
Corner 4½ street and Pennsylvania av.,
1t Washington.

PROPOSALS FOR WASTE PAPER.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, December 10, 1864.

Proposals are invited for purchasing the WASTE PAPER accumulating in this Department, of the following description, viz:
1. Transcripts of postmasters, accounts of mails sent and received, white paper. Estimated quantity, 160,000 pounds a year.
2. Mixed papers consisting of wrappers of accounts and other packages, together with letter envelopes, various color. Estimated quantity, 4,000 pounds a year.
3. Dead letters, which the accepted bidder will be required to deface thoroughly under the supervision of an agent of this Department, so as to render it impossible to read them. Estimated quantity, 50,000 pounds a year.
4. Newspapers. Estimated quantity, 3,000 pounds a year.
Bidders will specify a price per pound for each class of paper.
As to the dead letters, the Department must be satisfied with the mode of defacing them before accepting a bid.
The paper must be removed from the cellar of the General Post Office Building at the cost of the accepted bidder, and in his own bags, as often as may be required by the Postmaster General. No mail bags will be furnished for this purpose. The paper will be weighed at this Department, and must be paid for on delivery.
Bids are invited for one year, commencing on 1st of January next, and will be received until Thursday, 22d instant, at 3 p. m.
They should be addressed to the Postmaster General, and endorsed "Proposals for Waste Paper."
W. DENNISON,
de 14-eo3t Postmaster General.

BOOTS AND SHOES!!
OLD PRICES AGAIN.
HELLER & CO., 492 7TH STREET,
Have reduced the price on their entire well assorted stock of BOOTS AND SHOES, which brings them to the old time peace prices.
They are selling—
Ladies heeled Congress Gaiters, at $130 worth $250.
Ladies heeled Goat Balmorals, at $1.75 worth $2.75.
Ladies French Glove Kid Buckle Boots, at $150 worth $650.
Ladies Slippers, 75 cts.
Children's Shoes, 20 cts.
Boy's Copper tip Shoes and others, $1.
Men's heavy Balmorals, $2, worth $3.
Men's heavy Kip Brogans, $175, worth $2 50.
Men's Sewed Buckle Boots, $6 worth $8.
Men's heavy Boots, $3 25 worth $6.
And all kinds of the best quality Ladies', Misses' and Children's Boots and Shoes, at reduced prices, at HELLER & CO., 492 7th street,
4 doors above Odd Fellows' Hall.
Also a large variety of Trunks, Valices, and Carpet Bags, which we will sell at cost at
HELLER & CO., 492 7th street,
between D and E streets.
Just received some nice little Toy Trunks for Holiday Presents, at HELLER & CO.,
dec 13-1w* 492 7th street.

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!
The attention of the ladies is invited to my large and choice assortment of
FINE FANCY FURS,
embracing all styles and qualities, from the lowest grades to the finest Sable, among which may be found
HUDSON BAY SABLE,
CANADIAN MINK,
ROYAL ERMINE,
STONE MARTEN,
RUSSIAN FITCH,
SIBERIAN SQUIRREL
AND OTHER VARIETIES.
Also, a large and well selected assortment of
CARRIAGE ROBES
of every description, including elegant
WHITE ARCTIC FOX and
WHITE POLAR BEAR,
WOLF, BUFFALO, &c.
Gentlemen's FUR CAPS, COLLARS, GLOVES, &c., in great variety.
Every article of the above having been carefully selected, cannot be surpassed either in excellence of quality or style of finish. A call is solicited before purchasing elsewhere.
JAMES Y. DAVIS,
HATTER AND FURRIER,
356 Pennsylvania avenue, under
dec 12-d1w&eo2w Metropolitan Hotel.

TO THE CITIZENS AND STRANGERS OF THE DISTRICT.
We now have the pleasure of informing our friends and customers that we have completed opening our stock of fine FANCY GOODS for the holidays, and shall be pleased to show them to all persons wishing to make purchases. We name in part rich China, Bohemian and Lava Vases, Mustache and Motto Cups and Saucers, Punch Bowls, Bureau Sets, Colognes, Puff Boxes, Card Receivers, Tete a Tete Sets, Cigar Stands, Tobacco Boxes, Toy Tea Sets, and a variety of Toys. Also, a beautiful assortment of Dinner, Tea and Toilet Sets.
WEBB & BEVERIDGE,
de 8-10tif* 504, Odd Fellows Hall, 7th street.

BALLS, PARTIES, &c.

REMEMBER THE 15TH.
First Grand BALL of the Capitol Hill Friendship Association, to be given at Seaton Hall, corner of Ninth and D streets, on THURSDAY, December 15th, 1864. The Committee have spared no pains to make this one of the most pleasant Balls of the season. Entrance for ladies on 9th st. No hats or caps allowed in the room.
FLOOR MANAGERS.—J. Shehan, J. Fry, T. McCormick, M. Olune, T. J. Luxen, Balletmaster. d14-2t*

THE ISLAND SOCIAL CLUB
Take great pleasure in announcing to their friends and the public generally that they intend giving their
FIRST GRAND SOIREE
AT ISLAND HALL,
Corner 6th and D streets, Island, on
WEDNESDAY, December 14, 1864.
Tickets 50 cents, admitting a Gentleman and Ladies.
By order of Committee of Arrangements. 1t

GRAND LEVEE AND BALL OF CHIPPEWA TRIBE, No. 9, IMPROVED O. R. M.,
WILL TAKE PLACE AT
TEMPERANCE HALL,
On E street, between 9th and 10th sts.,
ON TUESDAY EVENING, December 20, 1864.
Tickets, admitting a gentleman and ladies, ONE DOLLAR. de 13 4t*

GET READY
for the
GRAND ANNUAL BALL
of the
JOURNEYMEN BOOK BINDER'S SOCIETY,
to take place TUESDAY EVENING, January 10th, 1865, at
ODD FELLOWS' HALL 7th street.
Particulars in future advertisements. d13-4t*

FIRST SOIREE OF THE FIRST WARD SOCIAL CLUB,
Will be given at their Hall, corner Penn'a avenue and 20th street,
WEDNESDAY, December 14, 1864.
Tickets $1. No tickets sold at the door.
MANAGERS.
W. Burch, E. Perkins,
J. McConnick, E. Brown,
T. Baker. dec 13-2t*

THE FIRST GRAND BALL
of the
TIN PLATE AND SHEET-IRON WORKERS' ASSOCIATION
Will be given on
MONDAY EVENING, December 19,
At TEMPERANCE HALL,
(E street, between 9th and 10th streets.)
The Committee have spared neither pains nor expense to make this the Grand Ball of the season.
Heald's popular String Band has been engaged for the occasion.
Refreshments will be furnished at city prices.
Tickets, ONE DOLLAR, admitting a gentleman and ladies; to be had of the members, or at the door.
Positively no hats or caps allowed in the room.
By order of
dec 12-M,W,F,&d2t* THE COMMITTEE.

I. O. O. F.
GRAND LEVEE AND BALL.
The members of HARMONY LODGE, No. 9, I. O. O. F., respectfully inform the Order and Public in general that their ANNUAL LEVEE AND BALL will take place at Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, on THURSDAY EVENING, December 15th.
The best cotillion music has been engaged, and the refreshments has been procured from the best Confectioner in the city.
☞ A car will leave the hall at 1½ o'clock for Georgetown, and every arrangement has been made to insure a pleasant time to all who may attend.
Tickets ONE DOLLAR, admitting a Gentleman and Ladies.
By order of the Committee. dec 10-4t

F. R. LABBE'S
DANCING ACADEMY
Is now open for the reception of pupils at Parker's Hall, Pa. avenue, between 6th and 7th sts., opposite Metropolitan Hotel.
Days of tuition for ladies, misses and masters, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 3 o'clock until 7. Gentlemen's classes same evening, from half-past 7 until half-past 10.
N. B. The hall can be rented for balls or parties by applying on the above evenings. de 9-1w*

H. J. RUSSELL'S DANCING ACADEMY.—Now open for the reception of pupils, at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Mondays and Wednesdays. no 22-eo1m*

MARINI'S FASHIONABLE DANCING ACADEMY,
TEMPERANCE HALL,
E street, between 9th and 10th sts.
This Academy is now open for the reception of pupils.
DAYS OF TUITION.
For Ladies, Misses and Masters—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 3 to 5 p. m.
Gentleman's Class—Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, from 8 to 10 p. m.
Those desirous of joining may do so by applying at the Academy during school hours. Quarter commencing on entry. oc 8

LOST AND FOUND.

$2 REWARD.—Lost, on Sunday night, in F street, near 20th, a LADIES' WHITE LACE CAP, red trimmings. The above reward will be given if left at 140 F street. dec 14 2t*

FOUND—Last night, between 12 and 1 o'clock, a HORSE and WAGON. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away. On south K street, between 4½ and 6th streets.
dec 14-3t* LEWIS WATSON.

DOG LOST—From 284 H street, on Thursday, December 8, a small GREYHOUND DOG. Has a bald spot, about the size of a silver half dollar on his back. A liberal reward will be paid at 284 H street, between 17th and 18th, for the delivery of the above dog. 1t*

$10 REWARD.—Lost, on Saturday evening last, by a lady, at the Orphans' Fair at Odd Fellows' Hall, a CHINCHILLA FUR COLLAR. The above reward will be paid to whoever will return it to the office of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad, corner 15th street and Pa. avenue. de 14-3t

LOST—On Saturday evening, at the Baltimore depot, three (3) children's MUFFS. The finder will be rewarded by leaving them at 55 Louisiana ave., between 6th and 7th sts. dec 13-2t*

LOST—On the 12th instant, a large black Newfoundland DOG, white toes, and end of tail white. The finder will be liberally rewarded by returning it to J. M. MAY, No. 69 High street, Georgetown, D. C. dec 13-3t*

$5 REWARD—COW LOST—Strayed away about ten days ago a long, fine looking darkish BRINDLE COW. She is dry; whitish under the belly; has horns. Return her to 523 I street, between 6th and 7th, to Mrs. FENWICK. de 13-3t*

LOST—A silver detached or anchor lever WATCH, No. 5953, "Z. Smith, Ellsworth, Maine," engraved on a silver inside case. The finder will receive a liberal reward by leaving it No. 410 13th street, between G and H sts. north.
de 13-2t* J. B. OSGOOD.

TAKEN UP—Two COWS—one spotted red and white; the other white, with both ears tipped with red; both cows dry. The owners are requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take them away. JOHN DOUGLAS,
d 13-2t* Near Benning's Bride, Eastern Branch.

$150 REWARD.—Stolen from my father's plantation, about the 1st of December last, two HORSES—one a brown, about 15 hands high, 12 years old, with heavy mane and tail; the other a light bay, with, perhaps, one white foot behind, and a small star in the forehead, 9 years old; both in good condition, lame in their front legs, as if foundered, and up headed when moving. I will give $100 for the detection and conviction of the thief or thieves, and $25 for the delivery to me of either of the horses, or information leading to their recovery.
CHARLES C. HILL, Collington.
de 9-eo3t* Prince George's county, Md.

BOARDING.

FOUR GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED with Board in a private family, No. 96 G street, between 7th and 8th sts., Island. 1t*

FURNISHED ROOMS CAN BE OBTAINED for gentlemen and their families, with Board, at 372 C street, corner of 4½. Table Boarders can also be accommodated. d 14-3t*

PERSONAL.

INFORMATION WANTED OF JAMES HENRY CRAWFORD, aged 14 years, about 5 feet 4 inches high, complexion dark. When last seen he was at the market, corner 7th street and avenue, on Saturday. A liberal reward will be given for his return to CHAS. CRAWFORD, on A street, a few doors east of the Old Capitol. de 14-1w*

NOTICE.—I hereby forwarn all persons from crediting my wife, E. K. Kelly, as I will pay no debts of her contracting.
d 13 3t* H. F. KELLY.

CLOTHING!
I respectfully announce to the citizens and strangers of the District that I have now on hand a fine and complete assortment of
FALL AND WINTER CLOTHING,
of which I will enumerate a small portion:
OVERCOATS,
Black, Blue, Brown, Drab, Chinchilla, Frock and Sack, French, English and American; Beaver of all colors.
COATS,
A beautiful assortment of English Frock and Sack Double and Single Breasted Walking Coats, together with a large variety of Cassimere Business Suits.
My goods are all made and trimmed in the latest New York styles, and cannot be excelled in this city.
Persons who wish to purchase any Ready-made Garments will find it to their advantage by calling on me before purchasing elsewhere, as they will get fine goods at low prices.
A. STRAUS, Pa. avenue,
between 10th and 11th streets;
d 13-3t* also, at 178 Pa. av., bet. 17th and 18th sts.

SHAKE, SHAKE, SHAKE no longer, but procure at MOORE'S Drug Store 113 Penn'a ave. west, a bottle of his INFALLIBLE AGUE CURE. Have you a cough? Get a bottle of his TAR AND WILD CHERRY. oc 15-3t

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Jay Cooke & Co. furnish the following quotations of Government securities:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1864.

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6's Coupon 1881	116	117
U. S. 5-20's	108	109
7 3-10 Treasury Notes	—	—
One Year Certificates	97¼	97¾
Certificate Checks	98	—

NEW YORK—FIRST BOARD.
Coupons, 116¼; 5-20's, 108½; Certificates, 97¾; Gold, 235½.

SAVANNAH PROBABLY OURS.

It is very generally believed in military circles here to-day that Savannah is now in possession of Sherman. It is not thought that the rebels can have brought together, including State militia, more than ten thousand men, and it is believed that the defences of Savannah, especially on the land side, are by no means of so formidable a character as the rebels have endeavored to represent. Consequently, if Sherman was on Saturday within five miles of the city, it is very certain that it is now in his hands.

IMPORTANT FROM GEORGIA, IF TRUE.

Sherman Reported to have had a Great Battle at the outer defences of Savannah and to have defeated the Rebels with a loss to them of from three to four thousand!

Twelve hundred Prisoners reported Taken

Also, Colors, Cannon, and Small Arms.

Sherman in a Commanding Position.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A special Washington despatch to the World says:

"I have just heard some news from Sherman, which I am informed came direct from loyal residents of Richmond. The statements made are of the highest importance if true; and I transmit them just as they were given, without affirming or denying their authenticity. Should the Richmond papers of to-day, which I shall receive to-morrow, be reticent in regard to Sherman's movements, there will be additional reasons for credeting the subjoined reports.

The party says that, on Saturday, the 10th instant, at an early hour, three grand corps of Sherman's army, estimated at 20,000 men, including a large brigade of cavalry, had succeeded in crossing the Ogeechee river, below Bloomingdale, some twelve miles below Savannah, and massing between that point and Telfair, the next station adjacent on the line of the Georgia Central railroad.

The left wing was extended so as to cut the Charleston and Savannah Railroad and sever all communication between Savannah and the rebel forces at the inlet, unless by water, thus placing them in imminent danger of being captured.

Communication had been effected the previous day with Foster, who was again rapidly advancing on Grahamsville, the rebels retreating from their strong position south of Pocotaligo bridge, evidently alarmed at finding themselves threatened both in front and rear by a superior force.

Sherman found himself confronted by a large force of Confederate regulars, and Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina militia, entrenched behind hasty, but well constructed earth works. A battle began early in the day and was contested with great fury on both sides. A large detachment of the Savannah garrison, which is declared to number 12,000 veterans, including two brigades from Lee's army participated. Towards noon a charge was effected by the Union troops which carried some of the works on the enemy's left centre, threatening to cut himself off from the inlet and city. This success greatly inspired Sherman's troops, fatigued and travel worn as they were.

A general advance along the whole line doubled up the rebel formation, which at first sullenly, but at length in considerable confusion, fell back to the immediate vicinity of the works in the rear of Savannah, our troops advancing in pursuit, close to Telfair on the south, and a corresponding distance along the upper railroad. They were, however, so exhausted by the march of the previous night and the day's engagement that further pursuit was impossible, particularly as the Confederate works were found to be strong. There had been some fighting on Friday, along the Central road, but it was merely preliminary to Saturday's operations.

The loss was severe on both sides, amounting to about twenty-five hundred Union, in all, and between three and four thousand rebels, among whom were fully twelve hundred prisoners, including many officers of rank, colors, cannon, small-arms of all kinds of all kind, wagons and caissons, were taken by our troops. Smith, Hardee, and Coob were in command of the rebels, whose loss at first was less than ours, owing to the protection of field works and the difference of the ground, but at the close of the action they suffered tremendously.

It was believed that the entire body of the Confederates at the head of the inlet, numbering four or five thousand, would be captured.

The greatest consternation prevailed at Charleston and Richmond, in which latter place the news was studiously concealed from the population, although the agitation at headquarters was very perceptible, and excited a general comment.

The news was expressed secretly through the country west of the Charleston railroad, from the head of the inlet to a point beyond Pocotaligo bridge, and thence telegraphed via Charleston to the rebel capital, reaching the latter place on Sunday p. m. Thence it is said to have been conveyed by trusty agent to parties here. Of course it was impossible to obtain further particulars than the outline of the intelligence thus hastily collected. But a day or two must reveal all. Suffice it to say that the last word left Sherman close to the coast, either able to form a junction with Foster and the fleet or attack Savannah with success.

NEWS FROM REBEL SOURCES.

Union Force Moving on Mobile from New Orleans.

The Richmond *Whig* of Monday states that on the 1st instant two divisions of Canby's troops left Baton Rouge, moving in the direction of Mobile. The Federal force was composed of infantry, cavalry and artillery.

The tone of the announcement in the *Whig* indicates that some uneasiness was felt in rebeldom in regard to the movement.

PERSONS COMING WITHIN OUR LINES.

Hereafter persons from without our lines arriving at any outpost of this Department, and desiring to come within our lines, will be detained at the outposts until orders are received from General Auger for their disposition.

SPECIAL MUSTER.

Yesterday a special muster took place at several of the military headquarters in this city, and the labor performed by each officer and man was inquired into. It is anticipated that the result will be the reduction of the clerical force, and the placing upon "daily duty" of a number of detached officers, which will strike out the commutation money—a saving to the Government of $61 per month on each officer on detached duty.

OUR AFFAIRS WITH CANADA.—To-day, in the Senate, Mr. Chandler, of Michigan, introduced resolutions authorizing the organization of an army corps for the protection of our Northern frontier from incursions by rebel raiding parties. The consideration of the subject at present was objected to, but the feeling is strong in the Senate that unless Congress speedily adopts a vigorous and effective policy with regard to our Canadian relations, the inhabitants along the lakes and St. Lawrence will take the matter in their own hands, and precipitate a collision with the English Government. The release of the St. Alban raiders, announced this morning, seems to have been entirely unexpected, and is regarded as a manifestation of indifference to international obligations requiring immediate attention.

PERSONAL.—Gen. DeWitt C. Clarke, executive clerk of the Senate, who was to have arrived here on Monday, is still detained at his home in New England by the serious illness of his wife.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.—Contrary to expectation, the interesting ceremony of qualifying the new Chief Justice in the Supreme Court has been deferred until to-morrow.

☞ A National Convention of the Fenian Brotherhood will be held in Cincinnati on the 11th of January next.

☞ The "Union" is the title of a new paper just started at St. Josephs, Missouri.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WEDNESDAY, December 14.

SENATE.—Mr. Nesmith presented a memorial of the Oregon Legislature, praying the establishment in that State of a manufactory of arms. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Grimes, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the President's recommendation on the subject, reported a joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Captain John A. Winslow, U. S. Navy, his officers, and men, on board of the Kearsarge, for their successful conflict with and sinking of the piratical craft Alabama.

Mr. Grimes said the facts in the case were well known; and on his motion the resolution was at once considered and passed.

Mr. Grimes also reported from the same committee, in accordance with the President's suggestion, a joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Lieut. Wm. B. Cushing, U. S. N, his officers and men, for their gallantry in destroying the rebel iron-clad Albemarle on the night of the 27th of October last; and it was considered and passed.

Mr. Wilson, from the Military Committee reported favorably on the bill to encourage enlistments and promote the efficiency of the military and naval forces.

Mr. Trumbull, from the Judiciary Committee, reported on the memorial of members of the Washington bar, for authority to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia to employ a stenographic reporter, and asking to be discharged from its further consideration; and they were so discharged.

Mr. Chandler said that he saw in this mornings papers an announcement from Toronto, that the St. Alban's raiders had been discharged, and there was great excitement. He had two resolutions which he proposed to offer on this subject, and as it was possible Senators might not understand the state of feeling on the frontier, on the subject of these rebel raids and Canadian action, he would read a letter from one of the most prominent citizens of Detroit. It is dated the 10th inst., as follows:

"The anxiety growing out of the mist and doubt encircling every rumor that reaches us is not to be endured and upon slight provocation one of these days, regardless of neutral lines, our people will be found in Canada, engaged in some act that the Canadian Government will say is wrong, and sooner or later war will be the result."

Mr. Chandler said that the citizens on the border in his State had been under arms for some time in consequence of these outrages. As he understood it, Davis sends a commission to some leader who organizes his band in Canada and comes over to this side and murders, robs, burns and destroys, and then are protected by the Canadian authorities. Vermont may consent to have her towns burned and citizens robbed, but the citizens of the Northwest will not. He offered the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, recent raids have been organized in the Canadas and Nova Scotia, and men enlisted in said British provinces, men purporting to hold commissions from the rebels of the United States for robbing and murdering peacable citizens of the United States, of burning cities and villages, of piratically capturing merchant vessels and murdering their crews, and for a general system of murder, arson, robberies, and punder of the peaceable and unarmed citizens of the United States.

And whereas, the people of the British provinces seemed disposed to protect these thieves, robbers, incendiaries, traitors, and murderers, not only in their individual capacities, but by the quibbles of the law: Therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Military Affairs be directed to inquire into the expediency of immediately enlisting an army corps to watch and defend our Territories and frontier on the Lakes and Canadian line.

Mr. Johnson objected to the reception of the paper; and it lies over under the rule.

HOUSE.—Mr. Wilson of Iowa, from the Committee on Judiciary, reported a bill to the effect that sailors and marines, of foreign birth, as well as those who serve as soldiers, either in the volunteer or regular army, may become citizens after one years' residence, provided they serve therein for one year, and have been honorably discharged. The bill was passed.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Ways and Means reported—

A Bill for the payment of invalid and other pensions, and

A Bill providing for Diplomatic and Consular expenses.

They were ordered to be printed and made the order of the day for to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Brooks, it was resolved that the Committee on Foreign Affairs inquire into the expediency of forthwith providing, by treaty or otherwise, for the protection of our Canadian and provincial frontier from murder, arson and burglary on pretence of rebel invasion.

Mr. Schenck, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill to drop from the rolls of the army unemployed general officers. All major generals and brigadier generals who on the 15th day of February, 1865, shall not be in the performance of duty or service corresponding to their respective grade and rank, and who shall not have been engaged in such duty or service for three months continuously next prior to that date shall be dropped. This act is to be continuous. The bill was passed, 98 against 38.

The House passed the Senate bill appropriating $1,000,000 for the purchase or construction of six steam revenue cutters on the lakes.

The House went into committee on the President's Message, when Mr. Brooks made a speech against intolerance and hasty legislation on the subject of slavery.

The House laid on the table—yeas 68, nays 66—the resolution introduced last July authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a commission of three persons to inquire and report at the earliest practicable moment the best and most efficient mode of raising by taxation the necessary amount of revenue for supplying the wants of the Government, having regard to the sources from which derived, with power to take testimony under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE CASE OF DR. KEASBY.—The trial of Dr. J. B. Keasby, surgeon to the Board of Enrollment of this District, charged with being engaged in procuring substitutes contrary to the act of Congress, with willful neglect to make faithful examinations and true reports of persons presenting themselves for substitutes and recruits, and for conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline, was resumed this morning by the court-martial, of which Brig. Gen. Briggs is President and Lieut. Col. Burham Judge Advocate.

The testimony last given in yesterday was by Augustus O. Ball, recently a clerk in the same room with Dr. J. B. Keasby, in the Board of Enrollment, and related to the bounty paid by Massachusetts for recruits, and the number of agents from that State who took recruits to the office of the Board of Enrollment; it also related to the premium paid by Captain Scheetz for recruits.

This morning, after the reading of the minutes of yesterday—

Otis W. Boyden was sworn on part of the prosecution.—Is a resident of this city; is a clerk; knows the accused.

Q. State what conversation occurred between Dr