THE EVENING STAR.

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WASHINGTON CITY:
THURSDAY ..... DECEMBER 15, 1864.

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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.

EXTRA.

GLORIOUS NEWS!

Official Dispatch from Admiral Dahlgren.

HE IS IN COMMUNICATION WITH SHERMAN!

THE NAVY FULLY CO-OPERATING WITH SHERMAN'S ARMY!

SAVANNAH BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN CAPTURED ON THE 11TH BY SHERMAN!

The following glorious news, additional and confirmatory of the news in Grant's despatch published elsewhere, has been received by the Navy Department. The messenger who brought the despatch from Port Royal states that as he left the harbor our naval fleet were firing salutes, and the vessels were being decked with flags, indicating that some later news of glorious import had been received from Sherman. The belief is that this news was the capture of Savannah by Sherman on the 11th inst.:

Telegram in cypher received at Washington at 10 p. m. Dec. 14th, 1864, from Port Royal Harbor, via Fortress Monroe:

Hon. Gideon Wells, Secretary of the Navy:

I have just received a communication from Sherman's army. He is a few miles from Savannah, and in fine spirits. I shall bring all my available force into connection with the army. A dispatch is forwarded with this.

Very respectfully,
J. A. DAHLGREN, Rear Admiral.

FLAG STEAMER PHILADELPHIA, PORT ROYAL HARBOR, S. C., Dec. 12, 1864.—*Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy:*—Sir: It is my business to apprise the Department that General Sherman, with his army, is near Savannah, and I am in communication with him.

In view of his probable arrival, I had stationed several steamers at different points, and had come down from the Tulifenny yesterday, in order to be at hand. I had not to wait many hours. This morning about 8 o'clock, the Dandelion arrived with Captain Duncan and two scouts, Sergeant Myron J. Emmick and George W. Quinby, bearing the following lines from General Howard:—

"HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF ARMY OF TENNESSEE, near Savannah Canal, Georgia.—*To Commander of U. S. Naval Forces, in vicinity of Savannah, Ga.:*—Sir—We have met with perfect success thus far. Troops in fine spirits, and near by. Respectfully,

Signed, O. O. HOWARD,
Major General Commanding.

Capt. Duncan states that our forces were in contact with the rebels a few miles outside of Savannah. He says they are not in want of anything.

Perhaps no event could give greater satisfaction to the country than that which I announce, and I beg leave to congratulate the U. S. Government on its occurrence.

It may perhaps be exceeding my province, but I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that the Department will commend Captain Duncan and his companions to the Honorable Secretary of War for some mark of approbation for the success in establishing communications between General Sherman and the fleet.

It was an enterpise that required both skill and courage.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. DAHLGREN, Rear Admiral
Commanding S. A. B. Squadron.

☞ NOTICE—GENERAL COMMITTEE 4TH WARD DRAFT ASSOCIATION.—You are hereby notified to attend a meeting at the Mayor's Office, City Hall, THIS (Thursday) EVENING, the 15th inst., at 6½ o'clock, to transact business in relation to the draft.

A punctual attendance is requested.

it A. LLOYD, President.

☞ FAIR.

The ladies attached to Ryland Chapel will hold a Fair in the Church, corner of 19th and D streets, Island, commencing MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1864, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the completion of the church edifice. A fine band of music will be in attendance. Admission—Adults 15 cts.; children under 12 years of age 10 cts; season tickets 50 cts. de 15-3t

☞ 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 Assoc'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*

☞ NOTICE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, Dec. 10, 1864.

The public are hereby notified that every person residing in any street or avenue in this city, shall, within six hours daylight after any fall of snow, have the same removed from the pavement in front of his or her house, under the penalty prescribed by the act approved January 17 1856, which the police have been instructed rigidly to enforce. RICHARD WALLACH,

dec 10-eo5t [Intel. & Columb'n.] Mayor.

☞ COLLECTOR'S OFFICE,

Washington, December 9, 1864.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.—Notice is hereby given to all persons in arrears for taxes, whether special or annual tax, that unless the same is paid at this office before the 1st day of January next, the property on which the tax is due will then be advertised and sold as the law directs. Those who wish to avoid the heavy expense of advertising will please pay within the time named.

de 10-eo7w WM. DIXON, Collector.

☞ 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. HICE,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
NO. 448 E STREET NORTH, BET. 6TH AND 7TH STS.
Office Hours, From 8 to 10 a. m.; " 1 to 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*

☞ PIANO FOR SALE.—A handsome PIANO, in perfect order, with fine cloth cover, music stool and sack. Will be sold for $325—manufactured by "Lind." Apply 51 Market st., Georgetown, below 4th. d15-3t*

FINANCIAL.—The New York Evening Post says:

Gold opened at 233¾, and after falling to 233¼, rose to 235¾, closing at 235. Exchange is dull at 109¼ for specie.

The loan market is easy and languid. Lenders are glad to obtain 7 per cent. for demand loans to the brokers. But in consequence of the quietude of business and the temporary cessation of speculative enterprise, there is very little demand for accommodation. Mercantile paper is very dull, and passes slowly at 7@9 per cent.

The stock market is feeble and feverish.

Last evening's New York Tribune says:

Gold opened at 233¼ and was steady for several hours. Upon the return of General Warren the rate was pushed up to 235¾, but it soon fell to 234, and closed at 234¼. Government stocks early in the day were in demand at full prices, under an impression that an official announcement would be made by the Secretary of the Treasury that no more gold bearing stocks of any kind would be issued. This was not done, and the 5-20's, to 108¾ for the new issue. It is understood that $20,000,000 of 10-40's, would have been taken by leading dealers in United States securities, thus bringing the issue of that loan up to $100,000,000 upon the Secretary giving the assurance required and officially withdrawing the 5 per cents.

CASE OF THE ST. ALBANS RAIDERS.—The pretext upon which the St. Albans raiders have been set at large, and their plunder restored to them, namely, that it was necessary, under the act of the British Parliament, for the Governor General to have issued his warrant for their arrest, is believed to be the first in the many cases of extradition which have taken place where it has been put forward. The Canadian acts of the 30th of May, 1849, and 15th of May, 1861, were passed expressly to provide for the contrary. They contain the following words: "And whereas certain provisions of the act passed by the Parliament of Great Britian, for the apprehension of certain offenders, have been found inconvenient in practice in this province, and more especially that provision which requires that before any such offender as aforesaid shall be arrested, a warrant shall issue under the hand and seal of the person administering the Government," &c.

☞ The Pension Appropriation Bill, reported yesterday from the Committee of Ways and Means, for the expenses of the year ending June 30, 1866, provides $4,000,000, for invalid pensions; $7,000,000 for pensions to widows, mothers, children, and sisters; and $230.000 for Revolutionary pensions; an aggregate of $11,230,000.

☞ General Sherman's youngest child, about six months old, died last week, at the residence of speaker Colfax, South Bend Indiana, where Mrs. Sherman is sojourning.

SKATES AND SLEDS.

VILOCIPEDES AND ROCKING HORSES,
TOOL CHESTS,
GUNS,
PISTOLS,
FINE POCKET CUTLERY,
FANCY BASKETS, &c.,

All in great variety, and at low prices, at
R. C. JOHNSON & CO.'S,
d 15-tdec24 Penn. av., bet. 10th and 11th sts.

GREAT BARGAINS.

Prime SUGARS, 19c, 22c and 23c.
New BUCKWHEAT, GOLDEN SYRUP, only $1.50
Best BLACK TEA, only $1 25
New CITRON, CURRANTS and RAISINS
Choice Brands FAMILY and EXTRA FLOUR
Fresh SPICES, all kinds
CANNED FRUITS, Choice MINCE MEAT
Choice TUB and PRINT BUTTER
Fresh FLAVORING EXTRACTS
Old BOURBON, WHEAT and RYE WHISKEY
Choice WINES, BRANDIES and SEGARS,
For sale low.
S. EVANS,
de15-10t* 487 9th st., bet. D and E.

GENTLEMEN'S FINE CLOTHING!

LATEST STYLES!

BEST QUALITY OF GOODS!

PRICES LOW!

We offer the largest assortment in this city of GENTLEMEN'S DRESS SUITS,
BUSINESS SUITS,
OVERCOATS,
FINE SHIRTS,
UNDERSHIRTS,
DRAWERS
AND
FURNISHING GOODS
of all styles and qualities, which we will sell at the lowest rates.

WALL, STEPHENS & CO.,
322 Penn. avenue.
Between 9th and 10th streets.
de 15-2w [Int. & Chron.]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE COMPTROLLER OF CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, December 14, 1864.

Whereas, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that *The Merchants' National Bank of Washington*, in the *City of Washington*, in the county of *Washington* and *District of Columbia*, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing the business of banking under said act:

Now, therefore, I, Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that *The Merchants' National Bank of Washington*, in the *City of Washington*, in the county of *Washington* and *District of Columbia*, is authorized to commence the business of banking under the act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office this *fourteenth day of December*, 1864.

[L. S.] HUGH McCULLOCH,
dec 15-d6ot Comptroller of the Currency.

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.

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*

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.

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.

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 $1 30 worth $2 50.

Ladies heeled Goat Balmorals, at $1.75 worth $2.75.

Ladies French Glove Kid Buckle Boots, at $4 50 worth $6 50.

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, $1.75, worth $2 50.

Men's Sewed Buckle Boots, $4 worth $6.

Men's heavy Boots, $3 25 worth $5,

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.

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

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*

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*

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.

LOST—$5 REWARD—This (Thursday) morning, a small white LAP DOG. Any one returning it to No. 288 H street, will receive the above reward. dec 15-2t*

FOUND—A WALLET containing money and papers. Apply to CHAS. M. MATTHEWS, Attorney at Law, Georgetown, D. C., or corner 8th and Penn's av., Washington city, D. C. 1t*

TAKEN UP last Sunday, one dark MULE, with harness. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take him away, on Springhill Farm, near Georgetown.

de15-3t* W. H. PETTIT.

$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.

$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 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*

BOARDING.

BOARD.—A gentleman and wife, or two gentlemen, can be accommodated with BOARD and pleasant ROOM in a private family, 475 Massachusetts avenue, between 4th and 5th sts. d 15-2t*

FOUR GENTLEMEN CAN BE ACCOMMODATED with BOARD in a private family, by calling at No. 99 F street, between 7th and 8th streets, 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.

NOTICE.—I forewarn all persons from harboring or trusting my wife, E. K. KELLY, as she has left my bed and board without cause or provocation. [dec 15 3t*] H. F. KELLY.

PERSONAL.—A gentleman is desirous of corresponding with a young lady with a view to matrimony. She must be pretty and not over twenty years of age. All who mean sincerity, address HARRY FORREST, Washington, D. C.

de 15 3t*

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.

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

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.

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 13-d1w&eo2w Metropolitan Hotel.

THE NEW PHILADELPHIA PRODUCE AND BUTTER STORE—Keep none but best articles, and fresh—Pure country Lard. Also, the Sugar coated, healthy Pop Corn. Fresh Groceries, Sugars, cheap and good, Wholesale and retail, 334 D st., near 10th st. d13-3t*

394 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. 394

FURS! FURS!! FURS!!!

The greatest inducements ever known in
HATS, CAPS and
LADIES' DRESS FURS.

Call early and see for yourselves at

M. O. GLADMON & CO.'S
New Hat, Cap and Fur Store,
No. 394 Penna. av., bet. 4½ and 6th sts.
dec 13-2w*

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15, 1864.

	Buying.	Selling
U. S. 6's Coupon 1881.....	116¼	117¼
U. S. 5-20's.....	108¼	109¼
7 3-10 Treasury Notes.....	—	—
One Year Certificates.....	97½	98
Certificate Checks.....	98	—

NEW YORK—FIRST BOARD.

Coupons, 117; 5-20's, 108⅛; Certificates, 97¾; Gold, 237¼.

FROM CITY POINT.

Large Number of Contrabands Brought in from Warren's Expedition—Rebel Deserters Coming in out of the Cold.

The steamer Matilda arrived here this morning from City Point. She came up with the mail and passengers in place of the regular mail boat, James T. Brady, which has gone to Baltimore for repairs.

Passengers who came up on the Matilda state that when Gen. Warren's command returned to their old camping ground from their late expedition they were received with deafening cheers by the troops along our lines.

The unusual quietude which has existed in front of Petersburg for a week past, remained unbroken up to yesterday morning, when the Matilda left City Point.

The Matilda brought up to Alexandria between two and three hundred contrabands—men, women and children—a portion of those brought in by Warren's expedition to Hicksford. The contrabands swarmed to Warren's banner, and a large number of them remain at City Point awaiting transportation to Alexandria and Washington.

The cold falling weather of December is having the effect of thinning the rebel ranks, and each day brings into our lines at various points squads of rebel deserters. The Matilda brought up to this city eighty-eight rebel deserters, and as a number of them belong to the rebel ironclad Virginia, now lying on the James above Chapin's Bluff, it will be seen that wholesale desertions are not confined to the army alone. Of the number brought up on the Matilda, 32 are of Virginia regiments, 16 of Alabama, 17 of North Carolina, and 8 of Georgia regiments. The remainder represent nearly every regiment in the Confederate service. They are all privates, however, excepting one Quartermaster.

PROPOSALS FOR FURNISHING FRESH BEEF.

To-day, Lieut. Col. George Bell, Chief Commissary of Subsistence, opened at his office the bids for furnishing fresh beef to our troops and prisoners at Point Lookout, Md., for six months from the first of January. The following are the bids, none of which has been accepted as yet:—Edw'd Kimberly, 12.91 cents per pound; Miller & White, 15.65 cents per pound, Wm. J. Pentz, 15.51 cents per pound; Elias Shipman, 12⅝ cents per pound; J. J. Bankard, 13.23 cents per pound; J. W. D. Pantz, 12.91 per pound.

PAROLED PRISONERS FROM CHARLESTON HARBOR.

Capt. Poland, Chief Mustering officer of this Department, to-day received a dispatch from Annapolis, announcing that last night a vessel arrived there with 960 privates and 43 officers, paroled by the rebels in Charleston Harbor.

The 750 paroled prisoners that arrived at Annapolis on Saturday last have all been mustered for pay.

GENERAL LOGAN.

This distinguished officer returned to this city yesterday afternoon on the steamer John Brooks, from City Point, where he had been on a visit to Gen. Grant. Gen. Logan will start at once, via New York, to report for duty with Sherman.

THE NEWS FROM SAVANNAH.

The large flag of the Navy Department is flying at full mast to day over the glorious news from Sherman, and the probable capture of Savannah.

CONFIRMATIONS.—The following confirmations were made in the Senate to-day:

Joseph G. Bowman, Assessor Internal Revenue First District Indiana, vice James G. Hutchinson, removed.

Benjamin F. Scribner, Collector of Internal Revenue same district, vice Henry Crawford, removed.

B. Platt Carpenter, Assessor of Internal Revenue Twelfth District New York.

Jonathan J. Wright, Collector Internal Revenue Sixth District Indiana.

A GUNBOAT FOR LIBERIA.—The Senate to-day passed a bill authorizing the construction of a gunboat for the Republic of Liberia, to be paid for by that Government in installments. This measure, it is believed, will enable Liberia to break up the African slave trade, and relieve a portion of our naval squadron required from time to time on the African coast The House, however, will probably be less expeditious in passing the bill, owing to the objections of the opposition, and a protracted discussion is anticipated.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.—The ceremony of qualifying the new Chief Justice took place in the Supreme Court to-day, Mr. Chase reading the prescribed oath, and the clerk of the court reading the commission, after which the chief justice took his seat on the bench, and immediately commenced the business of the day. A few attorneys were also qualified to plead before the court. The attendance of spectators was large, and the crowd, after witnessing the simple ceremony of reading the oath, quietly dispersed.

ATTENDANCE OF SENATORS.—Senator Richardson arrived this morning from Illinois, and took his seat in the Senate. With the exception of Mr. Hale, who is not expected to arrive for some time, the Senate is now full.

ADJOURNED TILL MONDAY.—The Senate adopted a motion to-day to adjourn till Monday next. The House, however, having considerable important business on hand, will, probably, refuse to adjourn over.

GONE TO PHILADELPHIA.—General Hancock left Washington yesterday for Philadelphia, on business connected with the organization of his new army corps. He is expected to return today.

QUALIFICATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.—Hon. James Speed was yesterday qualified as Attorney General in the Supreme Court before Judge Wayne.

SENATOR MORRILL.—Owing to sudden and serious illness in his family, Senator Morrill left for his home in Maine last evening.

PERSONAL.—Lord Lyons, the British minister at Washington, sailed from New York yesterday for Liverpool.

☞ From Shillington, Odeon Building, we have a copy of the excellent January number of *Harper's Magazine;* also, *Peterson's National Magazine* for the same month.

CONGRESSIONAL.

THURSDAY, December 15.

SENATE.—Mr. Willey presented the petition of the Franklin Insurance Company of Washington, praying the extension and amendment of their charter. Referred to the District Committee.

Mr. Cowan presented a petition of a large number of cigar makers of Philadelphia asking that the tax be taken off manufactured tobacco and put on the raw material. Referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Wilson presented the petition of Charles K. Graham, of the Army of the James, and other officers, praying an increase of pay, of the commutation for rations, &c. Referred to the Military Committee.

Mr. Sumner offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested, if not inconsistent with the public interest, to furnish to the Senate any information on the files of the Department of State concerning the paper published in the volume of treaties, and entitled "Arrangement between the United States and Great Britain, between Richard Rush, Esq., acting as Secretary of State, and Charles Bagot, his Britanic Majesty, Envoy Extraordinary," relating to the naval force to be maintained upon the American lakes.

Mr. Lane, of Kansas, offered a resolution that the Committee on the Conduct of the War be instructed to inquire as to the truth of the alleged charge that large numbers of disloyal persons are in the employment of the Government, in the navy yards, quartermasters and ordnance depots, &c., of the country, to the exclusion of loyal men, and have authority to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Lane said a statement was made in his presence last night in a public speech that a few days ago a son of a soldier who had perished of starvation in a rebel prison, applied at the Philadelphia Navy Yard for employment, which was necessary for the maintenance of the family left by this soldier, and was refused, while at the same time there were thousands of disloyal men in the employment of that Navy Yard. He desired to call the attention of the Committee on Naval Affairs also to this statement.

Mr. Chandler suggested that as the Committee on the Conduct of the War had as much before it as it could probably do between this and the 4th of March next, the subject had better be referred to a special committee.

Mr. Lane said his object was to have the investigation made and the report upon it before the installation of the new administration, so that if such an evil existed the policy should be changed with that installation. He believed that no government could be successfully administered unless it surrounded itself with officers in sympathy with it.

Mr. Johnson said he did not know that he had any more confidence in the Administration than the Senator from Kansas, but he had no doubt the President would see to it that the officers were filled by loyal men. Whatever might be said as to the loyalty of the Navy Yard employees it was, he believed, a fact that they all voted for Mr. Lincoln. He thought that ought to be a sufficient test, if the reverse fact was to be considered a proof of disloyalty. He did not believe the Senate had any right to interfere in this matter, which he thought was one pertaining to the Executive Department of the Government. Suppose the investigation turned out as the Senator from Kansas anticipated, what would the Senate do? Nothing but express an opinion which could have no legal binding whatever upon the President, and he might or might not disregard it either, because he thought it his interest to do so, or because he did not concur in the conclusions of the Senate on the subject. He was opposed to the resolution.

After some further remarks by other Senators, the resolution was adopted, Mr. Johnson only voting nay.

Mr. Chandler called up his preamble and resolution offered yesterday, condemning the action of the British authorities in Canada concerning rebel raiders upon the Lake frontier, and instructing the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of immediately enlisting an army corps for defense in that quarter.

Mr. Sumner suggested the reference of the subject to the Committee on Foreign Relations, instead of the Military Committee. If that reference were made, he should not now discuss the matter; otherwise he should have something to say.

Mr. Chandler accepted the suggestion, and the resolution was adopted directing the Committee on Foreign Relations to make the inquiry indicated.

Mr. Chandler also called up his other preamble and resolution condemning the precipitancy of Great Britain in acknowledging the rebels as belligerents and furnishing them piratical ships, and directing the Secretary of State to make claim upon Great Britain for the value of all American ships and cargoes destroyed by the rebel cruisers so furnished; and it also was referred to the Committee on Foreign relations.

HOUSE.—Mr. Holman introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of War for copies of all orders in regard to discharging soldiers enlisted to fill up old regiments, and that he inform the House whether the principle has been applied of discharging such soldiers when such old regiments are mustered out.

On motion of Mr. Schenck, the resolution was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, which he said has the subject under consideration and has already procured information upon the subject.

Mr. Griswold introduced a resolution, which was adopted, directing an investigation into all the facts pertaining to pensions, and what measures can be adopted to secure them employment independent of the Government.

Mr. Schenck reported from the Committee on Military Affairs a bill for the better organization of the Subsistence Department; which was ordered to be printed.

The House passed the Senate's joint resolutions giving the thanks of Congress to Captain Winslow and to Lieutenant Cushing—for the gallantry of these officers, the one in destroying the Alabama, and the other for destroying the Albemarle.

Mr. Davis, of Maryland, offered a resolution, declaring that Congress has the Constitutional right to an authoritative voice in announcing and prescribing the foreign policy of the United States, as well the recognition of any foreign power as in any other matter, and that such foreign policy is not a matter of Executive negotiation while the matters are pending in Congress.

Mr. Davis moved the previous question.

Mr. Farnsworth moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Davis immediately asked to be relieved from service on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, finding that the majority of the House differed from him on the subject.

A long and animated debate ensued, in which Messrs. Davis, of Maryland, Cox, of Ohio, Boutwell, Stevens, and others participated, involving the privileges of the House and those of the Executive.

The discussion was of such an important character as will not justify a hasty summary.

The question having been taken, the House refused to excuse Mr. Davis from service on the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Bombardment of Fort Harrison—Canby's Reported Movement on Mobile—Indications of active Hostilities below Richmond.

We have reveived full files of Richmond papers of Monday, the 12th instant, from which we take the following:—

[From the Richmond Examiner, Dec. 12.]

The War News.

General Longstreet, with two divisions, is said to have made a reconnoissance beyond the left of our lines on Saturday morning. He found them defended only by pickets, marched over them, and went as far as Newmarket, where the enemy were found in force, and also a large fort, covering, with its outworks, it is said, more than an acre of ground. He made no demonstration against it; but returned to his original position. In this reconnoissance our loss was two killed and five wounded. Thirty Yankees were captured.

At two o'clock on Saturday our mortars near Elliot Hill opened on Fort Harrison. The enemy replied only twice—a single gun each time, and fired solid shot both times, then took to their bomb-proofs and fired no more. Our mortars played fifteen or twenty minutes, and threw some three hundred shells into the fort.

Reported Movement on Mobile.

[From the Richmond Whig, Dec. 12]

OSYKA, Dec. 12.—A Yankee raiding force of at least one thousand cavalry, with twelve pieces of artillery and ninety-six loaded wagons, the rest with pontoons, and commanded by General Davison, reached Tangipahoe from Baton Rouge, at 2 o'clock yesterday morning.

Last evening, after burning the conscript camps and some out-buildings, gutting the stores, pillaging the inhabitants and burning bridges, they left in the direction of Franklinton, Louisiana, which is the direct route to Pearl River. They carried with them Captain Murry, the enrolling officer; the Postmaster, Williams; the hotel keeper, and all the citizens they could catch, young and old.

Some of their pillaging was very brutal, there being no force of ours to retard them in any way. Their destination is unknown, though they themselves positively said it was Mobile. Their horses appeared much jaded. All is uncertain conjecture as to their further movements.

The News from the Front.

In spite of the snow, rain and mud, there were strong indications this morning of active hostilities on the lines below Richmond. Our forces were in line of battle, awaiting orders to advance.

Just before going to press we learned that the enemy had been driven from their exterior work on the Darbytown road. No particulars could be obtained. A general engagement imminent

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

IMPORTANT FROM THE SOUTHWEST

Movements of the Rebel General Lyons—Stoneman and Burbridge Effect a Junction.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 14.—The rebel General Lyon, on entering Hopkinsville, Monday, conscripted every man he could find, robbed the stores, and burned what he could not carry away.

General McCook's advance guard had a skirmish with General Lyon near Elkton.

Generals Stoneman and Burbridge effected a junction at Barnesville, and will closely follow General Breckinridge.

The cavalry of General Thomas's army have recrossed to the south side of the Cumberland, with the exception of a sufficient force to pursue and rout any rebel force on the north side.

New York Stock Market—First Board.

[By the People's Line—Office 511 Ninth street.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—U. S. 1881, coupon 6's, 117; U. S. 5-20's, 109; Certificates of Indebtedness