THE EVENING STAR.

W. D. WALLACH, Editor and Proprietor.

WASHINGTON CITY:
FRIDAY.....DECEMBER 16, 1864.

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EXTRA.

Official War Bulletin.

Official Report by General Thomas of the Battle before Nashville.

A BRILLIANT UNION VICTORY!

Fifteen Hundred Prisoners Captured and 17 Pieces of Artillery!

Nearly the Whole Line of the Enemy's Earthworks Captured.

The Victory to be Followed Up To-day.

Chalmers' Headquarters Captured.

The Whole Action Spendidly Successful.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16, 9.15 a. m.

Major General Dix, New York:

The following official report of the battle before Nashville has been received from Major Gen. Thomas:

"NASHVILLE, Tenn., 9 p. m., Dec. 15, 1864.—Attacked enemy's left this morning, and drove it from the river below the city very nearly to Franklin pike—distance about eight miles. Have captured Chalmers' headquarters and trains, and a second train of about twenty wagons, with between eight hundred and a thousand prisoners, and sixteen pieces of artillery. Troops behaved splendidly—all taking their share in assaulting and carrying the enemy's breastworks. I shall attack enemy again to-morrow, if he stands to fight, and if he retreats during night will pursue him, throwing heavy cavalry force in his rear to destroy his trains if possible.

"GEO. H. THOMAS, Major General."

An unofficial despatch gives the following details:

"NASHVILLE, TENN., Dec. 15, 10.30 p. m.—Our line advanced and engaged the rebel line at nine this a. m. The line was formed thus:—Steadman on left; L. J. Wood, with the 4th corps, next; A. J. Smith next, with Cox in reserve next, and the cavalry, under Wilson, fighting dismounted, occupying the extreme right, aided by gunboats on the river. The artillery practice has been fine, and at times the musketry firing continuous and heavy; and though the casualties have been light, the results are very fair.

The left occupies same ground as at morning, but right has advanced five miles, driving enemy from river, from his entrenchments, from the range of hills on which his left rested, and forced back upon his right and centre, his centre pushed back from one to three miles, with loss in all of seventeen guns and about fifteen hundred prisoners, and his whole line of earthworks, except about a mile on his extreme right, where no serious attempt was made to dislodge him.

"The whole of Hood's army is here, except the cavalry and one division, which has been detached to threaten or attack Murfreesboro.

"The whole action of to-day was splendidly successful The divisions commanded by General Kimball, of the 4th corps, by General Garrard, of the command under General A. J. Smith, and the cavalry division under General Knipe, were under my observation, and I have never seen better work. General Kimball's division carried two fortified positions by assault, with very slight loss, capturing at one point four hundred prisoners and six guns. No doubt the other parts of the line did as well. I only speak of what I saw."

No intelligence has been received from General Sherman's army later than the published dispatches transmitted by General Foster and Admiral Dahlgren.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

PUBLICATION OF THE LETTER LIST.

We notice that the New York *Herald* has positively refused to continue the publication of the letter-list advertisement of the New York City Post Office, on the ground of the inadequate rates allowed by Congress for that class of advertising.

In this city, with the enormously increased rates of printing-office expenditure over any other city in the country, the price allowed for printing the letter list is even more wretchedly inadequate than that complained of by the *Herald* in that city.

Since the present rate of compensation for printing the advertisement was fixed, printers' wages have advanced in this city more than one hundred per cent, and the cost now of setting up the advertisement in question (rule or figure work, charged by journeymen at the rate of a price and a half) is 90 cents per thousand ems. The price of paper has risen in the same time from 8½ to 28 cents per pound, and ink and every other article going to the product of a daily paper in nearly the same proportion.

The price paid by the Department for printing the list is one cent per name, and in that way the pay per line is from two to three cents, only. Further, we are required to publish at the head of each list nine squares of explanatory matter, for which no compensation is allowed by the Department.

Every jot of the prominent space we are thus obliged to either give away or sell at this inadequate rate, is worth to us from eighteen to twenty-five cents per line; and to this important item of loss must be added that from the disappointment of regular customers through having their advertisements displaced in consequence of the inordinate length to which the letter list in this city has grown since the commencement of the war.

It is to be hoped that Congress will speedily increase the rate of payment for this work, otherwise every newspaper in the land whose advertising space is of any value to it must perforce follow the example of the *Herald* in throwing up its publication.

MAJOR GENERAL HANCOCK'S STAFF.—The following is the composition of Major General Hancock's personal staff:

Brevet Brigadier General C. H. Morgan, of New York, inspector general and chief of staff Brevet Lieutenant Colonel A. N. Dougherty, of New Jersey, medical director; Brevet Colonel W. S. Mitchell, of Pennsylvania; Major J. B. Parker, of Pennsylvania, and Brevet Major W. D. W. Miller, of New York, aides-de-camp, Captain Finley Anderson, assistant adjutant general. Captain Edward Marriner, of the 162d New York, has been appointed maj. and assistant adjutant general of volunteers, and assigned to temporary duty with General Hancock.

☞ A new cartridge factory is going up in Springfield, Mass.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

FROM THE WEST.

Government Train Besieged by the Rebels.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The Lawrence Trioune says the notorious brigand Quantrell was removed in an ambulance in Price's retreating column sick beyond hope of recovery.

The recent explosion of the steamer Maria at Carondelet is said to have been the work of rebel torpedoes. An investigation is soon to be made.

The Democrat's special dispatch from Fort Scott, Kansas, December 2, says:—Yesterday a courier arrived from Fort Gibson, with dispatches, and causing apprehension for the safety of the large Government train which left camp at Dry Wood, ten miles south of this place, on November 2. The train consists of 120 wagons, three yoke of oxen to each: 30 sutlers' six mules to each, all heavily laden for Fort Gibson, distance 18 miles. They were guarded by a few dismounted Indians and cavalry and a section of artillery, and with 25 men. The train is now said to be corraled on Masher river, about one hundred miles of here, and the men throwing up intrenchments, for defense, being closely invested by the rebel General Gaines, with 7,000 men and five pieces of artillery.

Col. Moonlight is reported to be moving to the assistance of the trains.

The Rebels on the Cumberland River.

CAIRO, Dec. 15.—The steamer Olive Branch, from New Orleans, has arrived.

A steamer from the Ohio river reports that the rebel General Lyon occupies Eddyville on the Cumberland river, with a force estimated from 2,500 to 7,000. A battery posted on the east side of the river, three miles below the town, opened on the steamer Naugatuck, bound down last night, but she ran past without serious damage. All boats at Smithland have been ordered to the opposite side of the river, and gunboats have been sent to destroy the battery.

Terrible Accident.

DETROIT, Dec. 16.—A terrible accident occurred on the Grand Trunk Railroad last night, caused by a collision with the western bound train, near this city. After the collision several of the wounded passengers failed to extricate themselves from the weight of the cars and were burned to death. Two persons are known to have suffered death in this manner. The full extent of the loss of life is not yet ascertained.

Election of an United States Senator.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—Wm. M. Stewart was elected United States Senator on the first ballot, by the Legislature of Navada, to-day.

There is nothing of importance stiring in California.

New York Stock Market—First Board.

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

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—U. S. 1881, coupon 6's, 117⅛; U. S. 5-20's, 109¾; Certificates of Indebtedness, 97¾; Gold, 233⅞; N. Y. Central, 117; Erie, 93¾; Hudson River, 116¾; Reading, 135¼; Michigan Central, 128¾; Michigan Southern, 72¾; Illinois Central, 130¼; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 107⅞; Cumberland Coal Preferred, 48; Cleveland and Toledo, 112½; Chicago and Rock Island, 107¼; Milwaukie and Prairie du Chien, 54½; Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago, 101½; Alton and Terra Haute, 54; Chicago and Northwestern, 43¼; Quicksilver, 93.

☞ SEVENTH WARD EXEMPTION CLUB.

The members of the club and the citizens of the ward are requested to meet at Island Hall, on TUESDAY EVENING Dec. 20th, at 7½ o'clock.
C. S. NOYES, President.
WM. J MURTAGH, Secretary. d 16-it

☞ ASSEMBLY'S CHURCH FAIR AT ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

Open from 1 to 10½ p. m. A fine assortment of Christmas presents will be found there, at reasonable prices. A celebrated band in attendance. Admission 15 cents; season tickets 50 cts dec 16-3t*

☞ A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE East Washington and Uniontown Building Association will be held on MONDAY EVENING next, at 7 o'clock, at Uniontown, D. C., for the purpose of issuing certificates to stockholders and distributing the constitution. Persons wishing to become members, are respectfully invited to attend, and pay in the first instalment.
de 16-2t* JOHN FOX, Secretary.

☞ OFFICE WASHINGTON GAS LIGHT COMPANY, December 15, 1864.—Notice is hereby given, as required by the Charter, that there will be an election held at the office of the Company in this city, on MONDAY, January 2, 1865, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m., for the choice of five Directors, to manage the affairs of this Corporation during the succeeding 12 months. By order
J. F. BROWN,
dec 16-eotd Secretary.

☞ FAIR.

The ladies attached to Ryland Chapel will hold a Fair in the Church, corner of 10th 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 60 cts. de 15-3t

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

MISS M. J. PLATT invites the attention of the Ladies to her large and beautiful assortment of BONNETS, which she is now selling at reduced prices. 246 Pennsylvania avenue, near 13th street, up stairs. * dec 16-3t*

SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, No. 98, EQUITY.
Julius N. Granger, ext. Adelle Douglas, Jas. M. Cutts, Robert M. and Stephen A. Douglas.

The parties above named, J. C. Marbury, Guardian ad litem, and Messrs Davidge and Fisher, trustees, and all other persons interested, are hereby notified that on the 24th of December instant, at 1 o'clock, at my office, in the City Hall, Washington, I shall state the trustees' account, and the distribution of the trust fund, and of any surplus thereof, among the parties entitled.
de 16-3t W. REDIN, Auditor.

DISSOLUTION.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXisting between George Parker, Thos. Parker, and Jos. B. Bryan, doing business under the name and firm of G. & T. PARKER & CO., was, by mutual consent, dissolved on the 15th of November, 1864. All persons having claims against them are requested to present them for payment, and all persons indebted to them are earnestly requested to settle the same immediately.

P. S. Either member of the late firm, or Mr. J. A. Peak, is authorized to receipt for the firm.
G. & T. PARKER & CO.

GEORGE PARKER, GEO. T. PARKER, AND SAMUEL G. PARKER, having formed a copartnership under the name and style of
GEO. PARKER & SONS,
will continue to keep constantly in store a large and well selected stock of
FINE FAMILY GROCERIES,
WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS, &c.,
at the old stand, Nos. 343 and 345 Penn. avenue, and hope, by a strict attention to business, to merit a continuation of the liberal patronage heretofore extended to the late firm.
GEO. PARKER & SONS.
de 16-3taw2mif [Intel.]

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 81 Market st., Georgetown, below 4th. d15-3t*

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
GENTL MEN'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.]

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

BALLS, PARTIES, &c.

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*

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 order of
dec 12-M,W,F,&d2t* THE COMMITTEE.

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

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.

TAKEN UP ASTRAY—A small sorrel HORSE. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away. On corner of M street north, and 23d street west.
dec 16-3t* J. E. ROBERTS.

TAKEN UP ESTRAY—A dark iron grey COLT, which the owner can have by proving property, pay charges and take him away.
JAS. F ESSEX,
Livery Stable, cor. High and Cherry sts.,
de 16-3t* Georgetown, D. C.

LOST—$15 REWARD.—Lost, a GOLD WATCH CHAIN and KEY, supposed to have been lost on the way from Georgetown to Washington city. The above reward will be given if left at 712 F street, between 24th and 25th sts.
1t* F. JUDD.

LOST—Picked up in front of La Farwith's Segar Store, 467½ 14th street, 9 o'clock Tuesday evening, 14th instant, a Black and Tan SLUT, had on a red collar, tail clipped, white spot on breast. Whoever will return her at above store, will receive a suitable reward. No questions asked.
dec 16-2t*

$10 REWARD—Strayed from the subscriber, on the 10th instant, two COLTS—each four years old in spring—one is a light grey, and the other a sorrel, with the two hind feet a little white; about 14 hands high each. When last heard from they were seen on 14th street, near Boundary st. Any person or persons leaving them at the corner of 1st and I street, near the Union Printing Office, will receive the above reward.
dec 16 3t* WM. BABBINGTON.

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*

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.

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

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*

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.

IF MISS ALICE COVERT WILL CALL AT the Washington city Post Office she will find a letter to her advantage. 1t*

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*

DR. EDWIN V. WRIGHT, Psychometrist; and MRS. WRIGHT, Clairvoyant Physician, who "Heals" by "laying on hands" can be consulted at 494 12th st. Mrs. W. has an important discovery (speciality) of great value to ladies. nov 29-1m*

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

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 dlw&eo2w Metropolitan Hotel.

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 12-2w*

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.

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.

SILVER IS FOUND at 492 7th street, to make MARKING PLATES for clothing. Work warranted.
de 15-3t* W. H. OCTTON & CO.

SECOND EDITION.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

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

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16, 1864.

	Buying.	Selling
U. S. 6's Coupon 1881.....	116¾	117¼
U. S. 5-20's.....	108½	109¼
7 3-10 Treasury Notes.....	—	—
One Year Certificates.....	97¾	97½
Certificate Checks.....	98	—

NEW YORK—FIRST BOARD.

Coupons, 117; 5-20's, 109; Certificates, 97⅝; Gold, 234.

The Great Victory Before Nashville.

THE NAVY HAVE A HAND IN IT.

OFFICIAL DISPATCH FROM ADMIRAL LEE.

THE ATTACK RENEWED TO-DAY.

The following has been received by the Secretary of the Navy:

CLARKSVILLE, TENN., Dec. 16, 10 a. m.—*Hon. Gideon Welles, Secretary of the Navy:* General Thomas' attack yesterday upon Hood's left, supported by the tenth division of this squadron, resulted in the capture of Chalmer's headquarters train, with papers, one thousand prisoners and sixteen pieces of artillery, with probable loss to the army not exceeding five hundred killed and wounded. The attack will be continued this morning.

S. P. LEE,
Rear Adm'l Com'd'g Miss. Squadron.

LATEST FROM SAVANNAH.

The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 14th instant states that on the day previous Savannah had not fallen.

In a reply to a cotemporary, the *Dispatch* says Savannah is not invested by Sherman's army any more than Richmond is invested by Meade's and Butler's armies; that Savannah is safe, &c.

THE GOOD NEWS FROM TENNESSEE.

The big flag of the War Department is flying to-day in honor of Thomas's victory over Hood before Nashville, Tenn.

We understand that orders have been issued by the Secretary of War for the firing of a salute this evening in honor of Thomas's brilliant victory.

FROM THE FRONT.

The steamer Dictator, Capt. Blakeman, arrived here this morning from City Point, bringing up a very large army mail.

She reports that on Wednesday night for several hours heavy firing was heard at City Point, from the direction of Dutch Gap, in which the gunboats appeared to be participating.

Along our lines in front of Petersburg there has been no change in the state of affairs, and the pickets of the contending armies hardly exchange a shot.

The blockade runner, Emma Heny, which was captured on the 8th instant, by the U. S. gunboat Cherokee, has arrived at Hampton Roads, and now lies in the stream, under charge of a prize crew. The Emma Heny is a fine steamer, and has on board a valuable cargo of cotton.

The Dictator brought up to Point Lookout one hundred and fifty rebel prisoners, principally of a Mississippi regiment, captured by Gen. Warren in his late raid to Hicksford. There were three officers among the number, who were brought on to Washington and turned over to Col. Ingraham, to be committed to the Old Capitol.

Gen. Emory, commander of the 19th army corps, in Gen. Sheridan's department, who has been on a visit to the Army of the Potomac for three or four days, came up on the Dictator as a passenger.

Sixty-three men of the 32d Maine regiment, Col. Hatch, came up on the Dictator, their term of service having expired.

IMPORTANT MILITARY CHANGES.

To-day, by order of the War Department, Major General Augur assumed command of the Military District of Washington, thereby relieving Colonel Wisewell, which is considered as equivalent to merging the Department of Washington and the Military district into one, although no specific orders to that effect have been issued as yet.

Colonel Wisewell has also been relieved as Chief of the Veteran Reserve Corps Bureau, and ordered to Sandusky, Ohio, to assume command of Johnson's Island. Colonel Fife, president of the examining board, will doubtless succeed Colonel Wisewell as chief of this bureau.

General Augur is in attendance at the headquarters of the military district, corner of 19th and I streets, to-day, to whom the property of the command is being turned over by Colonel Wisewell. For the present the officers at these headquarters will report to General Augur, and although the office will doubtless be abolished altogether, the provost marshalship will very likely be continued under Col. Ingraham.

Colonel Wisewell, who has given general satisfaction as incumbent of the position from which he has just been relieved, will leave this city in a few days to take charge of his new command at Johnson's Island. These changes will in no way effect the headquarters of the Department of Washington.

GENERAL GRANT.

General Grant, in company with his wife, and two members of his staff, arrived here last evening about six o'clock from City Point on the dispatch steamer M. Martin. Mrs. Grant went to City Point about a week ago on a visit to her husband, but she is now returning to her home in the North. It is expected that the General will return to City Point immediately, as his dispatch boat is lying at the 6th street wharf.

DESTRUCTION OF REBEL SALT WORKS.

Acting Rear Admiral Stribling, commanding the East Gulf squadron, writing to the Navy Department from Key West, Florida, under date of Dec. 3d, reports the destruction of a set of salt works on Rocky Point, Old Tampa Bay, by detachments from the Nita, Stars and Stripes, Hendrick Hudson and the tender Ariel. Several large boilers, and everything of value connected with the works were demolished without a single casualty on our side.

RESIGNATION OF GENERAL CRITTENDEN.

Major General Crittenden and staff resigned day before yesterday. The reason assigned is that the Government offered him a command he deemed inadequate to his rank, in the Army of the Potomac, placing him in a subordinate position to junior officers. The resignations have been accepted.

EXAMINING BOARD.

The board, of which General Brooks is president, for the examination of candidates for commissions in the new veteran corps, commenced its session yesterday. As rapidly as officers are commissioned they will be sent into the several States on recruiting service.

RETURNED.

Gen. Hancock, who went to Philadelphia on Wednesday on business connected with the organization of the 1st army corps, has returned to this city, accompanied by Mrs. Hancock.

OUR WEEKLY.—The *Dollar Weekly Star* of this morning is on our counter, ready for delivery, and contains a large amount of fresh and interesting reading matter.

FROM THE FRONT.

Bombardment of Fort Hell—Changes in the Disposition of Troops.

[Correspondence of Associated Press.]

HEADQUARTERS ARMY POTOMAC, Dec. 15—Unusual quiet has prevailed along the lines in front of Petersburg the last few days, scarcely a shot being exchanged, excepting in the evening on the right of the line. Last night, however, quite an excitement was kept up from about eight to ten o'clock, when the firing died away gradually, and after midnight not a shot was heard. Of course the pickets in the vicinity of Fort Hell were responsible for the outbreak, although some other parts of the line farther west were participating.

A report is current that a number of our pickets watching the rear of our lines, were taken and murdered night before last, and that in consequence the force of men on this side has been doubled.

Changes are being made in the disposition of troops, but nothing to indicate an early attack upon the enemy.

The troops engaged in the late raid are almost all in good condition, but some returned from the trip with frozen hands and feet, and others ill, caused by the severe weather which prevailed at that time.

On Friday five deserters are to be hanged, two of them from New York, two from New Hampshire and one from Maryland.

Deserters are coming in daily—7 yesterday and 5 this morning.

They report nothing new from rebeldom.

W. D. MCGREGOR.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE OUTRAGE UPON LITTLE OCTAVIE ROSSEAU—*Further Examination of Lusby.*—The examination of John F. Lusby, who was arrested on suspicion of being the party who perpetrated the horrible outrage upon the person of the little daughter of Mr. Chas. Rosseau on the night of last Thanksgiving Day, which resulted in her death on the succeeding night, was resumed yesterday afternoon before Judge Fisher, before whom he had previously been brought on a writ of habeas corpus, District Attorney Carrington appearing for the prosecution and Messrs. W. Y. Fendall and Bradley, jr., for the accused.

The report of Dr. Henry Erni, Chief Chemist of the Department of Agriculture, on the analysis of the stains on the clothing of the accused was submitted as evidence.

The report states that a careful chemico-microscopical examination was made, and says:—Various portions of the shirt stains were cut, and after due preparation examined under the microscope. Whilst the existence of blood was sufficiently established, still the result was doubtful as to whether it was human blood or that of some of the higher animals, for the distinguishing organized constituent of the different kinds of blood, viz: the blood globules were too much altered or destroyed, perhaps by washing, to render an opinion as to the origin of a specific character of the blood absolutely certain. Other stains of the shirt were carefully tested for semen, *i. e.*, the easily traceable spermatozoa but none recognized.

Stains visible here and there on the blue military overcoat were likewise examined, but did not prove to be caused by blood.

Drs. Woodward and Curtis, of the Surgeon General's office, concur in this report.

The District Attorney stated he had no further evidence to offer and Mr. Bradley called

Eugene H. Bathan for defense, who testified that on the day of the occurrence he saw the accused at about 5 o'clock near the corner of 4th street east and Penn. avenue, on his way homewards. He had on then a blue coat and glazed cap and appeared to stagger a little.

Mr. Bradley stated he had other witnesses present, but he did not consider it necessary to call them.

Judge Fisher remarked that he could not see any evidence in that which had been given to warrant the prisoner being held, but he would like to hear what the wife's sister knew about the case, and a subpœna was ordered for her, and the prisoner was remanded until this morning.

This morning the prisoner was brought out, but Judge Fisher being absent, on account of illness, the accused was again remanded until to-morrow.

THE CASE OF DR. KEASBY.—The case of Surgeon John B. Keasby was this morning resumed.

Capt. H. A. Scheetz was recalled, and testified that the money he paid for the first eight men purchased of Dudley was received of a person who introduced himself as a Massachusetts recruiting agent; thinks he paid the premiums to Ball for Dudley; both the bounty money and premium money was received of this Massachusetts State agent; the premiums were paid to the second lot of recruits themselves; these were the recruits which Arnold presented; witness paid the bounty to both lots of recruits themselves; he had the receipts for the same.

By defense:—Witness thought the premiums were always paid to the recruiting agents as soon as the recruits were mustered in; the roll does not show that witness paid the premiums to any one; if witness paid it to any one he paid it to Chas. A. Keasby; thought that conversation occurred before these transactions in regard to the board getting mixed up in the recruiting business; thinks Dr. Keasby was present at the time; would not be sure; thinks the doctor was very anxious about getting his brother's premiums; does not think he was unduly anxious, however; would have helped a brother himself all he could, had he one in the business. Received the checks for the $16,000 for the fifty men credited to Massachusetts in May, he thinks.

L. G. Hine, counsel for the defence, asked that Capt. Scheetz be allowed to testify for defence, and it was granted.

Gen. Terry moved that so much of the testimony of Capt. Scheetz as related to the rank of the accused be stricken out, and read from act of March, 1863, which provides that a citizen surgeon shall have a certain pay, but is allowed neither rank nor commutation.

The court was closed to deliberate on the motion, and on re-opening the motion was announced sustained.

H. H. Dudley, recalled.—State whether a certain amount of premium was paid to Massachusetts State agents in addition to the $25 premium, and if so, how much, and to whom.

Counsel for the defence objected to the question, as it was immaterial as to the doctor and his brother.

The court was cleared, and on reopening the question was overruled.

By the Judge Advocate:—An arrangement was made with Messrs. Gibbs and Drew for $100 additional; does not know that this was a general arrangement; this was on the 12th of May last; the men were presented at the office by H. Arnold.

CRIMINAL COURT, *Judge Wylie.*—In consequence of the indisposition of Judge Fisher, this court was held by Judge Wylie this morning.

Henry Watkins, colored, indicted for the larceny of a ridge pole, was found guilty, and sentenced to ten days in jail.

James McGuire, indicted for an assault and battery, submitted his case, and was sentenced to ten days' imprisonment in jail.

The case of Col. L. C. Baker, indicted on charge of false imprisonment of Dr. Stewart Gwinn, in January last, was taken up, Messrs. Bradley and J. J. Coombs prosecuting, and Messrs. F. P. Stanton and C. H. Utermehle for the accused.

Mr. Coombs opened the case, claiming that the arrest was made without due authority of law. The defendant, it appeared, had been ordered to make an investigation into certain alleged frauds in the Treasury Department, and saw fit to arrest Dr. Gwinn, who was not an officer of the Department, but had a contract for a peculiar description of paper, and was employed in the building in preparing the paper and seeing it printed, and the defendant saw fit to investigate in the printing department, and on some plea arrested the complainant and took him to his office, where he was detained until the following day, and then the accused, by representations to Mr. Jordan, the Solicitor of the Treasury, procured an order for his commitment to the Old Capitol, where he remained for thirty days.

Edward Jordan, (Solicitor of the Treasury) sworn.—Witness knows that Dr. Gwinn was arrested by Col. Baker; the latter was in witness' room a short time before the arrest was made. Col. B. said he was going to arrest Dr. G. on his own responsibility. Witness understood that Baker was acting under the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury and himself, and he (witness) did not give any orders for the arrest of Dr. Gwinn. Witness understood that the charges against Dr. Gwinn was that of being concerned with Mr. Clark in business operations, making purchases, and of misapplying money, or in other words, Dr. Gwinn had entered into a conspiracy to rob the Government or contractors.

Mr. Coombs asked if the charges were ever investigated.

Mr. Stanton, for the accused, objected to this question; that Dr. G. was not on trial.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Dec. 16, 1864.

To the Editor of the Evening Star:

DEAR SIR: I find in the Chronicle of yesterday a statement made by a Clerk in the Interior Department, of his Family expenses. Will you give a constant reader of your valuable paper a little space to make a statement of his own case. I receive a salary of $1,600 per an'm or $133.33 per month. My family consists of, five persons for which I pay for rooms and board $25 per month for each, making $125 per month; for washing, $7.50; fuel, $4; tax, 4.30;—total $140.80.

You will see by the above statement that I am $7.47 over my salary each month, now how am I to cloth myself and family, educate my child, pay doctors bills, buy medicines, and many little necessaries? I am at loss to know.

Please give this an insertion in your valuable sheet, and you may be the cause of doing myself and brother clerks much pecuniary benefit. I sir, truly your friend,

AN EMBARRASSED CLERK.

POLICE APPOINTMENTS.—Yesterday afternoon the Board of Metropolitan Police Commissioners met and made the following appointments: James Johnson, of the second, R. A. Milstead, of the eighth, Alexander Tait, of the fifth precinct, to be sergeants in their respective precincts. Those officers have been recognized as sergeants for months past, but were never appointed by the board, and only acted in that capacity until the board should see fit to fill the positions permanently. The board, by its action, has endorsed the efficiency of those excellent officers. Sergeant Tait takes the position formerly occupied by Sergeant Reed in the fifth precinct, which appointment was made necessary by the transfer of Sergeant Reed to headquarters to act under the immediate orders of the Superintendent.

HARMONY LODGE, No. 9, I. O. O. F., celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary last nigh at their lodge room in Odd Fellows' Hall, Navy Yard, the room being crowded to its utmost capacity. The ceremonies consisted of singing of original and selected pieces by a quartette club led by Mr. McFarland, and an address by Rev. Parker H. Sweet, Grand Secretary. Remarks were also made by Grand Master Jackson Edmonston and other members of the Grand Lodge. After these ceremonies, a large number of those present proceeded to the saloon of the hall and enjoyed themselves in dancing. The meeting was a very pleasant one throughout, and the committee in charge deserve credit for their admirable arrangements.

CRIMINAL COURT, *Judge Fisher.*—Yesterday afternoon, after the argument in the case of Patrick Galvin, indicted for the murder of Thomas Morrissey, had been closed, the case was given to the jury, who were ably charged by the judge as to the law applicable to the case, and after an absence of twenty minutes a verdict of not guilty was rendered, and he was discharged.

The prisoner was immediately beset by a number of his relatives, and a scene of r