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FOR RENT AND SALE.

FOR RENT—That large and commodious DWELLING-HOUSE, containing 12 rooms, No. 128 Pennsylvania avenue, between 19th and 20th streets, north side, First Ward, and next door to Dr. Smoot's. This house has all the modern improvements, with gas and water complete, and is situated in the most respectable and most central location in Washington, being almost in the centre of all the principal Government Departments, and is well adapted for a first-class private residence, or a first-class large boarding-house. Rent only $1,500 per annum, payable monthly, in advance. Possession given immediately. None but persons of first-class respectability, with similar reference, need apply to P. J. BELLEW & CO., 510 7th street, three doors south of Odd Fellows' Hall. de 13 tf

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SIXTEEN NEW HOUSES FOR SALE.—These convenient and desirable HOUSES on 11th street east, near Pennsylvania avenue, (Capitol Hill) just finished, are for sale. They are three stories, with a two story back building; cellar under the whole; hall, parlor, dining-room, five chambers, (all papered,) kitchen, bath room with hot and cold water, clothes room, front and back stairs, gas and gas fixtures throughout, ranges complete, &c., finished in the best style, on the Philadelphia plan, without regard to expense. The cars will soon pass along 11th street, and it is but a short distance to those on Pennsylvania avenue, with a footwalk the whole way. It is the intention to build one hundred houses during the year 1865, in the same locality, and from year to year, as required; thus in a short time making it the most delightful part of the city. Deeds, stamps, &c., at cost of purchaser. Apply to J. F. BROWN, dec 9 2w 483 Tenth street.

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Three HOUSES,
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NOTICE.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXISTING between Augustus Johnson, of the city of Washington, for the first part, and Frank Bininger, Rufus Wattles, and Alexander S. Gordon, of New York, composing the firm of Bininger & Co., for the second part, doing business in the city of Washington, under the name of

AUGUSTUS JOHNSON & CO.,

has been this day dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Johnson is alone authorized to settle the business and use the name of the late firm in liquidation.

Thanking the trade and the citizens for their very liberal patronage, we ask them to extend the same to the new concerns, both here and in Baltimore.

AUGUSTUS JOHNSON,
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Washington, November 1, 1864.

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Ladies Slippers, 75 cts.
Children's Shoes, 20 cts.
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Men's heavy Kip Brogans, $1.75, worth $2 50.
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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.

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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 30th 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, Auditor.
de 14-eotd

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MONDAY EVENING, December 19, 1864.

PROGRAMME—PART I.

1. Grand March—"Tannhauser".....Wagner
2. Song—"Yellow hair'd Laddie and Cuckoo Polka".....Grafulla
3. Overture—"William Tell".....Rossini
4. Electric Polka.....Harry Sanderson
5. Selections—"I Due Foscari".....Verdi
6. March.....Grafulla

PART II.

7. Overture—"Zampa".....Herold
8. Romance—"L'Eclair and Champagne Galop".....Haley
9. Selections—"Robert le Diable".....Meyerbeer
10. Waltz—"Les Enroleurs".....Lanner
11. Galop—"A trip to the front".....Gungl
12. Medley—"Popular Airs".....Grafulla

PART III—DANCING.

1. Quadrille—"Hofball".....Strauss
2. Polka Redowa—"Gruss-aus der Fern".....Herzog
3. Lanciers—"Newport".....Weingarten
4. Galop—"Tornado".....Tittel
5. Redowa—"Balklange".....Gungl
6. Quadrille—"Faust".....Gounod
7. Polka—"Fantasie".....Herzog
8. Lanciers—"Vis avis".....Rietzel
9. Redowa—"Les Americaines".....Labitzky
10. Galop—"Ione".....Petrella
11. Quadrille—"Bijouterie".....Strauss

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☞ Carriages arriving will face North, departing will face South. Cars will be in waiting at 10th street, at the close of the Concert to convey passengers to Georgetown, Navy Yard, and Seventh street. dec 17-2t

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WINTER DRESS GOODS, SILKS, SHAWLS, &c,

From the last great Auction Sale of Lupin's celebrated Fabrics, on Tuesday last at New York.

50 pieces Lupin's Fine French MERINOS, at $1 50
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TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

Important News from Sherman.

Savannah Closely Besieged—Its Speedy Fall Anticipated—Probable Capture of its Garrison—Interview of Gen. Foster with Sherman—His Army in Splendid Condition—How it Fared on the March—Its Progress but Feebly Resisted—Thomas's Victory in Tennessee—Capture of 5,000 Prisoners—Forty-nine Guns Taken—Basil Duke Thoroughly Whipped—Loss of His Train, Etc.—Brother of John Morgan Captured.

Official War Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 17, 10 P. M.

Major General John A. Dix, New York:

Despatches have been received to-day from General Foster, who had a personal interview on the morning of Wednesday, the 14th inst., with General Sherman, at Fort McAllister, which had been taken by assault on the preceding day. Savannah was closely beselged, and its capture with the rebel forces there, was confidently expected. It was to be summoned in two days, and if not surrendered, Sherman would open his batteries upon it. General Foster reports that Sherman's army "is in splendid condition, having lived on its march on the turkeys, chickens, sweet potatoes and other good things of the richest part of Georgia." The march was feebly resisted.

Nothing has been heard from General Thomas to-day. Unofficial despatches state that the provost marshal at Nashville reports five thousand prisoners and forty-nine pieces of artillery as being already secured.

It is ascertained that in transmitting General Thomas's report last night a telegraphic mistake was made at Louisville or Nashville in the estimated number of our casualties.

The despatch written by General Thomas stated that his whole loss would not exceed three thousand, and a very few killed.

A despatch from Lexington, this evening, states that on the 13th inst. at Kingsport, Tennessee, General Burbridge had a fight with Basil Duke's brigade, formerly John Morgan's, and routed it, with a loss to the enemy of one hundred and fifty killed, wounded, and prisoners, and their train. Dick Morgan, brother of John, was captured.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Sherman's Trip Through Georgia

An Unparalleled Achievement—Not even a Wagon Lost—200 Miles of Railroad Destroyed—Consumption of the Enemy's Food—Communication with the Seaboard—Savannah Invested—Its Early Fall a Certainty—The Rebel Garrison 15,000—General Hardee in Command—Quick Work with Fort McAllister—Capture of Two Rebel Steamers.

Official War Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 18, 9 p. m.

Major General John A. Dix, New York:

An official despatch from General Sherman was received to-day, dated near midnight, December 13, on the gunboat Dandelion, Ossabaw Sound. It was written before General Foster had reached him. He reports, besides some military details of future operations, which are omitted, the following interesting particulars of his operations:

"ON BOARD DANDELION, OSSABAW SOUND, 11 50 P. M., Dec. 13.—To-day at 5 p. m., Gen. Hazen's division of the 15th corps carried Fort McAllister by assault, capturing its entire garrison and stores.

"This opened to us the Ossabaw Sound, and I pulled down to this gunboat to communicate with the fleet. Before opening communication, we had completely destroyed all the railroad leading into Savannah, and invested the city. The left is on Savannah river, three miles above the city, and the right on the Ogeechee, at Kingsbridge.

"The army is in splendid order, and equal to anything. The weather has been fine, and supplies abundant. Our march was most agreeable, and we were not at all molested by guerillas. We reached Savannah three days ago, but owing to Fort McAllister, we could not communicate. But now we have Fort McAllister, we can go ahead. We have already captured two boats in the Savannah river, and prevented their gunboats from coming down I estimate the population of Savannah at 25,000, and the garrison at 15,000. Gen. Hardee commands. We have not lost a wagon on the trip, but have gathered in a large supply of negroes, mules, horses, &c, and our teams are in better condition than when we started. My first duty will be to clear the army of surplus negroes, mules, and horses. We have utterly destroyed over two hundred miles of railroad, and consumed stores and provisions that were essential to Lee's and Hood's armies. The quick work made with Fort McAllister, and the opening of communication with our fleet, and consequent independence for supplies, dissipate all their boasted threats to head us off and starve the army. I regard Savannah as already gained. Yours truly,

"W. T. SHERMAN, Major General."

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

From Tennessee.

VICTORY UPON VICTORY.

Series of Brilliant Fights—The Enemy Closely Pursued—Their Severe Punishment—Entire Army Demoralized—Capture of General Rucher—General Forrest Reported Killed—3,000 More Prisoners Captured—1,500 Found in Hospital—Three More Pieces of Artillery Taken—The Railroad to Franklin Opened—No Rest for the Rebels.

Official War Bulletin.

WAR DEPARTMENT, Dec. 18—9 P. M.

Major General Dix, New York:

The following official reports were received this evening from General Thomas, dated at his headquarters near Franklin:

"HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT CUMBERLAND, NEAR FRANKLIN, TENN., Dec. 17—Report just received from Major General Wilson states that at 6 p. m. to-day he attacked and dispersed Stevenson's division of rebel infantry and a brigade of cavalry, capturing three guns.

"The 4th United States cavalry, and Hatch's division of cavalry, handsomely supported by Knipe's division of cavalry, did the work, making several beautiful charges, breaking the rebel infantry in all directions. Had it only been light, the rebel rear guard would have been entirely destroyed. As it is, it has been severely punished. The whole army will continue vigorous pursuit in the morning. This attack was made six miles beyond Franklin.

"GEORGE H. THOMAS, Major General."

"HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT CUMBERLAND, *Near Franklin*, 8 p. m., Dec. 17.—We have pressed the enemy to-day beyond Franklin, capturing his hospital, containing over 1,500 wounded, and about 150 of our wounded in addition to the above. Gen. Knipe, commanding a division of cavalry, drove the enemy's rear guard through Franklin to-day, capturing about 250 prisoners and five battle flags, with a very little loss on our side. Citizens of Franklin represent Hood's army as completely demoralized. In addition to the captures of yesterday, reported in my despatch of last night, I have the honor to report the capture of Gen. Rucher and about 250 prisoners of the enemy's cavalry, in a fight that occurred about eight o'clock last night, between Gen. Rucher and Gen. Hatch, of our cavalry. The enemy has been pressed to-day, both in front and on both flanks.

"Brig. Gen. Johnson succeeded in striking him on the flank, just beyond Franklin, capturing quite a number of prisoners—number not yet reported.

"My cavalry is pressing him closely though, and I am very much in hopes of getting many more prisoners to-morrow.

"GEO. H. THOMAS, Maj. Gen."

Other despatches (unofficial) from Nashville state that 1,000 prisoners were captured by Wilson, and that Gen. Rosseau, commanding at Murfreesboro, reports Forrest killed, and 1,500 of his men captured.

The superintendent at Nashville reports that the railroad from Nashville will be open to Franklin to-night, and will rapidly follow Thomas, thus furnishing him supplies, and enabling him to push on after Hood.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

Thomas's Victory Before Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 15.—The army commenced moving at daybreak to-day, Steadman's corps on our left, 4th corps next, then A. J. Smith's corps. The cavalry force moved to the right, and the 23d corps was held in reserve. Very little except reconnoitering was done until after meridian, but at half-past twelve o'clock the order to advance was given, and the whole column moved onward. The rebels evidently expected Thomas would attempt to turn their right flank. All indications would presuppose this.

They offered numerous inducements for us to do so, and had carefully prepared their works to receive our forces if we should attack them in that quarter. To keep up the deception, Steadman's command was ordered to skirmish heavily on our left, and our forces moved in the direction of the point believed to be threatened.

While they were massing troops on the right we were concentrating the 16th and 23d corps and General Wilson's cavalry on our right. The results were that when the bugles sounded the advance, our right wing advanced rapidly between the rebel left and the Cumberland river, completely doubling up the rebel division which had been posted to blockade the river. A battery was taken by our forces and sent to the rear.

The rebels had by this time perceived that our attack on the right was a feint. Hood soon attempted to atone for his mistake, but it was too late. Our right had established themselves on the main bank, and were steadily advancing. The whole 23d corps had taken position on the extreme right, and Smith's corps, executing a half-wheel, drove the columns of the rebels before them rapidly; and after the hill was taken, with little loss and less difficulty, in an hour or so the rebels presented a strong front. Our progress was for a moment checked. It was now visible that the contest was about to commence.

Another diversion on the left was made to enable our men on the right to get into position and strengthen themselves so as to be ready for a charge. In front of the 4th corps, and about one mile beyond Acklin, the rebels had a strong line of works, defended by a heavy line of skirmishers, and Gen. Wood ordered a charge upon it. The word forward was shouted by brigade, division and regimental commanders, with promptness and decision.

The men leaped over the breastworks and advanced, and in less than 20 minutes our forces had possession of the rebel works, and the banners of the 4th corps were planted on them. Our men, flushed with victory, pushed forward rapidly without orders until they had nearly reached the second line of the rebel works. They were only checked by the most strenuous exertions. We captured 60 prisoners, which, with those taken in the rebel entrenchments, amounted to over 100. The second line of the rebel entrenchments were now in sight, located on the verge of a hill, 1 mile from the skirmish line, and had been built with great skill.

Some time elapsed ere our men were got into position. Our cavalry had advanced meanwhile till its right rested on the hills, six miles beyond Nashville. Moving from the river, it had room now to manœuvre without difficulty. Instead of facing to the west, it now faced directly south. The two corps of Schofield and Smith were in position directly parallel on the left, the skirmishers along the line having been advanced to Hillsboro pike, sheltering themselves behind fences on the north side, while the 4th corps was formed at right angles in front of the division lying directly across the Hillsboro pike, the remainder lying to the left of that.

While these movements were going on, and our lines were forming, batteries being placed, &c., the rebels could be distinctly seen moving by the right flank towards Hillsboro pike, with a view to prevent our turning their left flank. As far as could be ascertained by observation, the entire reserve was thus thrown in front of our right and centre.

In the meantime our commanders sent reinforcements equally strong to our forts menaced by the rebels, to confront them. At half-past three all was ready for the charge on the second line of rebel works. The position was a strong one to reach, while our forces had to ascend hills to an elevation of fifteen degrees, without protection.

Our lines were four columns deep, with ample reserves. Our forces were massed against the rebel lines, and the veteran columns were hurled against the rebels with irresistible force, and at ten minutes before 5 p. m. the charge commenced.

The 1st and 2d divisions of the 4th corps moved west, and the 3d division at right angles with it, moving south; on its right was the corps of A. J. Smith. The 1st and 2d divisions had the hardest task to perform, for their position was more exposed. On their front the rebel works were stronger than elsewhere, and much more formidable.

Under a heavy fire of grape, canister, and musketry, our men moved steadily forward but owing to the rebels firing too high, it mostly passed over them, otherwise the slaughter would have been terrible. Some of our men were killed, but the list of casualties were less than could have been expected.

After advancing within one hundred and fifty yards of the rebel works, their fire was the severest. Our troops, however, never wavered, but with a shout along the lines they again advanced, and were almost immediately upon the enemy's entrenchments. The distance yet to be passed did not exceed one hundred yards. Reinforcements were in sight coming up, yet the rebels evinced no signs of retiring, and discharged volley after volley into our works at a distance of twenty-five yards.

A few of our men had reached the woods and were using the bayonet. Some few rebels fled, who were followed by others, when soon all broke and fled in the wildest confusion. Four 12-pounder Napoleons their artillerists attempted to secure, but only succeeded in getting one off the field. We secured three, and two caissons, with large and small arms. We captured in this charge about four hundred prisoners. They report that Hood told them they could hold their position against any Yankee force that could be brought against them.

Our losses in this charge did not exceed one hundred killed and wounded. Smith's and Schofield's corps had in the meantime advanced half a mile to the south of Hillsboro' pike, capturing there a whole battery of six guns. The total of artillery captured (five being taken by the 15th Ohio, on the extreme left) amounts to eighteen guns. Several battle flags were also taken. The rebel loss in killed and wounded is not less than six hundred, while ours is not more than three hundred.

They have taken up a second line, and may defend it to-morrow if they do not retreat to-night.

One of the most brilliant charges made to-day was by the 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, and 155th colored regiments on Rain's Hill, near Nolansville pike, which utterly routed the rebel line. The colored troops behaved splendidly, and lost severely. Colonel Shaffer's regiment (17th) lost nearly all their officers. On the White pike, in front of Acklin's residence, General Beatty led a charge on the first rebel line at 12 o'clock to-day. Our forces carried it at the point of the bayonet, and planted our guns on the abandoned rebel works. Fifty prisoners were captured in this charge. Our losses were very slight.

We advanced here one mile, and the rebel force retreated in great confusion. Lieutenant J. W. Watson, 5th Iowa cavalry, was shot through the breast, while gallantly charging the enemy's batteries, and mortally wounded. The steamer Pike, in quartermaster service, while proceeding up the river, when three miles from the city, was fired into by the rebels. One man, George Blakeley, was killed, and four others wounded. The gunboat fleet was turned down the river, fourteen miles from the city, and all day was shelling the rebel left very vigorously.

Among other captures of to-day was the headquarters of the rebel General Chalmers, consisting of fifteen wagons. Among the contents were all his books, papers, valuables, &c. These are now at Captain Goodwin's headquarters, Postmaster General.

About 550 prisoners have up to 9 o'clock reached the city. The whole number captured will not fall far short of 1,200. Captain Grosvener, brother of Colonel Grosvener, commanding 3d brigade, was killed, and Adjutant Clayborn and General Roberts, of the 9th Indiana, wounded.

One of our shells from Fort Negley fell short, killing four of our wounded.

Seizure of an American Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—A letter from La Passe, gives an account of the seizure of the American schooner W. D. Richardson, by the French war steamer Dumonte, when entering the bay of La Passe, on the 30th of October. The pretext was, that the schooner had one hundred kegs of powder aboard, which were taken away, and the schooner released. The powder was intended for mining operations on the Colorado river.

FROM EUROPE.

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—The Hibernian, from Londonderry on the 2d inst., arrived this evening with five days later news.

Earl Russell had replied to the recent manifesto of the Confederate Congress, expressing equal friendship for North and South, deploring the war, and pledging England to strict neutrality.

The Times thinks Mr. Lincoln will make some attempt to close the war by negotiation.

A meeting was held at Bristol to celebrate Mr. Lincoln's re-election to the Presidency. Cheers were given for Jeff. Davis and General Lee, and groans for Grant, Butler, and Lincoln.

A rush was then made for the platform, and the speakers driven away from it. The police finally cleared the room.

The Canadian Frontier—Order by General Dix—Former Instructions Revoked.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST, NEW YORK CITY, Dec. 17, 1864.—*General Orders, No. 100.*—The President of the United States having disapproved of that portion of Department General Order, No. 97, current series, which instructs all military commanders on the frontier, in certain cases specified, to cross the boundary line between the United States and Canada, and directs pursuits into neutral territory, the said instruction is hereby revoked.

In case, therefore, of any future maranding expeditions into our territory from Canada, military commanders of the frontier will report to these headquarters for orders, before crossing the boundary line in pursuit of the guilty parties.

By command of Major General Dix.

D. T. VAN BURNS, Colonel and A. A. G.

Official: CHARLES O. JOLINE, Major and A. D. C.

St. Albans Raid Case—The Money Stolen to be Given Up.

MONTREAL Dec. 17.—Porterfield, the agent of the Confederate Government, and now custodian of the money taken by the St. Albans raiders, is to be examined, and it is probable the money taken by the raiders will be given up to the proper authorities.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Rebel Great Expectations from Hood—The Rebel Press on Arming the Slaves.

We have Richmond papers of Friday, the 16th, from which we gather the following:

The *Whig* of that date felicitates its readers over the prospect that Hood would smash up Thomas and regain Tennessee for the Confederates.

The *Whig* says:

"Three full regiments from Kentucky, numbering near three thousand men, had joined General Forrest, whose cavalry force now numbers between ten and fifteen thousand, while that of the enemy is very small, the larger portion of it having left with Sherman.

He reports Thomas' forces at from twenty-one to twenty-five thousand men, while Hood will fall little short of double that number, as he thinks that not less than ten thousand have been added to it since its arrival in North Alabama. He represents the people of Tennessee as being alive with zeal and enthusiasm, and says that men by hundreds and thousands, to avoid draft into the Federal army, are concealing themselves in the woods, and awaiting an opportunity to join our forces."

It will be worth something to hear what the *Whig* has to say *now* in regard to Hood.

The Richmond Enquirer of Friday, in an important and semi-official editorial in favor of arming the slaves, contains the following:

"When we supplicate European nations for help, we must be prepared to receive it on their conditions, which will be the abolition of slavery. If we are prepared to abolish slavery, it will not be necessary to go to European nations for protection; they will give us not only recognition, but will follow recognition with such interpretation as will secure nationality and liberty."

Important from Petersburg.

[From the Richmond Enquirer, Dec. 14.]

Indications are reported of the enemy massing troops on our right, several large trains laden with soldiers, supposed to have been withdrawn from the north side, having arrived and been sent in that direction.

The Rebel Flag.

[From the Richmond Enquirer,