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## DEFERRED ITEMS

Horace Parnell Tuttle, sailed from Boston on Saturday last in the U. S. sloop-of-war *Macedonian*, in the capacity of Purser. His health, although much improved while in the army, is still such as to prevent his resuming his astronomical labors at present, and he goes a sea voyage with a view of its further restoration. Although now but twenty-four years of age, no living astronomer, it is believed, has surpassed him in the number of his astronomical discoveries.

Vessels arriving at New York, report immense field of ice all along the Eastern coast.

Joshua R. Giddings, U. S. Consul for British America, residing at Montreal, had an attack of apoplexy on Wednesday last. At last accounts he was in a fair way of recovery.

Jesus Jimenez is the somewhat odd appellation of the President of Costa Rica.

Considerable interest has lately been manifested at the announcement of an intended overland trip to California by several prominent gentlemen connected with the great Express interests of the country. A special coach has been built for their use in crossing the plains.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (O. S.) of the United States met at 11 o'clock on Monday in the First Presbyterian Church of Peoria and was opened by a sermon by Rev. Charles C. Beatty, D. D.; after which Rev. John H. Morrison, D. D., of Indiana, was elected moderator, and Rev. Dr. Knox, D. D., of Erie, Pa., clerk.

The Secretary of the Treasury has selected sundry designs for engravings for the "First National Bank Currency." These have been furnished by American artists through the two great bank note engraving establishments of New York, and are based upon ideas suggested by Secretary Chase.

Carcasses of dead animals are to be now promptly removed from the city of Washington. Lieut. Carroll, of the Second D. C., volunteers, has been ordered to the command of the contrabands formerly in charge of Capt. Krause, who will perform this duty.

On the 28th ult., Gen. Dix sent a communication to General Henry A. Wise in regard to the occupancy of Williamsburg, Va., by a Confederate force, who fired upon the pickets, stationed there, &c. Yesterday, Gen. Dix received an answer to his letter, covering twenty-two pages of closely written matter. General Dix endorsed on the answer as follows:

"HEADQ'S. DEPT. OF VIRGINIA, }  
"FORTRESS MONROE, 22d May, 1863. }  
"Returned to Brigadier General Wise as a communication fit neither to be written nor received."  
"JOHN A. DIX, Maj. Gen."

In the spicy epistle of Wise, General Dix is accused of all crimes, from falsehood to cowardice.

The Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Washington, on Monday, the 1st day of June next, at 12 o'clock M.

## Contrabands and abandoned Lands.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON, May 22, 1863.—General Orders No. 28.—1. All "contrabands" now in the cities of Washington, D. C., and Alexandria, Va., dependent on the Government of the United States for support (with the exception of those employed in the Quartermaster's Department, or other branches of the service,) will be immediately reported by Superintendents of Contrabands, Provost Marshals or others in charge, to Lieutenant-Colonel Elias M. Greene, Chief Quartermaster of this Department.

2. The report will, in each case, specify their number, age, sex and condition, whether able-bodied or invalid.

3. Lieutenant Colonel E. M. Greene will immediately take possession of all Rebel lands, farm houses and tenements thereon, at present abandoned by their owners (and unoccupied by the United States officers or forces,) situated south of the Potomac, and within the lines of this command, and will proceed to cultivate said lands by such contrabands and in such a manner as may be most beneficial to the Government.

4. General Orders, No. 16, 1863, from these Headquarters, with regard to stock running at large, will be strictly enforced, and officers or others disregarding this order, will be held responsible for damage done thereby to cultivated lands, whether by public or private stock, and will be punished accordingly.

By command of Maj. Gen. HEINTZELMAN,  
LEAVITT HUNT,  
Major and Acting Assist. Adjt. General.

## MR. VALLANDIGHAM.

CINCINNATI, May 25.—A dispatch dated Murfreesboro', to-day, says: "Mr. Vallandigham arrived here on an extra train from Nashville, last night. He was quietly taken in a carriage to the quarters of Major Wiles, Provost Marshal General, where he was received by General Rosecrans and a number of other officers. He appeared to be fully composed, and abstained from the expression of any disagreeable sentiments. After a conversation with General Rosecrans, he was put in an open wagon and escorted by a body of cavalry to the outposts, and delivered to the enemy this morning. A single rebel private received him, Mr. Vallandigham saying: 'I am a citizen of Ohio and the United States. I am here against my will. I surrender myself a prisoner of war.'" The N. Y. Tribune's Murfreesboro' dispatch says that Mr. Vallandigham declared himself to be loyal to the United States. He was given to understand by Gen. Rosecrans that should he again return to our lines, the President's order to carry the original sentence into effect will be executed.

There died a few days ago in North Wales, an old sailor named Williams, who was on board the *Victory*, at Trafalgar, and helped to carry Nelson below after he had been mortally wounded. He was eighty-six years old, and had been in the battle of the Nile and other engagements.

The N. Y. State Convention of Loyal Leagues assembled at Albany, yesterday. A resolution was adopted "expressing the conviction of the majority of loyal people that when necessity compelled the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus great care should be exercised lest the example be set which may induce in future the violation of our rights."

ARRESTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MD.—The residence of Mr. John H. Waring, in Prince George's county, was lately visited by a party of detectives from Washington. Mr. Waring, with his son and two daughters, were arrested, together with Mrs. Duckett and a young nephew and niece of Mr. W., who were there on a visit. Another daughter was unmolested, being in bed too ill to be removed, and her mother was permitted to remain with her. Mr. Henry Brooke was also arrested at his father's residence, near Marlboro'. The cause of the arrests is as yet unknown, further than that Mr. W. and family are considered disloyal and dangerous. Several other arrests have been made of parties supposed to belong to Virginia, among whom were a Mr. Grymes and a Mr. Hume. The latter was shot dead, having fired upon his guards in an attempt to escape. Mr. Waring, with the young men and Mrs. Duckett, are in the Old Capitol. The other ladies are at Willard's, under guard.

Monday the schr. *Emily* was brought to the Washington Navy Yard, having been captured on Thursday morning last in the Rappahannock river by the *Sattelite*, while attempting to run the blockade. The schooner was seen in the morning, making towards Punch Bowl Point, and the *Sattelite* gave chase, when a boat was seen to leave and make for the shore, to which they escaped. On nearing the vessel she was found to have been fired, and it was feared to approach too near her, not knowing but she contained explosive materials among the cargo. *Ensign Somers* was, however, sent on board with eight men, and succeeded in extinguishing the flames, after that portion of the vessel between the foremast and main hatch had been destroyed and the hoops of some barrels of whiskey, &c., had been charred off. Her cargo was found to consist of whiskey, dry goods, carriage springs, &c., and is roughly estimated to be worth \$18,000.

A COUNCIL OF WAR—Yesterday the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, the Secretary of War, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, the General-in-Chief of the Army, (Halleck,) and the Commanding General of the Army of the Potomac (Hooker) were in council several hours at the Executive Mansion.—[Republican.]

The remarkable accumulation of ice in the Atlantic may account for the cold weather which has so suddenly followed the intense heat of last week.

Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes has accepted an invitation to deliver an oration on the 4th of July, before the Boston city authorities.

Major Frank Cleary, of the Confederate army, whose arrest was noticed yesterday, has been sent to Fort McHenry to be tried on charges which have not been made public.

By a decree of the court in Washington, the property known as the National Theatre, and now occupied as Grover's theatre, is to be brought to public sale. The decree is in a case against Wm. H. Winder, of Philadelphia, who was at one time a State prisoner in Fort Warren.

The 116th anniversary of the College of New Jersey will take place on Wednesday, the 24th of June next. The graduating class which has, in all, numbered 125, has been reduced to 50.