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THE NEWS.

THE PROCLAMATION. Our information is, that the Cabinet is a unit in favor of adherence to the proclamation of September 23, with the possible exception of the Postmaster General, and we do not know but that he also may have given up his objections to it.

FROM THE FRONT. Gen. Sickles Moving to Happaanock Station.—General Sigel Looking After Jackson.

Special Dispatch to the Star. MANASSAS JUNCTION, Nov. 9.—It is understood here that a considerable portion of Gen. Sigel's force have moved from their late positions in front of us along the line of the Manassas railroad.

Gen. Sickles is on the way, to-day, to Happaanock station, with sufficient infantry and artillery to hold the important bridge there, past proceeeders, with the assistance of Bayard's cavalry, who have had in his possession, unharmed, (though requiring strengthening to bear our immense army trains,) for twenty-four hours past.

Major General Burnside, I believe, continues his headquarters at Warrenton for the time being.

NEWS FROM HENTZELMAN'S CORPS. Important Capture of Rebel Agents and Return of Supplies for the Rebels.

Capt. R. T. Dugham and Lieut. Hartwell, of Gen. Banks' staff, were sent by Gen. Hentzelman to the mouth of the Potomac to arrest certain parties for smuggling goods into Virginia and harboring rebels.

The route of the party was along the Potomac on the Maryland shore. The force captured Capt. Dem, who was formerly connected with the 5th army, and also a Mr. Batesman, who had carried contraband mules into rebeldom.

The cavalry proceeded their search to Chaptincomb, where they took Mr. C. Spaulding, who had a box of horses already packed up, marked O. K., and evidently designed for the rebels. He also had some rebel money in his drawers.

The order on which the goods were brought to their position was addressed to Dr. Randolph White, from a Mr. Samuel. The goods consisted of boots, shoes, dry goods and drugs.

In the latter, Mr. Spaulding's safe, with two thousand dollars in Southern funds, were found, for which goods had undoubtedly been sold to Southern parties. Goods for an unknown destination were discovered in his store, packed up in small bundles. The parties were brought to this city, and placed on their parole by General Wadsworth.

In obedience to the conditions of their parole, they appeared before the Provost Marshal yesterday, and were released, the Scotch money taken from one being retained by the Government, and \$300 fine inflicted upon Mr. C. C. Spaulding. Much surprise is expressed here at the light punishment inflicted upon these guilty parties by the Provost Marshal here, who is usually so severe upon offenders.—Wash. Cor. New York Herald.

LATE FROM THE WEST. The Rebel Attack upon Nashville.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston Appointed to the Rebel Command in the West.

LOUISVILLE, Nov. 10.—There had been no assault on Nashville up to Friday evening. Nothing had been heard of Gen. Polk.

On Wednesday night, the rebel pickets appeared in Murfreesboro', McMinnville, and Franklin Pike and commenced skirmishing. Eight hundred of Stokes' cavalry charged upon Stone's cavalry and drove them within five miles of Franklin. Meanwhile, a rebel force, supposed to be Morgan's, made a dash on the new railroad bridge north of Nashville, but were repulsed with fearful loss.

In the various skirmishes one man was killed, thirteen wounded and three missing.

McCook's advance reached Nashville on the afternoon of the 6th instant.

It is reported that the rebels have evacuated Murfreesboro' and McMinnville, and gone to Chattanooga. Also, that Gen. Joseph E. Johnston had arrived at Chattanooga and assumed the command of the Department of Tennessee and North Alabama.

Breckinridge is in command at Chattanooga. Deserters from the rebel army say that Breckinridge was compelled to destroy most of the property captured by his forces in Kentucky to prevent its falling into Buell's hands.

Major Gen. Hooker has been assigned to the command of the army corps heretofore commanded by General Fitz John Porter, who has been ordered to Washington to stand his trial upon the charges preferred against him by General Pope, for misconduct at the battle of Bull Run.

NAVAL.—Acting Assistant Paymaster D. F. Quilley has been ordered to the steamer Commodore McDonough.

W. H. Campbell, of Waterson, has been appointed assistant surgeon in the navy.

A Drunken Lieutenant. Lieut. G. W. Watson, of the Second Pennsylvania Cavalry, came to the city yesterday, with wagon, on quartermaster's business, and got drunk. He was arrested by the provost guard and sent to the Central guardhouse. Such an officer's commission should be short-lived.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The Draft in Wisconsin. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Nov. 10.—The draft in this State, which commenced to-day, in some localities passed off quietly and in order, but in Ozaukee county the lists were seized by a mob and destroyed, and the commission is severely handed. They fled to this city.

In Milwaukee city there were strong indications of trouble, complaints being made that injustice had been done in some of the wards, in not giving proper credits for volunteers. A crowd of Ninth warders assembled and marched through the city, to the number of three or four hundred, in procession. The result of the matter was, the draft has been postponed for the present.

The Draft in Pennsylvania. HARRISBURG, Nov. 10.—The difficulty among the drafted men, which threatened serious results, has been satisfactorily adjusted.

The late order of the War Department, preventing them from organizing into companies and regiments, according to the laws of the State, has been revoked. Thousands are now returning to the various commands. They had either deserted or refused to assemble, while under the impression they were to be forced into old regiments and required to serve for a longer time than that for which they were drafted.

Political Meeting in New York. NEW YORK, Nov. 10.—Salutes in honor of the Democratic triumph in this State were fired to-day.

There was a mass meeting of the Democrats in Union Hall to-night. Messrs. O'Gorman and Van Buren were the speakers. Whenever McClellan's name was mentioned, it was hailed with tremendous cheering. The hall was brilliantly illuminated, and a fine band of music was in attendance.

From Connecticut. DANBURY, Conn., Nov. 10.—The Union ticket prevailed in the town election to-day.

NEWARK, Conn., Nov. 10.—A salute in honor of General Burnside was fired here to-day. Also, one in honor of the recent Democratic victories.

Stewards Sailed. BOSTON, Nov. 10.—The steamers Saxton, Matanzas and Mississippi, with Massachusetts troops, sailed for Beaufort to-day.

FINANCIAL. NEW YORK, November 10.—The bank statement shows a decrease of loans of \$14,706, in excess of specie, \$214,332; decrease of circulation, \$11,447; decrease of deposits, \$1,475,613.

A Hoax. NEW YORK, November 10.—The recently reported challenge from Cassius M. Clay to D. C. Birdsall, proves to be a hoax.

Looking After the Alabama. NEW YORK, November 10.—The steamship Vanderbilt goes to sea to-night, in search of the pirate Alabama.

The Draft in New York. NEW YORK, November 10.—It is now stated that the draft in this city will take place between this date and the twentieth instant.

From Port Royal. NEW YORK, November 10.—The gubato Sumter has arrived from Port Royal.

Star at Hartford. HARTFORD, Conn., November 10.—Belden's design distributed at Linsburg has been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$25,000; no insurance.

Michigan Election. DETROIT, Nov. 10.—Returns from the upper peninsula place the election of John F. Driggs (Republican) to Congress, from the Sixth district, beyond a doubt.

The "Star" on McClellan.—The Star's defence of General McClellan may be very complimentary to that officer, but it is not so certain high functionaries here. The Star says: "His subsequent movements clearly demonstrate the fact that however his provincial reticence may have induced him to keep the secret of his plans in his own breast, (for fear that if any one here knew them they might possibly come to the knowledge of the enemy,) &c., &c."

Does the Star mean to intimate that the President, Gen. Halleck, the Secretary of War, or other members of the Cabinet, would have betrayed Gen. McClellan's "plans," if he had not kept them locked up in his own breast? Or, if this is not intended as a sweeping charge against the whole Administration, ought not the Star to have specified the party through whom it supposes our secrets might leak out to the enemy?

PERSONAL.—Col. Edward H. Castle, so well known in the early part of the war, in connection with the management of the military railroads of Missouri, has returned to Washington, after a journey to the North, during which he has visited his early and life-long friends, with the chief object of conferring with them in reference to their earnest support of the President in the great crisis which is pressing upon the country. Col. Castle took a very active part in the elevation of Judge Douglas, having always been on terms of the greatest intimacy with him.

A FRIEND IN NEED.—It is not often that we attempt to puff any of the thousand and one patent medicine nostrums of the day; and we are not going to do it now, but simply to state what we know from actual trial, and leave the reader to do the puffing. During the forepart of the present winter, we were sorely afflicted with a pain in the right shoulder—caused, we suppose, by former strain in working a hand printing press. It became so bad that we could sleep but little at night, and with difficulty get our coat on or off. We used various so-called remedies, but they were no remedies to our troublesome shoulder. At last we tried a bottle of Sweet's Infallible Liniment, and after three applications, the pain almost entirely left, and in a few days our shoulder was as free from pain as it ever was.—Montpelier (Vt.) Watchman.

SEE a woman in another column picking Samson's Grapes, for Spoor's Wine. It is an admirable article, used in hospitals, and in the first families in Paris, London and New York, in preference to old Port Wine. It is worth a trial, as it gives great satisfaction. If a

NEWS SUMMARY.

Gen. Lee is said to have escaped, and it is reported that his main force is at Gordonsville.

The story that Bragg is at Gordonsville and is moving therefrom with a large force is very likely a canard.

Major General N. P. Banks is in town, and has rooms at Willards.

It seems now to be admitted that Hon. Owen Lovejoy is re-elected to Congress from Illinois.

The reported capture of 3,000 rebels at Plymouth, N. C., is now doubted.

The rebels have evacuated Rappahannock Station. It was taken possession of by our forces on Friday last. The rebels attempted afterwards to dialogue us, but were not able. They were repulsed by our artillery.

Rev. Dr. Berrien, rector of Trinity Church, New York, died on Saturday evening at his residence in Varick street. His age was 75.

It is said that some members of the press in New York attempted to pump Lord Lyons on his arrival in that city. It was no go. His Lordship was wiser. They could get nothing from the noble Lord respecting that request of his Government to Mr. Seward, for an armistice.

Thomas Collyer, a well known ship-builder in New York, died at his residence at Sing Sing, on Friday evening.

It is now declared that Nashville is safe. Gen. McCook is now there in full force.

The Philadelphia Inquirer has a calm and well considered article on the removal of Gen. McClellan. It is in striking contrast to that of the Sunday Transcript of that city.

Gen. Wadsworth left this city yesterday, for the front.

Gen. Hooker was at Willards' last evening. Rumor has it that he is to be restored to his old command.

We learn that Maj. Gen. David Hunter has been appointed to the command of an important military expedition now being prepared for operations against the rebels. Its destination is, of course, a secret.

The Newbern Progress, of the 1st instant, is received. It contains no allusion to any recent expedition. In relation to the statement that the rebels at Wilmington were arming progress to fight against the Union troops, the Progress says: "We have learned direct from Wilmington, and through what is deemed a reliable source, that such is not the fact. The distrust of the negro is so great that they dare not trust them with arms."

The Richmond Dispatch says that Gen. Beauregard has presented to Gen. Jackson a splendid silver mounted pistol, of a new pattern, made in Paris expressly for Jackson. It is a revolver, navy size, constructed to throw balls as cannon throw grapeshot. With this formidable weapon an officer had pressed in his formation to destroy a half a dozen enemies at a single discharge. An appropriate inscription is engraved on the silver plating.

Mrs. Lincoln arrived in Boston on Friday last, and took rooms at the Parker house.

The New York Herald does not make much fuss about the removal of McClellan. It has its usual amount of slang against those whom it calls abolitionists and Jacobins, pressing its wonted pretended regard for the President. "It will maintain, till it suits its purpose to throw off its disguise, and utter towards the President its real feelings and sentiments."

THE VOICE OF NEW YORK.—Aside from the fact that one hundred thousand soldiers' votes were lost in the recent election, it should always be borne in mind that the cities of New York, Brooklyn, and Albany give nearly forty thousand majority for the Democrats. Leaving out these cities, whose votes are influenced more by rum and national prejudices than by political sentiments, the Republican majority in the rural counties, in the thriving villages and small but enlightened cities is about thirty thousand, even without the soldiers' votes! In this light New York stands side by side with Massachusetts.

All (six) of the Republican members to Congress are elected from Iowa.

In all the general hospitals of the United States there are now 55,519 sick and wounded soldiers. Of these, 11,989 are in the department of the West, and 17,214 in the cities of Washington, Frederick and Georgetown, Alexandria and vicinity. The rest are in the various hospitals throughout the Atlantic and Gulf States. In New Orleans there are at present 5,000 patients. The hospital for officers at Cananack Woods, Philadelphia, is now ready to receive patients. The sick and wounded who now occupy tents at Smetonkton, Keydsville, and the vicinity of the battle ground of Sharpsburg, are to be removed to Washington and Eastern hospitals as fast as they are convalescent.

FORD'S THEATRE.—We witnessed, for a short time last evening, Mr. Coultcock's personation of Luke Fielding. It was a capital performance, and what we expected from this excellent actor.

Miss Coultcock appeared as Rose Fielding, and the scene between her father and herself, in reading the letter of exposure, was most touching, life-like, and affecting.

Mr. Coultcock will be deservedly popular in Washington.

COMMUNICATED. The Actor Lorain.

MR. EDITOR: I some years since witnessed the performance of the part of the priest in the play entitled, The Last Days of Pompeii, by Mr. Lorain, and deemed it the most impersonation of the character ever executed in this country. I also regarded Mr. Lorain as a rising man in his profession, and such, I believe, was the general impression concerning him, at least by competent judges. To much of the force and declamatory powers of Mr. Ford, in united qualities of action and expression, he generally conceded to the latter even by his friends. Mr. Lorain was, then, some five years ago, a new man on the stage, and had not yet got the run of the crowd. Can it be possible, that disgraced with his profession of lacking the perseverance, he has voluntarily surrendered the palm of excellence which purely awaited him. Will not some of the theatrical managers of this city look after Mr. Lorain?

MARRIED. On Thursday, October 23, by Rev. Wm. J. Mann, Mr. JOHN W. BERNETT, of Manchester, Virginia, to Miss THERESA K. BOSHBART, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Play happiness attend them.

LOCAL NEWS.

AMUSEMENTS. GROVER'S THEATRE.—Lucille Webster.—Grove's Theatre.—This evening, Miss Webster, in her great character of Nancy Sykes, in the dramatization of Charles Dickens' great novel, entitled "Oliver Twist." As the besotted, ignorant, and comfortless London wanderer, Miss Webster is said to have few equals and no superiors. She will be supported by the entire company. Mr. L. P. Barrett as Patin, the Jew; Mr. Setchell as Smiler; Mr. Barron as Bill Sykes, and Miss Sophie Gibson as Oliver Twist. At Grove's theatre, to-night.

FORD'S THEATRE.—Mr. and Miss Coultcock made their first appearance here last night, before a crowded audience—the former for the first time in several years, and the latter for the first time, in fact. The play, entitled "The Willow Copse," selected, we presume, for the purpose of presenting Mr. Coultcock in the character of Luke Fielding, the touchstone of his genius in America, and an effort of recognition to the first time in our theatre. The story of the sternly honest old yeoman, last night, was fully up to his brilliant reputation. The effort is a most remarkable one in its sterling merits, and a most profound sensation last night. The piece also performed for the first time in our theatre. Miss Coultcock, who, as Rose Fielding, second her father with exceeding grace and with perfect ability. The mechanical accessories were capital, and the mise en scene perfect.

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Mr. Ellis moved to strike out the clause requiring a superintending architect in the construction of the building. Carried.

Mr. Gordon moved to postpone the bill indefinitely. Carried.

Mr. Lloyd, from the Committee on Claims, made some explanations in regard to the case of J. N. Fearson, and reported back the bill to refund certain tax money, with a recommendation that it be adopted.

Mr. Mitchell offered a resolution that the Committee on Wharves examine the river front, from M street to Eighth. Adopted.

Mr. Rash moved to reconsider the vote passed a few weeks since, in relation to the petition of Christopher Boyle, for permission to build an area in an alley. Carried.

On ordering the bill to a third reading it was ordered—7 to 5.

On the third reading the bill was lost—5 to 8. Adjourned.

PAROLED REBELS IN OLD CAPITOL.—The following paroled rebel prisoners were brought in, yesterday, from Sickles' division, near Manassas. They were found at Centerville and Chantilly, and are now in the Old Capitol.

Dr. A. F. Hawthright, assistant surgeon, Thirty-eighth North Carolina.

Sergeant Major G. S. Tansill, Seventh Virginia.

Corporal R. M. Truet, company A, Sixteenth North Carolina.

W. C. Jones, H. L. Cook and Merritt Knight, Twenty-first Georgia.

David Moore, company E, Eighteenth North Carolina.

George H. Louie, company H, Sixteenth Virginia.

H. Smith, company B, Twelfth South Carolina.

J. M. Rhenhardt, company A, Sixteenth North Carolina.

J. R. Morrow, company I, Thirty-fourth North Carolina.

J. W. Sheehan, Thirty-fourth North Carolina.

F. Landring, company A, Thirty-eighth North Carolina.

J. D. Ehrhardt, company K, Fifty-first Georgia.

George Fullbright, company E, Thirty-fourth North Carolina.

A NEW PLACE OF AMUSEMENT.—The building known as GYMNASIUM HALL, corner of Ninth street and Louisiana avenue, on Market Space, will, by the 25th instant, be converted into a splendid music hall, with a new stage, new scenery, private boxes, beautifully furnished orchestra chairs, arranged with every comfort, and with seats for 200 persons. The proprietor, and the hall will open Saturday evening, 25th instant, under the management of the famous pianist, A. M. Hernandez, assisted by the public and first-class company of ballet dancers, pantomimists, excellent gymnasts, light-rope performers, laughable burlesques, &c., so that excellent performances will be looked for, without a doubt, meet with marked favor by the pleasure seekers of Washington.

CONTRACTS FOR HEAD BOARDS.—Capt. Harts, of the Quartermaster's Department, awarded a contract yesterday, for the furnishing of 3,000 head boards to be placed at the graves of the soldiers who died in the late war, and who are now lying in the Soldiers' Home, from the various hospitals in this city and vicinity. The contract was given to Thomas S. Young, of the house on 29th street, who has become a contractor for the head boards, and is to be of good black walnut, four feet in length, ten inches wide, and one and three-eighths inches thick, with a five-eighth inch groove across the top, and twenty inches along the side, and to be delivered in Washington in thirty days.

In addition, these boards are to be neatly lettered with white paint, giving the name of the deceased, the date of his death, and the date of death, so the friends of the deceased will have no difficulty in finding the grave of the brave warrior, "who has slept his last sleep."

PAROLEES.—The President is pardoned from the penalty of the following: James F. Jones, of the 1st Regt. of the 1st Div. of the 1st Army, of arson, and sentenced to twelve years imprisonment.

Richard Maryland, convicted at June term, 1860, of grand larceny, and sentenced to three years.

John Woodcock, convicted March term, 1842, of larceny, and sentenced to two years.

James H. Hays, convicted in March, 1860, of larceny, and sentenced to three years.

The first had served out three-fourths of his term; the second two thirds. The third is a mechanic, and for four years and soldier, with but one leg. They have all conducted themselves in an exemplary manner since their confinement.

USING A BELLY.—We understand that Superintendent Wiley, of the Metropolitan police has given orders to his force forbidding the use of this cowardly and murderous weapon.

A case has been reported to us where the bill was used in an outrageous manner. Several sailors went to the house of Mr. Dickson, in the Sixth ward, and rang the bell. A female in the house went to the window and asked what was wanted. She received an insulting answer, and the sailors were ordered away. A police officer, hearing a portion of the colloquy, pursued