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AMUSEMENTS THIS EVENING

MIRLO'S GARDEN. Pressure - ALL HALLOW EVE-WALLACKS THEATRE. Broadway - BOSEDALE.

WINTER GARDEN. DIGHEWAY. -TICKET OF LEAVE GLYMPIC THRATER, Krondway. - Bany Shaving-

NEW BOWERY THEATRE, BOWERY-DEATH PLANE-

ROWERY THEATRE, Bowery. - VAMP-GILIS SCROOMS' GROSS - MISCHIEF MAKING.

BARNIM'S MUSEUM, Broadway .- Preven Giart, Blast Cim., Giart Boy, Liebbrurian King, &c., at all ours. Treats of Lasts Blan-Tenant of the Tona-diernon and Evening. BREAMIS' MINSTRIALS, Mechanics' Hall, 673 Breadway. - Erusorian Songs, Dances, Buntasques, &c. - Taxa

WOOD'S MINSTREL HALL, 614 Brindway. - Erm Songa Dances 40 - You Hangung Menageria GEO. CHRISTY'S MINSTEELS. 685 Broadway. -- BUR LESQUES. SONGS. DANCES. &C. SCHEMMERHORE'S BOY.

AMERICAN THEATRE, No. 444 Broadway - BALLETS, PANTONIMES, BUELESQUES, No. - KILLING NO MURDER. BROADWAY AMPHITHEATER, 483 Broadway.-Grm.

HOPE CHAPEL, 718 Prondway. -THE STEREOSCOPTICAN OR MINROR OF THE UNIVERSE.

NEW YORK MUSEUM OF ANATOMY, 518 Broadway. --HOOLEY'S OPERA HOUSE, Brooklyn.-ETHIOPIAS

New York, Thursday, December 24, 1863.

THE SITUATION.

The information which we give to-day from various' sources proves the late story about the destruction of the Ironsides and two Monitors at Charleston to be a complete hoax. In the first place, the United States transport Star of the South, which arrived here from Hilton Head vesterday, with dates to the 21st, brings positive news that the report of the United States frigate Ironsides and other Monitors being entangled in the obstructions in Charleston harbor are untrue. The Monitor Lehigh, while on picket duty near Fort Johnson, got aground. The rebel battery opened on her, doing her considerable damage, when the other two iron-clads went to her assistance and succeeded in getting her off. The Lehigh was so badly damaged by the fire of the rebel batteries that the Star of the South had

General Butler's despatches, under date of yesterday from Fortress Monroe, state that Richmond dates to the 22d had arrived by the flag of truce boat, and that "there is no truth in the Monitor story." The rebel telegrams from Charleston make no mention of it; although, as will be seen, they allude to the progress of the siege up to the 21st. General Gillmore was shelling the city every day with his two hundred-pounders, but nothing more of importance was transpiring. We repeat that the government ought to investigate into the origin of this mischievous hoax

to tow her to Hilton Head for repairs. No one on

board was injured.

We give to-day, from our correspondent in the field, the full history of the late brilliant operations in General Kelley's Department in Western Virginia, under the immediate direction of General Averill, by which Longstreet's communication with Richmond was cut off on the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad. The line was cut in two or three places, the telegraph wires broken, their depots at Salem, with their contents, destroyed, together with several bridges and culverts over a distance of fifteen miles. General Averill, on his return from this important feat, found his path blocked by the rebels under no less than seven manœuvre he got the best of them, and returned to headquarters with a trifling loss, but after much suffering from riding over a mountainous country. General Averill forwards to General Halleck an official account of the affair, which we publish, together with a map of the vicinity. The rebel despatches admit the main points in this statement.

The news from the Army of the Potomac is cheerful but not important. The weather is splendid, and the troops are about to be provided with certain delicacies in the shape of oysters, game and poultry, at reasonable prices, in accordance with an order of General Patrick, Provost Marshal General, who advertises for contracts for the supply of bivalves.

Rebel despatches from Dalton Ga. report that General Joe Johnston is appointed to the command of the Army of Tennessee. Speaking of the late affair at Bean Station, they say that their loss in killed and wounded was eight hundred.

The first vessel which sailed from this port under the new government passport order was the California steamer Illinois, which left yesterday. Her passengers and crew were searched; a large number of revolvers, knives and other weapons were taken from her passengers by the deputy marshals and put in care of the purser, to be delivered to their owners when the vessel reaches Aspinwall. A general passport was then given to the captain, which enabled him to pass the gunboat at Sandy Hook and proceed on his voyage. It appears that the order only rebuires that a vessel shall be thoroughly overhauled by the marshal, and does not provide that every passenger shall have a separate passport, as was at first supposed. Six United States transports. which did not happen to be furnished with the Marshal's pass, were sent back from Sandy Hook by the gunboat Vicksburg.

In the Senate yesterday, petitions to exempt blergymen from the draft, and to increase the pay of custom house officers at Philadelphia, were resented and referred; also for remuneration for ses quatained by the seizure of the ship Arago. bill to establish a uniform ambulance system was referred to the Military Committee. A bill brohibiting Congressmen from acting as counsellors in sults where the government is interested was referred to the Judiciary Committee. Mr. Bunner introduced his bill for codifying the laws.
A resolution calling for information as to whether begroes have been enrolled in the loyal slave States was agreed to. The resolution of inquiry regarding memplored major and heigadier gemeals may Erange and England, and angounced his in- lain!" Ferbum est.

adopted. The Senate then went into executive

ession, and subsequently adjourned.
In the House General McClellan's report was received, and a motion to print ten thousand copies of it referred to the Printing Committee. A bill creating a bureau of military justice was reported. The Military Committee reported a bill mending the Enrolment act by uniting the two classes into one. A resolution declaring the En rolment act unjust and unconstitutional was offered, but without taking action on the subject the House adjourned. Both houses stand adjourned till the 5th of

January. MISCELLANEOUS NEWS.

By the arrival of the steamship Jura at Port-land, the Asia at Halifax and Edinburg at New York during yesterday, we received news from Europe to the 13th of December-one week later-with files of European journals dated in Dublin, Ireland, to the 10th instant.

Our fuller reports of the great prize fight between Heenan and King, published in the HERALD to-day, show that King was the victor, defeating Heenan in twenty-five rounds. The London Time fully acknowledges the importance of General Grant's victory over Bragg. The Czar replied in a friendly tone to Napoleon's invitation to attend the Congress, but thinks a definition of the pro-gramme "indispensable." The alleged rebel steamer Pampero was seized bythe British authorities. The Polish patriots made very gallant assaults on the Russians. Lord Elgin's death is confirmed. An insurrection had broken out in one of the districts of India, and very severe fighting

Consols closed in London on the 12th instant at 90% a 91 for money. The Paris Bourse was steady. The Liverpool cottop market was firm, with prices unchanged. Breadstuffs were inactive. Provisions flat.

The Board of Councilmen met at one v'clock yesterday, and during a session of nearly two hours duration transacted a large amount of routine business. They adjourned until this evening at four o'clock

Another large auction sale of coal took place at noon yesterday, at No. 35 William street, on behalf of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Great Western Railroad Company. Nearly twenty thousand tons were disposed of, at prices ranging from \$6 371/4 to \$8 per ton. The average prices did not much from those of the November sale. Stove coal sold at \$1 35 a ton less than in November. Some of the varieties brought higher prices. The prices of stocks advanced a trifle again yesterday and the market was firm. Gold was more active, but there was a small decline in the premiums. Govern securities were not in demand, but prices were un changed, the five-twenties selling for 101%, interest on cy market remains easy, with the rate of interest

yesterday, and the amount of business transactions was small, though fair considering the nearness of the bolidays, which always act as a restriction upon all busines days, which always act as a restriction upon all business enterprises. At the Produce Exchange there was less buoyancy, owing to the enterprises complexion of the European advices by the Jura and Asia, which were reported on change at on early hour. Flour, wheat and corn were lower. Oats were higher. Pork and lard were steady. Whiskey was higher. Grocories were quiet. Cutton was nominal. Petroloum dull and heavy for crude, steady for reduced. Freights were dull but steady.

Satan on the Stump at the Cooper Insti-

It is no new thing for Satan to make his apcarance in this wicked world. The Bible tells us that he crawled into Paradise in the shape of a serpent, and originated a dispute about an apple, which created even more discord and trouble than the famous decision of Paris. Then, again, he walked to and fro upon the earth, seeking whom he might devour generally, and trying to get a chance to torment poor Job particularly. Long after this we find him conveying Jesus about from steeple to mountain top, and promising him all the king-doms of this world, "when," as Ethan Allen remarked to King George, "the confounded rascal didn't own a foot of them." During the Middle Ages Satan was on earth almost continually, sometimes in the form of a Pope, sometimes in that of a king, sometimes in that of a sentimental philosopher like Abelard, or a metaphysical philosopher like Faust. this epoch, discarding the well-worn habiliments of priests, potentates and philosophers, Satan is among us incarnated as an aboliti-

On Tuesday evening his infernal Majesty spoke at the Cooper Institute. The posters announced that Mr. Wendell Phillips would deliver the lecture: but no one who has read the production can perceive that the orator of evening was Satan himself. Wendell Phillips is undoubtedly the best public speaker on this continent. His eloquence is as classical as that of Cicero and as effective as that of Demosthenes. Yet it is evident, from the very bad uses he makes of his powers, that Satan has provided him with them and taught him how to exercise them. It is through this super natural and infernal influence that Phillips' oratory so far surpasses that of any of his contemporaries. Beecher cannot hold a candle with him, although Beecher is also touched with a live coal from Hades once in a while, as during his recent tour through England. Everett is dry and cold, and weak, when compared to Phillips, and his facts, like a bad Christmas pudding, sit heavily upon his oratorical stomach, and refuse to be digested into an eloquent oration. This was peculiarly the case at his recent display upon the Gettysburg battle field, where the snores of the audience-who were soothed to slumber by Everett's sleepy sentences-mimicked the roar of the artillery upon the day of the great fight. But then Everett has no Plutonian connections, and cannot warm to his work like Phillips. As for our other orators, from James T. Brady away down to Governor Seymour, their chattering is like that of poll parrots in contrast with the utterances of our satanic friend, Phillips, who can make dull subject bright and a good subject better by the force of his infernal inspiration and un-

questionable genius. The subject which Wendell Phillips discussed on Tuesday evening was very dull. It was the President's last message, which nobody would read, and which nobody could have understood if it had been read. See, now, how our satanie orator lightened up this stupid topic. He begun by eulogizing John Brown, and declaring that the abolitionists had now done a good deal more than John Brown ever thought of doingwhich is certainly as true as Gospel. Then he asserted that the President is a growing manwhich is highly probable, since Old Abe now stands six feet five in his stockings, and gains an inch every time he puts on his boots. Then be paid a handsome compliment to General Grant-which shows that Satan knows public entiment and a thing or two besides. There he protested against the proclamation, and said that Lincoln had not done half his work-a statement which is a great deal truer of his military undertakings than of his abolitionism. Then he asserted that slavery is not dead yet but he forgot to add that, although elavery not dead, all the negroes soon will be, as we shall show by and by. Then he pitched into

tention of upsetting every throne on the European continent-a sentiment which is certainly satanic, but to which we have no possible objection. Then he ridiculed the reconstruction schemes of Chase, Seward, Sumner, Dale Owen and Lincoln! and we know of no fairer game for satire. Then he said that the Supreme Court will set aside all those schemes, and the proclamation with them; and we declare that this is precisely our opinion. Then he demanded an amendment to the constitution, which strikes us as a satanic lapsus lingua; for, only a year ago, Mr. Phillips announced that the constitution was abolished; and the administration has accepted the fact, and acted upon it, as the whole conduct of the war proves. How, then, can we amend an institution which is abolished?

After this remarkable evidence that Satan the father of lies, has not what all liars should have-viz: a good memory-Mr. Phillips gave our Senators a roasting—which they richly deserve—and then proceeded to develop his plan of disposing of the rebel States. He intends to confiscate all the land and divide it among the negroes. This scheme presupposes that all the rebellious whites shall have been killed off before the end of the war: and we think such a result very possible, if the war is to continue as long as most people expect and the administration faction designs. But Mr. Phillips again forgets to remember, or remembers to forget that the necroes will all be killed off also some time before that consummation is attained. Then the satanic orator indulged in an episode about slavery in Jamaica, in regard to which, we make bold to say, he knows nothing whatever; for Satan seldom takes the trouble to read up upon these matters, and is generally indebted to his imagination for his facts. Then he remarked that Mr. Lincoln might be a very prudent man, but that his prudence is too expensive-a remark which will apply equally well to his jokes. Then Mr. Phillips advised people to trust to cannon balls rather than to peliticians; and this is very good advice, although we had rather trust to General Grant, who knows how to make the cannon balls tell Then, in conclusion, our satanic lecturer played Sir Oracle upon the coming Presidential election, and arraigned Secretary Chase as a recreant, and compared his bank system to a lub without a bottom. We agree with Satan there. Then he declared his preference for Fremont or Butler as President, although Fremont is a Pathfinder who is always losing his way, and Butler has all his New Orleans ontanglements to clear up and explain before he can be an available candidate. So Satan sat down, amid applause, and poor Greeley sang a doxology in long metre in favor of Chase, which had the effect of eliciting three cheers for McClellan and driving the audience out of the

hall. Thus ended the performance. Now, this is truly a great deal for any orator to say about such a topic as the President's message, and all that we have to add to it may be expressed in a very few words. Satan may as well discharge Wendell Phillips. The sa tanic orator may hang up his abolition fiddle and settle down quietly. His work is practically done. The negroes are free; but they are also doomed. Thousands of them die like cattle every week. Thousands more are in the army, and are marked men, certain never to survive the war. In ten years a black face will be as scarce among us as is now the face of a red man. The Indians were a much nobler, a much more manly, a much more energetic race than the negroes; but they have been crushed out of existence by the Caucasian race. The negroes are going the same road. They cannot exist, as a race, side by side with the white race, except in a state of servitude. Some of them will emigrate; but the majority will die here within the next decade. This is the result which Phillips and his friends have labored hard to bring about. Now that he has accomplished it, let him wash the blood off his hands discard setanic influences, and cast his firs vote-for he boasts that he has never yet voted-at the next Presidential election in favor

of the great General Grant. WHY LONGSTREET LINGERS IN EAST TENNES-SEE .- Military strategists are beginning to discover some new and formidable game in Longstreet's dogged determination to risk the destruction of his army rather than clear out of East Tennessee. His reasons, however, for holding on there as long as possible appear to us to be very simple. First, he remains there to subsist his troops and to forward all the extra supplies he can gather up towards Richmond. Secondly, he is protecting the rebel workmen engaged in extracting the pitre from the nitre caves of East Tennessee and Southwestern Virginia, and he is also protecting the salt works of that section, from which the socalled "confederacy" now procures nearly all its supplies of salt. It will thus be seen that so long as Longstreet occupies the eastern corner of East Tennessee he is doing the most important service to Jeff. Davis. We dare say, however, that General Grant thoroughly understands the case, and will attend to it without unnecessary loss of time.

CONTRABAND NEWS-WELLES VERSUS STANron.-On board the blockade runner Ceres, recently captured off Wilmington, some interesting rebel correspondence was found, which, being forwarded to Secretary Welles, he delivered over to the newspapers for publication. After the arrival of this correspondence in New York, however, we were advised that the Secretary of War had forbidden the publication thereo Secretary Stanton had discovered in these rebel letters another mare's nest, although Secretary Welles had declared that he could not see it Some of our contemporaries, ready for my excuse for a bit of news, jumped at the authority from Secretary Welles, regardless of the demurrer of Secretary Stanton, and published the correspondence. We could not, it is true, imagine what possible benefit the rebels might derive from these aforesaid rebel letters; but Secretary Stanton opinion was accepted as conclusive upon the subject. We have now to submit to Presiden Lincoln that hereafter, in such cases as this, he shall decide the question himself when such learned doctors as Welles and Stanton

PROFESSIONAL AMENITIES. Nailed to the counter, like a bogus coin, by our conclusive refutation of his misstatement that the Herald's Presidential candidates were never elected, poor Greeley now comes out with a whine about "professional amenities," and protests against "editorial discourtesies." He gave very striking illustration of his theory upor this matter, some time ago, by remarking to Bryant, of the Evening Post, "You lie, you vil-

King and Heenan-Our Contests with England.

Another great contest between England and the United States has been determined against us, to the disgust of the "fancy" portion of our community, and the intense amazement of the American eagle. King and Heenan met on the 10th instant, and after a fight of thirty-five minutes the latter admitted a defeat and gave up the battle. Twenty-five rounds were fought Heenan endeavored to avail himself of his talents as a wrestler, which are very great, and thus to win by the exhaustion of his opponent. Doubtless this was partly dictated by desire to save his hands, which were likely not so good as they had been represented to be He gave the only knock down blow of the fight, and fought gamely to the end.

So ends the last, thus far, of our contests with England. About 1776 we had our first, and won, though it was a hard fight. It was ended by a Catherine wheeler at Yorktown Early in the present century-1812-we fought again; but on this occasion the result was only a draw, as the British lion-or the British bull, whichever it is or a British beast made up of the contrary qualities of bull and lion, with the stupid bovine stubbornness and the feline treachery-was satisfied to close that struggle when it was not more than half fought out. In another contest of lesser magnitude than these we fought by champions. England was rep resented by the immortal Tom Cribb, and the United States sent one of its Institutions—the nigger, and a good representative specimen of the race, too, named Molyneux. Now, although it has been said that the nigger won't fight, Molyneux-a good specimen of the American nigger-came within an ace, a black ace, of giving Tom Cribb-a magnificent specimen of the English white man-a severe drubbing; but England cut the ropes, and won. Tom however, was afterwards taken in band by the famous Captain Barclay, and in the next fight Cribb vanquished Molyneux, and we were down in turn. Both these contests took place on British soil. Then we had several contests of another character on yachts, reapers, &c., in all of which we were the victors. The America took the World's cup off Cowes, and the English vachts were nowhere. Next we fought by champions again-Heenan for us, and Sayers for bis country and the stakes. England was beaten that time; but she would not admit it, because, as she said, her champion was only a little fellow after all. But she took away her champion's belt, though she would not give it to the man who had convinced her that her champion was unworthy to wear it. After that a Wall street broker sent his yacht to England, and brought on another contest, in which we were beaten. Again we were beaten through one of our steam fire engines, and finally we have been beaten in this last immense mill between King and Heenan. Here are only four results against us in all these struggles, and that is a state of the quarrel in which we might gracefully leave it; but we have not yet heard of any American who is so recreant as to propose that.

Beyond all question we take, as a people too deep an interest in this struggle to leave it yet, especially as the result is against us. expectation of this news, that no other subject and any interest. Juvenal said that the interruption of the Roman races caused more sorrow in Rome than the loss of the battle of Cannæ. Here we had the same public condition repeated, and by comparison with this fight there was no civil war for a day, and even no nigger. Immediately upon the receipt of the President's late Message, in which the country expected a plan for the settlement of the difficulties with the South, we-published an extra, and the people absolutely would not buy it. But our extra with the account of this fight sold by thousands. One million dollars also were bet upon the fight in this city, and at least three millions altogether in England, this country and Canada. Are we in this any worse than the world at large? No; all vigorous, healthy and free races, from the Jews down, inasmuch as by a single blow of his fist he knocked one of those tough customers, the Egyptians—that we can make nothing of—out of time and into eternity. His descendants ornament the P.R. to the present day. Ulysses fought the giant Irus for a kid's fries, and was declared the winner on the first round, having completely demolished the giant's snuffbox and potato trap by a single hot one from the auctioneer. His countrymen had already made the sport a national one, and Greece deified muscle in Hercules. In the days when Venice was free the prize fight was one of her national institutions, even more decidedly than it is in England at the present time: but now there are no prize fights in that enslaved and peace-

No institution that flourished in Egypt, Greece and Italy, and that is alive yet, can ensily die. So there will be more fights. But after this we must have a better representative than Heenan. No disparagement is meant to his courage in this; but he certainly lacks the proper organization for a fighter. He has bone, muscle, and all that; but yet he is too delicate in another sense. He is, as the breeders would say, too "fine." His nervous system is not the right one, and in this particular he is in decided contrast with all the men who have been his opponents, and we may doubt less trace his many failures to this source.

PRIZE MONET-ATTENTION, SAILORS .- Our patriotic Jack Tars, in numerous cases, after earning a snug little share of prize money in the work of capturing blockade runners, fall into the jaws of unscrupulous land sharks, and are outrageously fleeced by them. Now we have a word of advice for honest Jack, which we hope he will not only act upon himself, but do all he can to circulate among all hands in the naval service. Jack, for instance, was a sailor serving on board the gunboat De Soto at the time she captured this or that blockade runner. Let him, then, send the facts, certified by some officer of the De Soto, to the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury, at Washington, and the Fourth Auditor will return to the applicant a certificate of the amount of prize money due to him, which, upon presentation to the paymaster of the De Soto, will be paid without any drawbacks. In other words, by this simple proceeding Jack will steer clear of the land sharks and put all-his prize money into his own pocket.

GENERAL ROSECRANS IN ACTIVE SERVICE GAIN.-It is at length positively stated that General Rosecrans has been appointed to the command of the Military Department of Missouri, in the place of General Schofield. If the Missouri abolition radicals have thus at last !

gained their object of General Schofield's re moval, the conservatives have gained some thing in the appointment not only of a tried and trusty soldier in Schofield's place, but an honest man, whose hands are clean of any con tact with this miserable Missouri muddle General Rosecrans, we believe, is the man who will leave the politicians concerned to settle their paltry squabbles among themselves, while he attends to the legitimate military busines of his department.

PLANNING FOR POSTERITY AND PAYING THE

Cosr.—There never was anything more foolish ill-considered and unnecessary than the act constituting the present commission for laving out the upper part of this island. It is in advance of the necessities of our population at least half a century, and even this calculation is speculative. Whatever movement is taking place up town is confined entirely to the wealthy classes, and has already found its limits. The aristocratic quarters of large cities rarely expand beyond a certain area. The Park will bound this in our case for genera tions to come. The real movement of our business population is spreading itself in other directions. Whilst one portion, and that but a fraction, are moving up, the great majority are moving downis to say, moving to Brooklyn, Hoboken and Jersey City, where cheap and convenient dwellings are to be found at an easy distance from Wall street and the other great business centres. When men can get houses at less than balf the rent which they are compelled to pay for less comfortable quarters at this side of Thirtieth street, they would be fools to subject themselves to the extravagant rentals and the other inconveniences to which they are obliged to submit in New York. A merchant living in Brooklyn, Hoboken or Jersey City can generally reac his home from his office in from fifteen to twenty minutes. Is it natural, then, that those who care nothing about fashion or fashionable amusements should prefer expensive dwellings, the discomfort of crowded cars and long dis tances to the pure air, roomy accommodations and close propinquity of the neighboring cities? The proof that they do not is to be found in the enormous increase that has taken place within the last dozen years in the population of

In the face of these facts, the Legislature, a the instigation of a small knot of speculators, not long since issued a commission em powering the parties named in it to lay out for building purposes the upper part of the island, including the beautiful region known as Washngton Heights. In the map which this body has prepared it has projected, between the Kingsbridge road and the North river, no less than six new roads and avenues running parallel with each other, and between the Kings bridge road and Harlem seven or eight. The effect of these will be to cut up and destroy one of the most beautiful regions on this continent and that without the slightest plea of necessity The existing roads, with a little widening, and the addition of one or two avenues at the most will be sufficient for all the traffic to the upper part of the island for half a century to come As inducements to building, any additional number of the roads must prove failures, for the simple reason that the inclinations of our business population do not take them out in that direction. Were they to be made the result would merely be to promote the interests of the promoters of this bill, and to destroy, without in any way benefiting the city, the

most beautiful and enjoyable of its suburbs. We rejoice to say that the schemes of these speculators are about to meet with defeat. A ovement is on foot in which not only all the property holders, but many of our leading citizens, will unite to prevent them being carried out. The facts once properly represented to the Legislature, it cannot, without outraging justice and common sense, refuse to revoke the powers which have been so shamefully abused by the commission.

NEWS FROM ARKANSAS.

Movements of Standwalte, Adalr Quantrell. &c.

A despatch from Fort Smith, dated to-day, says:orthward, was under Standwalte, Adair and Quantrel Captain Spellman, with some Indiana troops, encountered them at Barren Fork, Cherokee county, fought them for four hours, and routed them, with a robel loss of about soventy. They find in all directions. They will doubtion reorganize. It is suspected that their design is to concentrate on the Kansas border. All is quiet in frost.

The Report About General Ullmann Un.

The despatch of yesterday conveying intelligence of the capture of General Ulimann and a portion of his bri-gade near Port Hudson was an error. The letter on which the report was based was rather blind, but really con-veyed the statement that an officer of his brigade who was captured and reported murdered was a prisoner at Richmond. At the latest dates General Ullmann was performing his duty with the Union army.

Sailing of the Canada.

Bosrow, Dec. 23, 1863.

The steamship Canada sailed this foreneon. She had thirty six passengers for Liverpool and twenty-seven for Hallfax, and \$130,000 in specie.

Movements of General Burnside PROVIDENCE, Dec. 23, 1863.
General Burnside arrived home this evening. Governor ith met him at the depot. A major general's salute

Indiana Politics.

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A meeting of the State Central Committee of Unconditional Union Men, including war democrats, to day determined to call a mass convention, to be held at Indianapolis on the 22d and 23d of February, for nominating a State ticket and electing delogates to the National Union Convention.

Auction Sale at Philadelphia.

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The rales by auction to day amounted to 184 boxsheads of sugar, at 121/c. a 123/c. for old crop and 131/c. a 133/c. for new; 596 barrels New Orleans molasses at 58c. a 10c.

City Intelligence CHRISTINAS DINNER FOR THE SOLDIERS.—The managers of the New York State Soldiers' depot, No. 50 Howard street, have generously determined to give a Christman dinner to all soldiers who may be in the city to-morrow

dinner to all soldiers who may be in the city to-morrow of duty or on furlough. Any among our citizens who may desire to contribute something towards the object can do so by forwarding donations to any of the following named persons: -Col. Neville, at the dept; John A. patephens, Chamber of Commorce; Mrs. Jacob Leroy, Mrs. Horace Webster, Mrs. Henry Chancey, Mrs. D. Chapman, Mrs. John Keyser, Mrs. James Whilamson, Mrs. Richard Hunt, Mrs. George T. M. Pavis, Secretary, No. 44 East Seventeenth street; Miss Hone, 24 West Nineteenth mirrot. New York; and to Mrs. George F. Puwer, No. 50 Chitomatrest, New York, for Brooklyn. Or George F. Power, Enq., 104 Beaver street, New York, for Brooklyn. Or Tuesday or School Chitomatre.—On Tuesday or School Institute took place at se last a very pleasant entertainment took place at school No. 29, in Greenwich streat, for the purpose

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH.

Progress of the Operations Before Charleston.

AFFAIRS ON THE RAPIDAN.

General Joseph E. Johnston in Command of the Tennessee Army.

Account of the Fight at Bean's Station.

FORTERS MONROE, Dec. 23, 1863

Affairs on the Rapidan. ORANGE COURT HOUSE, Dec. 16, 1968.
The enemy occupy Culpepper in force, with pickets extending to the Rapidan river. Supplies of ciothing are

The Bombardment of Charleston. All is quiet. General Beauregard inspected Fort Sumter at night. A heavy northeast blow is now prevailing.
**HARLESTON, D.C. 17, 1863.
Four shells were thrown into the city last night. Our

batteries opened beavily and silenced the enemy. CHARLEST N. D. 18, 1863 Ten shells were fired at the city this morning. Our

batteries have kept up a steady fire on the enemy, whe are engaged in obstructing the approaches to their batteries on Morris Island.

There was some firing on Stone to-day. Twenty nine vessels, including the Ironsides and lour Moultors, are

nside the bar, and the usual number in Stone. CHARLESTON, Dec. 20, 1863. CHARLESTON, Dec. 20, 1863.

The enemy opened fire on the city between twelve and one o'clock and threw fireen shells. This afternoon twenty more were fired. No damage was done to buildings. No one was injured. Our batteries replied.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 21, 1868.

There is little change in the condition of affairs. But few shots have been exchanged between the enemy's batteries and ours. The enemy continues to work on Greeg and Wagner, extending the flank of the former and sodding the latter. No important movement of the fleet has been made. A calcium light has been displayed two nights, reflecting on the city.

Gen. Jos. E. Johnston in Command of

the Tenmessee Army.

Datrow, Ga., Dec. 18, 1868.

Gen. Joseph E. Johnston is appointed to the command of the Tennessee army. He is expected here early next Gen. Hindman has arrived and taken command of his

Operations in East Tennes er.
FIGHT AT BEAN'S STATION—THE REBEL LOSS
EIGHT HUNDRED. Bazent, Pec 10, 1668.
A stirmish took place last Monday at Bean's Statio

The enemy, after a stubborn registance, retreated toward Knoxville. We captured reventy wagos loads of stera and some prisoners. Our loss in killed and wounded we eight hundred. General Graele was wounded. Two has dred and twenty five prisoners have arrived.

DALE W. Ga., Dec. 1º, 1068. General Sherman's corps has fallen back from Knot ille, and passed through Cleveland yesterday.

THE PASSPORT SYSTEM.

Sailing of the Illinois Yesterday for

California.—The Operations of Marshal Murray and His Officer.—Vesse:s Sent Back from Bandy Hook, &c.
Yesterday the recent order from the State and War Departments, in relation to the issuance of passports to all American vessels leaving the port of New York, came into practical observance, under the supervision of Marshall Memory.

The steamship Illinois left at twelve o'clock yesterds or Califernia, and, consequently, was the first to comander the rule. About half-past eleven o'clock Marshai Murray, accom

rapied by a sufficient force of detectives, visited the Illinois, and made a thorough and minute search of the I lilinois, and made a therough and minuts search of vossel and its passengers. The Marshal detailed twelf his men on board the vossel for this purpose. The gage of the passengers was agastized, such of the passengers was agastized, such of the passengers was negatived, and every precaution of the passengers were also submitted to a search, and every precautions of the passengers were also submitted to a search, and every precautions. was taken to carry out to the letter the injunction of the government. It is true that the subordinates of the Marshal could not get at some of the luggage which was stowed away below, and was perfectly "uncomeatable," is the revolvers and bowie knives of those board (and all the passengers, with a exceptions, were furnished with those delicate weapon and placed them under the lock and key of the purser the vessel, with the understanding that they are to be delivered to their owners on their arrival at their destina-

ger was required to have a pars. This is a mistake, as the Marshai, after a proper sourch, and finding everything all right, is only required to give a general pass to the captain or agent of the clearing vessel on her arrival at Sandy Hook or Throg's Neck. The following is the natur

United States Marshal's Office, Southern Destruct of New York, ——, 186.

I bereby certify, that the passequers and crew of the steamsbig ——, bound for ——, have been thoroughly overhauled by me, and that, in pursuance of instructions received from the Secretary of War, the vessel is allowed to depart on her voyage.

ROBT. MURRAY, United States Marchal, S. D. N. Y There was no unnecessary excitement yesterday on sequent upon the discharge of Marshal Murray's duties.

It is understood that all of our vessels clearing from this port will, for the future, be provided with small arms, to be used in case of emergency, and that the water can be used coptously in allaying any bostile de The United States transports Arago, for Port Royal

York yesterday morning by the commanding efficer of the United States gunboat Vicksburg, at Sandy Hook, who boarded them and found they had not their proper

Four other transports were sent back for

THE ILLINOIS PROCEEDS ON HER VOYAGE - SHARCE

Immediately after the filinois left her me day the work of searching the passengers' beggage for arms was commenced. United States Marshal Murray had detailed his three deputies—Messrs. Barst, James and Rasbeck—to perform that duty. They accomplished the work in the most thorough manner, and were rewarded by finding one hundred and sixty-five revolvers, sixteen rifles and seven fewling pieces. These were handed over to Mr. Pattinen, the purser, who will take charge of these to Mr. Pattinon, the purser, who will take charge of them until the Illinois arrives at Aspinwall. Receipts were then given to the passengers from whom they were taken. There were nearly six hundred passengers on board, and all, with the exception of two, submitted their baggage without a murmur to the officers' inspection. Two men, however, became highly incensed and talked a lot of nouseness about despotism, the certainty of the South schieving its independence, and other secession twaddle. Solitary confinement in their staterooms for a couple of hours, however, produced a wonderful change in their demeanor, and on Captain Babcock assuring Deputy Marshal Barst that he would keep his eye on them for the shal Baret that he would keep his eye on them remainder of the voyage, that officer decided to let then proceed. On arriving at Sandy Hook they were boarded

Milnois proceeded on her voyage.

A guard of two men will be placed over the arms be night and day during the voyage. Cartain Babook of the out with him quild by actionary actions I in his cabin.