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OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11, 1864.

Recruiting is quite brisk, and there are now earnest hopes that the city may yet escape the draft. The announcement yesterday that only 3500 more men were requisite to fill the city's quota, has had the effect to move our citizens to greater efforts. The action of Jersey City in giving every man who furnishes a recruit fifteen dollars, will be likely, it is thought, to reduce enthusiasm here. Still, the comparatively small number to raise, and the large bounties paid, lead us to believe that no draft will be necessary.

A religious cotton speculator has come to light up town, which shows that a worthy and upright sexton had a pretty sharp eye on the "main chance." Knowing that all the cushions of the fifteen hundred pews were stuffed with cotton, he purchased a large quantity of dry sea-weed, which he substituted for the old "Southern King," by which operation he effected a transaction netting him a very snug sum. The congregation, however, have made serious legal objections, which he is plously endeavoring to overcome.

Stephen H. Branch, who announced a week ago the discovery of the Resurrection was near at hand, has again found it necessary to inflict on the different papers a communication stating that the public is to be disappointed. The Resurrection is postponed. Stephen fearing a sentence to the penitentiary for some of his old libels, has wisely considered his project. Small loss!

Burglaries have been frightfully on the increase lately, to so great an extent, indeed, that the citizens have organized bodies of men to act as night watchmen and an additional police force. Almost every block in the more densely populated wards, and in those containing the great business houses, are guarded at night by these special patrolmen. But I hardly think these precautions are sufficient to meet the demands of the case. Two-thirds of the burglaries are committed with the criminal assent of servant girls, the fellows being admitted by their female "pals." Hence it is that a woman who does her own housework, for she knows how many skirts and pillow cases she has; how many silks and fans are not worn in abundance and wakes, and runs to look from girls who bring an "excellent character," and who for a consideration, pecuniary or otherwise, leaves open, carelessly, of course, the doors leading to treasures. The more pretentious Fall and High-showing the servant girl, the bigger the fee she turns to be; the stronger the recommendation she brings, the larger is the circle of eaves-dropping acquaintances. The mysterious frequency of these midnight raids, is the instrument of an increased prosperity in the hardware business, causing an impetus to the sale of revolvers and dirks equalled only to the riots in July fists.

Sanitary Fairs are all the rage here now. The papers are filled with advertisements and items concerning the condition of these charitable concerns. Gabbing young ladies call at our houses, interrupting our afternoon snooze, to be sure, but when they, with the saltwarments at their command, suggest that they would like to have you "come down," why who can help it? By the by, how much better is this ruse—for a ruse it is—than the lottery scheme, which has always disgraced church festivals, and most affairs for the realization of funds for charitable purposes. I never could clearly distinguish the distinction between tickets to a festival lottery and those in Ben. Wood's Kentucky swindles. Advertisements have been promulgated by the managers of the Metropolitan Fair to the effect that no lottery feature will be introduced, and I deprecate it. In Brooklyn an official announcement has been made by the managers that no wine will be allowed on the refreshment table of their fair. This, it is calculated, will invest a clear net $50,000 to fair, which he provided a large amount of this beverage. All the places of amusement have given, or will give, the proceeds of one night's entertainment to the charity, and private concerts, lectures, &c., in the suburbs are advertised with the same benevolent design. Many thousands of dollars have already been contributed, and the work has only begun.

The upper wards of Jersey City were yesterday thrown into a feverish state of excitement by the frantic ebullitions of a wild bull, which had escaped from some slaughter-house enclosure. His gentleman cowship came down Pavonia avenue at a high rate of speed, to the imminent danger of the equilibrium of apostasdy, and causing the ancient female proprietors thereof to change their base suddenly. The doors of crockery stores were speedily closed, and barred; the children hustled out of the street and took refuge behind the welcome brick and mortar. Men ran out with guns, and as the animal approached, dropped them again, and retreated. Hats flew off; shoes went overhead, and foot-balls assumed horizontal positions, until the Hamilton Park fence formed a bulwark to his majesty's further depredations. He attempted a lunge at a street railroad car, when some unerring *bullet* stopped his career forever. WAVERLEY.

THE ITALIAN PLOT AGAINST NAPOLEON.—The London *Daily News* says that the interest in the Italian plot ceased in England on the publication of Mazzini's short and simple statement, and adds:

"It will be remembered that it was a part of the story that the plot was planned at Lugano, in Switzerland, where the four men in custody were said to have met Mazzini. But it now results, from inquiries made in Switzerland, that the four men did not arrive at Lugano, till the month of November last, and that Mazzini had left Lugano at the beginning of the previous month. Certainly this plot has been entrusted to very clumsy hands."

THE ST. AUGUSTINE EXPEDITION.—St. Augustine, the new point of operations on the coast, is the capital of St. Johns county, Fla., and about three hundred and fifty miles from Charleston. A regular line of packets plied between the two places prior to the war. It has been twice occupied by our troops and abandoned. We have private advices from Charleston, which state that a portion of the troops comprising the expedition which has made a landing there, are to be mounted and armed with "eight-shooter carbines." This would seem to indicate a march inland. Tallahassee, which is reported to be the ultimate destination of the expedition, is two hundred and ninety-two miles due West, about half way to Mobile.

"MANHATTAN" writes to the London *Herald* that he advertised a house to let on the 8th of January, between Broadway and Sixth avenue, on Twenty-seventh street. He adds: "Before nine o'clock I had rented the house and furniture for $1,800 per annum. Last August I should have gladly rented it for $750, furniture included. Since ten o'clock I have had thirty persons of respectability call, who regretted that I had rented the house, and would have given me $2,000. The house is my own, and in which I reside, I find I could get $3,000 for, furnished, and I have a great mind to rent it and go traveling for a year. Two and a half years ago I could not get $700 for the same house, though, I offered to lease it for five years at that rate."

A NEW HIT.—In the French *Corps Legislatif*, during the debate on Mexico, M. Rouher pointed to universal suffrage as the test of Mexican feeling, on which M. Jules Favre remarked that it was odd polley to kill a nation in order to obtain its votes. "Are we like Pagan priests," said he, "to consult the entrails of victims for favorable auguries?"

STARTLING developments may be expected when the Senate's committee of investigation into naval contracts shall make its report. They have had before them some honest officers, who have exposed the machinery by which otherwise less scrupulous, have obtained a large share of these profitable jobs.

FOREIGN MISCELLANY.

QUEEN VICTORIA has undertaken visits of personal inspection to the female department of the English prisons. The Poole (England) *Herald* has the following announcement:

On Friday last her Majesty spent considerable time in going over the government prison, the major part of which is occupied by female convicts, and the other part by boy convicts. Attached to the females' prison is a nursery for the children born of convicts since their conviction, and in that department her Majesty remained for some little time. On Monday the Hon. Mr. Bruce drove to the prison with a present from her Majesty, quite a load of toys for the nursery.

A FEW weeks before his death, while at the Saturday dinner of the *Punch* contributors, Thackeray was challenged to give an illustration of his dexterity with the pen. He produced a four-penny piece, and having marked the circle of the coin with a pen, on a piece of paper, he drew in the centre a cover, and filled up the remaining space with the Lord's Prayer, which he transcribed without a single contraction except in the case of the word "which," "spelling it with." The pen used was an ordinary goose-quill which happened to be in the room.

JAPAN.—The pleasant news from Japan has been confirmed. The Prince of Satsuma has given in, has paid the indemnity £25,000, has promised in writing to hunt for Mr. Richardson's murderers, and has agreed to build a mausoleum for his remains. An officer of the Tycoon witnessed the agreement. The decree for the expulsion of foreigners has been withdrawn, and it is proposed to send thirty Japanese nobles to England for education. The mausoleum is surely superfluous. Has not Kagosima been piled above Mr. Richardson's tomb?

THE Russian army in the Caucasus is in four divisions, each division numbering from 27,000 to 30,000 men. Besides this force, there are thirty-seven battalions stationed on the frontier, four battalions of rifles, and two battalions of engineers, a division of dragoons, fifty regiments of Cossacks of the line, twenty regiments of Don Cossacks, 15,000 Georgians, and other militia. This force of over 260,000 men, under the command of Grand Duke Michael, has for its support the other troops of the Don.

LORD LYNDHURST's collection of pictures is to be sold by auction this month. The most valuable pictures in the collection are those painted by his father, J. S. Copley, R. A., of which the chief is "The Death of Major Pierson, at Jersey." There is likely to be competition for this and other pictures, (more particularly "A Family Group," representing Lord Lyndhurst and his sisters when children, with their mother, father, and grandfather,) and an attempt will be made to secure them for America.

THE new King of Greece begins to appreciate the difficulties of his position. Mobs are frequent, calling for the execution of the minister, the sittings of the Assembly are turbulent, and almost ending at every meeting in personal conflicts among the members; the public treasury is empty, and it is proposed to plead against it by appropriating the pension money of the seamen, and the King is not yet in possession of his stables, as the artillery corps refuse to give them up to him.

THE Rome correspondent of the London *Times* says that at the last annual "Academia Poliglotta" of the great Catholic College of the Propaganda, the youths who carried off the palm were two negroes, rejoicing in the name of William Sambo and Jacob Stevens. Their delivery and action were wonderful, and called forth thunders of applause even in a church.

AT a meeting of the Southern Independence Association held at Manchester on Jan. 29, Lord Wharncliffe, the President of the Association, and Mr. Spence, the notorious agent of the Rebels, denounced slavery and declared in favor of Emancipation. They avowed that the principal object of their association was to bring about a disruption of the Union.

A WRITER in the *Quarterly Journal of Science* estimates that there are in Great Britain, within a depth of 4,000 feet from the surface, 83,544,000,000 tons of coal available, and that this quantity, diminished by the year 1861, would last about 940 years.

THE Pope, in a late allocution, (not that addressed to Jefferson Davis,) expressed the opinion that the Church would regain all her temporal power over the provinces taken from her.

A VALUABLE manuscript song by Dr. John Ball, author of "God Save the Queen," has been found in the Public Record Office, and will soon be published.

THE London Aerated Bread Company is very successful, and pays dividends at the rate of twelve and one-half per cent.

PERSONAL.

THE Nashville *Union* says that "General W. G. Harding, President of the famous Military Board of the rebel Governor of Tennessee, Isham G. Harris, has taken the oath of allegiance, and will live as a loyal and peaceable citizen. He has stood high in the estimation of Southern disunionists, and done much to sustain them in their war against the Government."

THE NEW MARSHALL.—The Chattanooga *Rebel* says: "Gen. Humphrey Marshall is a candidate for Congress from the State of Kentucky. As he weighs about five hundred pounds, the presumption is, that if elected he will be able to fill his seat. He is much better qualified for Congress than for light infantry."

GEN. HARDEE.—The marriage of Lieut. General Hardee was announced some time since, but to whom was not stated. The Greenhaven (Ala.) *Beacon* states that the General was married on the 12th ult., to Miss Mary T. Lewis, of that place.

A HANDSOME SET of horse equipments for General Grant has just been completed by Mr. George Rogers, of Newark, *New Jersey*. A stallion, valued at $1000, has recently been presented to General Grant by a gentleman in Cincinnati.

B. F. LOVERING, who, after the destruction of his paper, in Troy, for its secession principles, fled to Canada, now comes out in a letter declaring that the Democratic party originated the war, and is solely responsible for it.

ARCHBISHOP PURCELL, of Cincinnati, says, in an address (just published) to the clergy and laity of his diocese: "We go, with our whole heart and soul, for the maintenance of the Union and the abolition of slavery."

PROF. C. W. STOWE's connexion with the Andover Theological Seminary closes in March. Rev. J. Henry Thayer, of Salem, Mass., has been chosen to fill his place as Associated Professor of Sacred Literature.

THE bill to pension to John L. Burns, "the hero of Gettysburg," who fought during the July battles "on his own account," has been reported favorably in the Senate. It grants a pension of $8 a month.

THE German Republican paper at Indianapolis, Indiana, heretofore published weekly, is changed into a daily, for the purpose of advocating the nomination of General Fremont for the Presidency.

MR. F. G. J. Smith has offered to the State of Maine a farm of ninety acres, valued at $40,000, on the condition that it shall be occupied for the purposes of an agricultural college.

THE Columbus *Express* contradicts the reported illness of the Hon. Thomas Ewing, and says that his health is quite good. Mrs. Ewing, however, is seriously indisposed.

GENERAL BURNSIDE'S Ninth Army Corps is rapidly filling up. All the veteran Massachusetts regiments now home on furlough have been assigned to his command.

AFTER a month's industrious begging throughout Ohio, the admirers of Vallandigham have raised less than one thousand dollars toward the fund for his relief.

ANDREW JOHNSON is on his way to Washington, whither he goes to confer with the President upon matters connected with the military governorship.

REV. DR. PARSONS COOP, formerly editor of the *Purdan Recorder*, died in Linn, Mass., on the 12th instant, aged sixty four years.

THE wife of Green, the Malden murderer and bank robber, is so prostrated by grief that there is little hope of her recovery.

THE Wisconsin Legislature is seeking some constitutional mode to punish those who have gone to Canada to escape the draft.

SEVERAL first-class locomotives have recently been shipped by the Government for use on Southern railroads.

THE announcement that Maj. Gen. Pleasonton has been assigned to the charge of the Cavalry Bureau is premature.

MR. JOHN NICHOLSON, an old actor and manager of Pike's opera house in Cincinnati, died a few days since.

HARTFORD, Conn., will give a piano-forte from the Charter Oak, to the New York Sanitary Fair.

THE POLK is in command of the rebels who are disputing Sherman's advance on to Jackson, Miss.

PROFESSOR FARADAY WAS ONCE a working book binder.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE camels imported for the Government six years ago, and since kept near the Tejon reservation on the plains, have increased from fifteen to thirty-seven. They are now returned to Benicia, California. They can easily travel fifty miles a day, but they are not allowed to do more than thirty. One of them has carried four bales of wool or cotton.

THERE were fifty-five deaths of rebel prisoners at Camp Douglas, Chicago, during the month of January. One hundred and eight cases of frost-bite were treated among the federal troops, which occurred while performing guard duty during the extreme cold weather, from the 1st to the 6th of the month.

A LIEUTENANT belonging to the rebel army was arrested in Louisville, Ky., a few days since, and confined in the military prison. He had ordered a uniform to be made for him at one of the city clothing establishments, and it had just been completed when he was arrested.

Wm. McCLURE, the well-known commission of Richmond, has been arrested and confined for putting persons across the lines with passports fraudulently obtained. Wm. Bailey has also been arrested for the same offense, and paroled in the sum of $15,000.

JOHN G. WHITTIER, the poet, states that while William Lloyd Garrison was in prison in Baltimore in 1830, Henry Clay wrote from Lexington, Kentucky, to a friend in Baltimore, directing him to pay the fine and costs, and liberate Mr. Garrison.

THE people comprehend the great amount of sugar used annually in the United States. In 1862 there were 432 411 tons, or 864,822,000 pounds, or nearly 29 pounds to each man, woman and child, estimating the population at 30,000,000.

A MEMBER of the Third Corps, Army of the Potomac, writing to a friend in Boston, desires him to send forth with a prayer book, a song book, and something to eat.

A COMMITTEE of the Kentucky Senate has been appointed to contract with an artist for a life-size portrait of Henry Clay, for the Senate Chamber.

OVER fifty thousand dollars have been paid in Memphis, Tenn., to collectors of internal revenue, during the past sixty days.

Gives up the Contest.

The Nashville *Daily Press* publishes a long communication from J. M. Phillips, of Wilson county, Tenn., in which he states that he has "served with the rank of Captain in the Confederate army for two years; has been three wounded in that service, and that he has recently voluntarily come within the lines of the Federal forces, and since has embraced the provisions of the amnesty proposed by the President in his message to Congress, by subscribing to the oath therein prescribed."

He says the resources of the South are exhausted in both men and means, that "the sentiment of the Confederacy is down in the possibility;" and that it will be folly and madness to continue the contest longer. He earnestly appeals to all his friends to abandon the rebel cause, and to return to their allegiance to the United States, and accept the terms offered in the President's Amnesty Proclamation.

THE Rochester *Democrat*, mentioning a visit of Joseph Leffel, of Springfield, Ohio, to the former city, says: "He is the smallest business man in the world, and indeed quite as little as compared with other General Officers. Mr. Leffel being only forty-four inches in height, and weighing but fifty-five pounds! Mr. Leffel is now thirty-two years of age. He is well intelligent, ab-bodied, has dark eyes, and a good mind, and sports a moustache that would really do credit to the Scotch giant. He has filled the office of supervisor in Springfield, and is regarded as one of the most public-spirited citizens of that place." He is about to marry Miss Sarah E. Balton, who is smaller than Mrs. Thumb, and was formerly Dolly Dutton's maid of honor.

THE milkmen of Paris are kept honest by a well known practice of stopping their cans at the city gates, while an inspector examines their contents. If he finds a new milk watered, he kicks over the delinquent can and the contents run into the gutter. Sometimes so much milk is spilled in this way that a stream half a mile long is seen running down the gutters.

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