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ING GAZETTE TELEGRAMS.

RIOUS REBEL SCOUT SHOT.

His Capture was Effected.

YORK, Dec. 21.—The morning paper ...ching from Sheridan.

Herald's City Point correspondent says: ...rious rebel scout, Capt. Wm. E. Wood, ...f the 2d North Carolina (rebel) cavalry, ...tally wounded on Thursday last. Wat... has been [illegible] on guerrillas as ...nt and troublesome scout, with bravery ... to enter into our camps, and sagacity to ...lection. He has infested this country ... James river and our left beyond Petersburg ... summer. All attempts to trap him have ...ove failed. Small parties have been sent in ... him, but he never could be overtaken ...tified. Less a few weeks ago he came to ... one morning, before sunrise, and so ... threatened the capture of a guard. This ... thin half range of Fort Union guns, and ... be within close range of General Meade's ... later. It appears that he rains to con... ...g, dressed in Union uniforms, representing ... as one of our soldiers, and requesting to ...cted to his regiment. Contrary to his ...ation, a soldier was sent with him as a ... On the way he induced this guard to ... drink, when he seized his musket and ...him follow him as a prisoner. At night ... attempt, while he guards the Union soldier, ... turn, shot the trooper and shot him.

E ADVICES FROM BRAZIL.

...faction Demanded for the Seizure of the Florida.

WAR BETWEEN BRAZIL AND URUGUAY CONTINUES.

...YORK, Dec. 3.—We have Rio Janeiro ... for the 10th ult., little or nothing is ... of the views and designs of the government ... still attendant upon the seizure of the private ... in the harbor of Bahia.

...ficial *Gazette* of the 26th of October, says ... y a French packet the Brazilian government ... ent full directions to the Minister of Lega... Washington. Demands proper satis... for the conduct of the commander of the ...ssetts. No comments, however, are pub...

...er continued between Brazil and Uraguay. ... al Floras appeared before Montevideo with ... men, but retreated without assaulting the ... The blockade of Montevideo was declared ... ...al. The Brazilian minister having noti... ...t foreign vessels to Uraguay would be ...ed for contraband of war, Brazil being ... ...d in supposing rebellion, so that Gen. ... is not a belligerent, but merely a robel in ... es of the power which recognizes Jeff. Da... a belligerent.

INVESTMENT OF SAVANNAH.

One Fight in Sherman's March.

...W YORK, Dec. 21.—The steamer Fulton, ... Port Royal on the 18th, has arrived. Sa... ...ah was invested, but its surrender had not ... demanded up to the time the Fulton sailed. ... *Palmetto Herald* says, the only fight of any ... ent which occurred on Sherman's march ret... ...t in the flogging of Wheeler.

...ter the railroads Savannah are cut, and the ... secured.

...REE MORE RAIDERS ARRESTED.

...senger from Washington to Canada.

...ONTREAL, Dec. 21.—Three more arrests of raid... as been made and are now being examined.

Special messenger from Washington has ar... ...ed here, with dispatches from Secretary Stan...

...cial Order Relating to Absentees from Sherman's Army.

...AR DEPARTMENT, ADJ. GEN.'S OFFICE, Washington, Dec. 19.

Special Orders, No. 436 [Extract 25].—All ...ers and detachments absent from Gen Sherman's army, and not on duty with Gen. Thomas, ... immediately join their respective commands ... Savannah, via New York. The Quarter... ...r of the New York will furnish transportation. By order of Secretary of War.

E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

Arrival of Returned Prisoners.

...ANAPOLIS, Dec. 19.—The steamer Star of the ...th has just arrived from Charleston, S. C., ... six hundred more returned prisoners, all in ... good condition than those who arrived last ...k, with the exception of about fifty, who had ... taken from the wagons on a stretcher. This ...ces about four thousand from Charleston, ... with the five thousand received from Savan... leaves about one thousand still to come to ...plete the exchange.

Some may ask, "what does that mean?" ...re was an arrangement for the exchange of ... thousand prisoners. One thousand more ... complete the exchange of that lot.]

Late Canadian Affairs.

...EBEC, December 21.—It is understood that, ...ediately after issuing the proclamation in ...ference to the rebel Canadian raiders, Major ...eral Dix dispatched a confidential agent to ...ada. The gentleman returned to New York ...ectly satisfied that the Canadian authorities ... taking every necessary step to perform in... ...national obligations. The best understanding ...ails between the Quebec and Washington ...ernments.

...Potter, the American Consul, is unwell. ... has gone to Winchelsea to recuperate. Mr. ...urston, the American Vice-Consul, is also very ...

The Governor's proclamation offers a reward ... the re-arrest of the raiders.

...al Admiral Farragut to be Promoted.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—It is understood that ... President will promote Rear Admiral Farra... ...to the new created rank of Vice Admiral.

Gold Quotations.

NEW YORK, December 21.—Gold has been ...k and dull 1-4 to 1-2 both sides being indi... ...ed to open at. The price, at 10:30 a. m., was ... 1-4, and afterwards advanced to: 2[illegible]; but it ... ...lined again at six p. m. to 223 7-8.

...ew Loan Details.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The Secretary of the ...easury has decided to issue and dispose ... ...illions of the 10-40 bond, interest payable in ...d.

Snow Storm.

BUFFALO, Dec. 21.—There was quite a heavy ...ow storm here, all day, which still continues. ... extends east, and has delayed trains some...

...ecrology of the Southern Prison Pens.

In our supplement, this morning, we print an... ...er long list of Union soldiers who have ... died miserably in the Southern prisons. The ...ord is a dismal one, but thousands to-day will ...ve to it eagerly, yet timidly, in the hope of ...earning themselves beyond a peradventure, of ... fate of those dear to them, and as to whom ...ir minds have been harrassed by conflicting ...ies and fears. Alas! to many of our readers ... list will bring the confirmation of their ...rst surmises, and others will turn from its ...rusal with a sense of relief on finding that the ...ngle name for which they have been searching ... the long, black roll of the martyrs, is unpri...nted. But for this class, although there is yet ...om for hope, there must still be torturing sus...nse.

Our list is but partial, being transcribed, in ... ...ost instances, from dingy scraps, uncertain notes ... fragmentary records of the comrades of the ...ad, whose humane desire to keep the roster of ... victims was frustrated for the lack of the ...ans. It seems to be a part of the rebel policy ... the treatment of our captured soldiers, that ... dead shall rot in unmarked graves—that their ...mes shall be blotted out with their lives. As ... as we can learn, the rebels kept no record ...emselves of the deaths in the prison pens, ... supplied no writing materials to the hospital ...endants, selected from our own men, thus ...sting it beyond their power to pay this poor ...ibute of respect to the memories of their com...ades.

Such meanness as this is characteristic of the ...outhern "chivalry," it could only be practiced ... men who are utterly lost to decency—by men ...ho are so far oblivious of the instincts of gen...manhood as to rob their newly-captured prisoners ... hats, shoes or necktie, pipes, or to steal ... likeness of a wife and destroy it before the ...ck of her husband, accompanying the ruthless ... with the indignity of ribald remarks. *Geem ...has well pierced pitiful demental.* Certainly in ... light of the facts before us the rebels are ...ly *mad*, and it requires no oracle to tell that ... signs of their destruction are now gathering ...ick and fast.—*N. Y. Times.*

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THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

New York Gold Market.

RECRUITING IN NEW YORK.

Russian Minister Declines Going to Mexico.

MR. DAYTON'S SUCCESSOR.

Admiral Farragut Granted Three Months Furlough.

GEN. SHERIDAN PRESENTED WITH A FLAG.

The Proposed Repeal of Duty on Paper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The speculative feeling on the Railway list is very tame this morning. Lower prices, with the exception of Old Southern and Rock Island, were made through the expectation of news from Sherman, and Porter's expedition, produced a disposition to wait. Light speculative transactions generally short. Sales of interest in Government securities is checked by the absence of assurance from Secretary Fessenden, of his intention to suspend the issue of gold-bearing bonds. Railroad bonds dull. Bank shares strong. Miscellaneous list quiet, without special failure of interest. The Gold room to-day is free from the excitement of yesday's dealings, and on a much more moderate scale.

Stocks represented at the Potomac Board to-day, and the bidding prices on many of them was raised. Sales of Germania, 110; 1,000 Manhattan, 75; 100 Rynd Farm, 325; 200 Guild Farm, 2,800; Germania, 110.

Money is more demand, and the rates tending upward. No improvement in Foreign Exchange.

There was a severe snow storm in the morning, followed by a heavy rain in the afternoon and evening. There was also a dense fog in the harbor.

There was a meeting held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music to sympathize with the people of East Tennessee, at which Admiral Farragut was one of the speakers.

Advices from Washington say that a friendly feeling has been fully restored between the United States and Candian Governments.

The Courts of New Jersey adjourned yesterday out respecting of the death of Mr. Dayton.

The Fenians in New Jersey are endeavoring to obtain the removal of Father Vermitz, the priest, who recently attempted to break up the Fenian meetings. The feeling between the priest and members of his church is of a very unpleasant nature.

Great efforts are being made to fill the quota of New York. A large number of substitutes enlisted to-day. Brooklyn is offering large bounties and making issue of seven per cent. bonds to pay them.

The *Commercial Advertiser's* Washington letter says: The Russian Minister declines going to Mexico to congratulate Maximillian on his new government. Mr. Blondel will go as the representative of the King of the Belgians.

A gang of counterfeiters were broken up yesterday, and three of the party was arrested. A large amount of counterfeits on the Government and the banks of Massachusetts and Connecticut were seized.

The *World's* Washington special says: Immediately on the announcement of Mr. Dayton's death, the chances of his successor were canvassed. Mr. Fremont's name was mentioned by some of the radicals, but his chances is not considered good. Montgomery Blair and H. J. Raymond was also mentioned. Among the Western names mentioned was Anson J. Miller, of Illinois.

Admiral Farragut has been granted three months leave of absence out of compliment to his long and gallant active service.

Judge McCullough, Comptroller of the Currency, has decided that no bank can be supplied with a circulation to an amount exceeding 90 per cent of its capital stock actually paid in, unless such bank shows the surplus which may convert in bonds for a larger issue of notes.

The Union ladies of Winchester, Va., have presented a beautiful flag to Major General Sheridan. The General was quite taken by surprise by the presentation of a flag originally designed for General Averill, but the heroic exploits of General Sheridan induced them to offer it to him as the savior of the Shenandoah.

The Committee of Ways and Means are almost unanimously in favor of the repeal of the duty on paper.

Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, is understood to be the only member of the committee opposed to this policy.

THE SITUATION AT SAVANNAH.

Its Capture Considered Certain.

LATE EUROPEAN INTELLIGENCE.

Rebel Scrip Sinking.

FROM CHARLESTON.

Special to Western Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The *World* has a detailed account of the situation at Savannah, but it contains no news from that quarter.

Military men here do not expect that Savannah will fall immediately, it may believe that they can hold out two weeks or more but the capture is considered certain.

The London *Times* compares Sherman's movement in Georgia to the Duke of Marlborough's march into Germany, which resulted in the battle of Blenheim, and says nothing in modern times equals it. It will either make Sherman a most famous General, or it may ruin him and his army.

The *Times'* Paris correspondent says: A few days after the result of the election was known in Paris Mr. Dayton had a long interview with the French Minister, and delivered a dispatch from Mr. Seward. Since then the tone of the official press has entirely changed. All auguries of Lincoln and the North is stopped. The papers now tell the truth about Northern successes.

The *Herald's* London correspondent could not Earl Russell's letter as the last nail in the coffin for the rebel cause abroad. The same letter speaks of the friendship of France towards the United States, and says that Napoleon told Slidell that there was no hope of recognition, that the rebels must make the best terms they can with the North. Rebel scrip is sinking and American stock rising.

The Charleston *Courier* of the 13th has the following: The siege of Charleston has continued 523 days.

Everything was quiet on Monday. No flag of truce communication took place in consequence of the refusal of prisoners.

The steamer Celt will leave the Gas Company's wharf at 10 o'clock this morning with 1000 prisoners.

The August *Constitutionalist* of the 14th publishes a private letter from Nassau, which says: An opinion prevails that during this winter blockade runners will have more to fear from enemies among their crews than from the blockading fleet. Hundreds of Yankees are here, and it is a settled plan to capture vessels by stratagem at sea. An attempt was this made to capture the Owl, which failed, and eight of the crew are now in irons, one of them holding a Yankee commission as master's mate. Owing to the dubious character of English neutrality these minions of the Yankee government will escape punishment.

FROM THE POTOMAC ARMY.

Union Pickets Attacked.

THE REBELS REPULSED.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, December 19.

An attack was made by the rebels last night on our pickets, on the extreme left of the line, held by the division of Gen. Miles, of the Second Corps. They captured six or eight men, killed one, and wounded nine of the 5th New Hampshire regiment. The attacking party were quickly driven back, and the line re-established.

A report is current to-day that Jeff. Davis is dead, he having poisoned himself.

December 20.—Richmond papers of yesterday say that the report of the death of Jeff. Davis is a canard, and that he was well, and would be in his office to-day.

(Signed) W. D. McIntosh.

Republican Nominations.

DOVER, N. H., Dec. 21.—The Republican convention of the First District, to-day, nominated Gen. Marston for Congress. In the Second District, Edward H. Rollins was unanimously nominated.

Admiral Farragut Vice Admiral of the Navy.

THE TOBACCO BILL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The President to-day signed the bill to establish the grade of Vice Admiral in the Navy, who is to be the ranking officer in the Navy, and relatively of the same rank as Lieutenant General of the Army. Immediately afterwards the President nominated to the Senate Rear Admiral Farragut to that position, and the Senate confirmed the appointment without the usual formality of referring it. Farragut was notified by telegraph of this mark of honor conferred on him. He is expected to visit Washington at an early day.

At the time the New York sailed from Port Royal, on the 18th, Savannah had not yet been captured, but vigorous preparations were being made by General Sherman, to either compel the enemy to surrender or carry his entrenchments by assault.

General Hardee, with his entire command, estimated from 12,000 to 15,000 men, were cut off from escape, and the capture of the city is deemed certain.

FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

Rebel Force in South Branch Valley

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The *Herald* has the following special:

Wheeling, Dec. 21.—There is a rebel force in the South Branch Valley. It is said to be Pegram's brigade of Rosecan's division. They are gathering supplies and paying secret sympathizers for the same in gold and silver. The quantity of supplies they are gathering is said to be tolerably large.

The rebels are reported to have concentrated on the line of the New River, with a view to the clipping of the combined operations of Burbridge and Sherman.

The creeks and rivers are very high in southwestern Virginia.

FROM THE POTOMAC FLOTILLA.

Three Large Boats and Two Scows Captured.

WASHINGTON, December 21.—The Navy Department has received a communication from Commander Parker, commanding the Potomac Flotilla, in which he says: Learning from the Provost Marshal of Baltimore, that the enemy were arming boats on Coon river for the purpose of making a raid on the bay, I sent the Cour de Leon and the Mercury, tender on the 13th, under command of Acting Master Morris. They found three large boats and two scows, all of which were captured. The Home Guard, in large force, made a show of resistance, but were quickly routed.

Funeral of Lt. Col. Sargent.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 21.—The funeral of Lieutenant Colonel Lucius M. Sargent, of the 1st Cavalry, who was killed at the head of his regiment in the recent movement of Gen. Warren, took place to-day, from St. John's church to Jamaica Plains. The attendance was large, including Gov. Andrews and staff, and the exercises were solemn and impressive.

Incidents of General Sherman's March to Savannah.

A correspondent of the New York *Times* gives a detailed account of Sherman's march from Atlanta to Savannah. It tells but little we did not know before, but we select a few incidents that will prove interesting:

THE MARCHING ORDERS.

Foraging on the country was provided for by the organization of a regular foraging party for each brigade, and commanders were instructed to keep in their wagons, at least a ten days' supply of provisions and three days forage. Another paragraph of the marching orders intrusted to corps commanders the destruction of mills, houses, cotton gins, &c. It was further provided that in districts and neighborhoods where the army was unopposed, there should be no destruction of property, but where the roads were obstructed, bridges burned, or the army annoyed by the enemy, the strictest and guerilla warfare was commenced. The order concluded with the following: "*Let every soldier remember that retaliation must be the result of any cruelty to our men.*" The spirit of the instructions which will follow, that this order was no idle threat, and it will also be seen that its chief effect was not in causing a severe degree of devastation, but in *preventing the excesses which would have rendered the enforcement of the order necessary.*

THE ORDERS ENFORCED.

A party from one of the brigades of the Twentieth Corps, while out foraging some distance north of the railroad, found a house occupied by two bachelors, and one of their number killed. Here the order for relentless devastation of the country was carried out, with a degree of severity which resulted in the destruction of Emory College, at Oxford. It was the property of the Methodist Church, had several fine libraries, a mineralogical cabinet, a fine chemical apparatus, and cost nearly half a million dollars before the war. The plantations in this (Newton) county were thoroughly stripped, and our troops lived on the fat of the land. They were much surprised at the richness of the country they passed through.

This was the only instance in which the order to devastate was carried out, except in the utter destruction of the railroads.

THE OCCUPATION OF MILLEDGEVILLE.

Our army occupied Milledgeville three days, from Nov. 21 to Nov. 24, when the rear guard left. Gen. Sherman occupied the Executive Mansion for his headquarters. Very little property, either public or private, was injured. The State Capitol was left standing, though the rebels declare that it was much mutilated. The sudden abscquatulation of the rebel Legislature disgusted our troops. The members, with Gov. Brown, left in great haste on the 18th; some for Macon, some for Augusta, and many on foot, there not being Confederate currency enough in Milledgeville to hire a conveyance. Two members held $1,000 to be carried a distance of eight miles. Gov. Brown took the public funds, the public archives, his private carriage and his "garden sass," (so, said the Savannah *Republican*,) and fled to Macon, where he opened his quarters in the City Hall, and issued a proclamation. He left three thousand muskets and several thousand pounds of powder belonging to the State of Georgia, which our troops destroyed. Some of our troops perpetrated a very handsome travesty upon the proceedings of the fleeing Legislature. They met at the State House, elected a Speaker and a Clerk, and were introducing bills and resolutions at a furious rate, when our troops rushed in, breathless with haste, and shouted "the Yankees are coming!" whereupon the members dissolved in the most panic-stricken, causing an immense deal of amusement.

SAVANNAH INVESTED.

The lines were stretched across the peninsula in the rear of Savannah, the left resting firmly on the Savannah river, about three miles above the city, and the extreme right on the Ogeechee river at Kingsbridge. This was the situation on the 13th. Having cut off all the railroads leading to Savannah, including that to Charleston, which crosses the river fifteen miles above the city, our troops had control of the Ogeechee, and his batteries blockading the Savannah, preventing the rebel gunboats (which had gone up to prevent his crossing into South Carolina) from coming down. General Sherman's command then had Savannah, with its garrison of fifteen thousand men, its strong forts on the river, and its factories, public buildings, &c., "as already gained," is certainly not too hopeful.

THE REBEL FORCE IN SAVANNAH.

The rebel force in Savannah is under the command of Lieut. General Hardee, with Major General Dick Taylor, of the Confederate army, Major General Gustavus W. Smith, of the Georgia militia, as his subordinates. Major General McLaws, formerly a Division Commander in Longstreet's corps, of Lee's army, but relieved because of a difficulty with Longstreet in the East Tennessee campaign of last year, commands the post of Savannah. Brigadier General Mercer, of the Confederate army, commands Fort Jackson, the strongest work on the Savannah River excepting Fort Pulaski. There are not many regular troops in Savannah. They are mostly militia, every citizen capable of bearing arms having been put in the ranks. Among the troops there are the First Georgia Regulars, the 47th Georgia Volunteers, the Fifty-Sixth Georgia Volunteers, several regiments of what are called the "Georgia State Line," and two or three brigades of militia. On the 2d instant, after the battle of Honey Hill, on the Charleston Railroad, Gen. Hardee ordered a portion of the rebel force, consisting of one brigade of militia and two regiments of the "State Line," under Gustavus Smith, to reinforce Savannah at once. Beauregard may also be added to our prospective captures at Savannah. On the 7th instant he arrived at Charleston from Augusta, and proceeded to the scene of hostilities at Coosawatchie, on the Savannah Railroad, since which he has not been heard from. As Gen. Sherman was to summon the city to surrender on the 15th, and if not complied with, to open his batteries at once, we may hourly expect to hear of a capitulation or an attack. One thing is certain, Savannah, with its garrison and its twenty-five thousand inhabitants *cannot be reinforced or supplied, either by rail or water.* *It must specdily fall.*

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Holiday Gifts.

Just now, everybody and his wife and numerous progeny are eagerly casting about for appropriate gifts for the holidays. There is nothing more generally appreciated, that will be longer preserved and kept in mind, or is better adapted to the various lengths of purses, than a good book.

To give a general idea of the immense stock of books now on hand at the Metropolitan Gift Book Store, No. 63, Fifth street, we have below enumerated a few of their choicest works. They comprise all the standard works of English and American authors, in any style of binding. Among the many fine editions of standard books is Hogarth's Works, 2 vols.; Irving's Works, 23 vols., one half calf; Bayard Taylor's Works, 9 vols., one half calf; Webster's Works, 6 vols., full calf; a fine edition of Cooper's Works; Dayley's Plates; Prescott's Works; Mrs. Strickland's Queens of England, 7 vols., one half morocco; Shakespeare's Works, 11 vols., one half calf; Byron's Works, 8 vols., one half calf; Gibbons' Rome, 6 vols., one half calf; Goodrich's Natural History, complete in 2 vols., one fourth to one half calf; Dickens' Works, complete in 44 vols.; a fine edition of English and Scottish Ballads, 8 vols., one half morocco, with many other standard works, such as Dean Swift's Works, in 6 vols.; Lamb's Works, 5 vols.; Leigh Hunt's Works, 4 vols.; Addison's Works, 6 vols. Fine books for presentation; The Court of Napoleon; Women of Beauty; Imperial Court; Cooper; Galling; Loves and Heroines of the Poets; Florence Percontiled; Byron Galling; Lady of the Lake; Lallah Rook; Longfellow; Willis. All bound in the different rich and costly styles. Fine editions of Shakespeare, Byron, Burns, Cowper, Goldsmith, Rogers, Ben Johnson, Thompson's Seasons, Gray's Elzy Campbell, Bishop Heim Kible's Christian Year, Stevens' Parables, Adams' Allegories, and in fact nearly everything in the line of poetical works published.

The assortment of family bibles deserves particular mention, not only in regard to the quantity on hand, but the variety and beauty of the different styles of bindings. The prices are from $4.50 to $5.00.

The stock of photograph albums certainly surpasses anything in that line in this part of the State. Over one thousand albums are now in store, of all the different sizes and styles, containing from twelve to four hundred pictures, and are worth from $1.00 to $5.00. They were all manufactured from the best material, and are considered the A No. 1 Book of the trade.

Juvenile books of all kinds, sold either by the single volume or set. Prayer books and pocket bibles in all the different styles.

The searcher after books suitable for holiday presents, should not fail to call at the "Metropolitan," No. 63, Fifth street, as in addition to all books, bibles and albums being sold at published prices, a handsome present, worth from 50 cents to $10,000, accompanies each.

Freedman's Aid Association.

The arrangements are all completed for having a very interesting meeting at the Second Presbyterian Church (Dr. Howard's) on the evening of Thursday the 24th, and for the organization of a Freedman's Aid Commission for Western Pennsylvania and the adjacent parts of Ohio and West Virginia. It is hoped that many of the friends of that important cause throughout the range embraced in the contemplated organization will be present, and have their localities represented. The committee on organization cordially invite them to come.

It is difficult to over-estimate the importance of this new and great responsibility which has been suddenly thrown upon the Christian and philanthropic people of our country by the nightly social revolution occasioned by our national convulsion. Four millions of people in utter destitution, and as ignorant as such a state of bondage as that from which they are emerging could make them, are to be provided for, guided, organized into social and even into family relations, aided in getting into useful and profitable employment, whereby they may live, educated, and brought under Christian influences. Truly it is a gigantic work; but not a difficult, work. It will require a large amount of money and labor but, with these, it cannot fail to be successful.

Oil Items.

Advices from the Clarion Oil Regions are of the most cheering character, and we may expect a large quantity of the oily treasure from that section. The well near Alum Rock was fished on the 13th instant, the oil overflowing the condenser.

At the Sligo well, on Licking Creek, the chain was worn through on Monday, and the oil flowed out, covering the surface of the stream with the greasy fluid. It will be a happy circumstance if speculation now prevalent in Clarion county, shall find a partial vent on the Clarion.

On this subject the last Brookville *Republican* says:

"They have struck oil in the Clarion river, thirteen miles north of this place, and the conviction is strong in the minds of our leading men that oil is as abundant there as it is on any of the tributaries of the Allegheny. Capital to a large amount is being invested in lands contiguous to Red Bank, and its branches, and we anticipate the time when we can boast as much grease as the greasy denizens of Titusville.

"We also learn that the oil indications in Forest county are unusually promising, and that capitalists without number are winding their way to that remote country."

Post Office Appointment.

We learn that our worthy and efficient Postmaster, S. F. Von Bonhorst, Esq., has appointed Capt. Thornton A. Smith as an Assistant Postmaster, and that he has already entered upon the discharge of his duties. Capt. Smith is well and favorably known to many of our citizens, and is a gentleman every way qualified for the position. He had for some time past been employed as clerk in one of our leading manufacturing firms, previous to which time he had been engaged, for a number of years, as foreman in the *Gazette* office. A long personal acquaintance enables us to judge of his worth as a man, and we have no hesitation in saying that in whatever situation he may be placed, he will use his utmost endeavors to discharge his duties faithfully and satisfactorily. We are pleased to note his appointment, and wish him entire success in his new vocation.

A Cabinet Organ for a Christmas Gift.

These new instruments made by Mason & Hamlin, are increasing in popularity every day, and are now sought after by the most musical families in the land, as an almost necessary instrument for the parlor or drawing room. For sacred music they excel everything else, and the action is so prompt and easy that piano music can be played on them with fine effect. For accompanying singing they are admirable, on account of sustaining the voice by their continued tence. Their moderate price brings them within the reach of nearly every one. One of them would be a beautiful gift to one family or a musical friend during the Holidays. We recommend our readers to go to Mr. Mellor's rooms, 81 Wood street, and examine them. He is the sole agent for this city, and sells at factory price.

WHERE TO BUY A PIANO.—If any of our readers intend to purchase a piano during the holidays, let them by all means go and examine the splendid assortment to be found at Mellor's Warerooms, 81 Wood street. We think any body ought to find there an instrument to suit him, whether as regards style, finish or price. There is also a large number of makes to chose from—Chickering's, Weber's, Emerson's, Miller's, Gales', Guild's, Narvacen's, &c., &c., of plain and elaborately carved rosewood, and at prices ranging from $275 to $800. All tastes and all means are provided for. Musical people should visit Mr. Mellor's warerooms, to see such fine instruments, and purchasers should not neglect to go and examine them. Remember, 81 Wood street.

MAGISTRATES' REFUSAL.—District Attorney Kirkpatrick requests through us, and urges that magistrates having failed to make their returns of December term, (meeting next Monday) should do so at once, in order that bills be prepared, and no time lost when Court meets. Also, that all parties interested, whether as prosecutors, defendants, or witnesses, should be promptly on hand, that they occasion no delay. They will save costs and trouble by making a note of this paragraph. The Court will meet on Monday morning next, at 10 o'clock, 26th inst. There will be no delay on account of its being holiday week.

OHIO GRAPE GROWERS ASSOCIATION.—At the Ohio State Pomological Convention, held last week at Sandusky, Mr. F. R. Elliott proposed the formation of a State Grape and Wine Growing Association, to hold quarterly meetings for the purpose of discussing soils, modes of pruning, &c., &c., and annual meetings for exhibition and comparison of varieties of fruits and wines. The proposition was fully and unanimously coincided in, and Mr. Elliott was required to correspond with grape and wine men relative thereto.

Book Notices.

ROBINSON CRUSOE. "Complete, Illustrated." This is one of Beedle's classic stories, and is published at the low price of one dime. Young readers never had a chance before to get Robinson Crusoe for a dime, and they will goodbly avail themselves of the opportunity. The print is fine, but young eyes can read it.

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WOMAN SHOT.—In Wheeling, on Monday last, a woman was shot through the head by a man named Fairley. The casualty was accidental—occurring from the careless handling of a pistol. Fairley, being alarmed at what he had done, made his escape. Strange as it may appear, it is thought the woman will survive, although the ball passed entirely through her head, immediately behind her ears.

CORRECTION.—Mr. Lewis Helker, who was prosecuted before the Mayor, a day or two since, by a Mrs. Ochner, on account of which we gave at the time, called upon us yesterday and gave an entirely different version of the affair than that published. He alleges that the prosecution was malicious, and the charge without foundation in fact, he never having used the language imputed to him. We know nothing about the matter, but as Mr. Helker is well and favorably known to many of our citizens, we cheerfully give him the benefit of this statement.

"WAITING FOR THE VERDICT."—This new and interesting drama, is drawing good houses every night. The incidents of the play are startling and are well maintained throughout. "Waiting for the Verdict" has had a great run in other cities, both in this country and Europe, and we hope Manager Henderson will be amply remunerated for the handsome manner in which he has put it on the stage here.

THIMME'S VARIETIES.—This place of popular resort has now on the boards a large corps of performers, and several new attractions will be added during the holiday season. Alli Hasin, the most wonderful gymnast, and the celebrated Ashton family of acrobats and pantomimists, make their first appearance this evening. The boys will find "lots of fun" at the Varieties during the holidays.

GEN. HANCOCK'S NEW CORPS.—Enlistments in this corps are progressing quite satisfactorily, and more especially in this case, when it is remembered that up to this time no recruiting officers have been sent into the different parts of the country. To-day, however, the General will commence stationing, at all the principal points the officers of his command who have up to this time received the favorable notice of the Board of Examiners, and it is expected recruiting will be largely increased, and the corps speedily filled up.—*Washington cor. N. Y. Times.*

GEN. THOMAS' Christmas present to the wayward sisters—A worsted Hood.

MARRIED:

SHIMMON—GILL.—On Tuesday evening, the 20th inst., by Rev. John McMillan, of Allegheny, Mr. JOHN C. SHIMMON and Miss NANNIE J. GILL, of Manchester.

ELBEN—McMASTER.—On the 21st, by the Rev. N. J. Reid, CLEMENT H. ELBEN, to Miss NANNIE T. McMASTER.

DIED:

ARMOR.—In Hospital at Roanoke Island, N. C., on July 13th, 1864, private JAMES C. ARMOR, 101st Regt. Pa. Vols.

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