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CITY ITEMS.

To our City Subscribers.

As we are making some changes on our routes in the two cities and vicinity, a number of our subscribers may fail to receive the paper. If any such will leave his address at this office, the paper will be regularly served hereafter.

Skates.

Bown's, No 136 Wood street, is the place.

Furs.

Go to Hillerman's, No. 75 Wood street.

City Controllership.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 9th, 1865.

A. M. BROWN, Esq., *Chairman of the Union Executive Committee:*

DEAR SIR—As a candidate for the office of City Controller, and in accordance with the requirements of the Executive Committee, of which you are Chairman, I communicate to you my intention of sticking by the will of the Union Republican party, as expressed through the people at the ballot box, on the 14th inst.

If I had not so intended, I should have considered myself unworthy of appearing before the people as a candidate of the party you represent.

In connection with the office for which I am a candidate, there are interested parties endeavoring to create the impression that if I should be selected to fill that responsible position, it would be a loss to the city of Pittsburgh of thousands of dollars. Now, as a well wisher of the people of Pittsburgh, and their interests, I will here state, that if said parties can make it apparent to me that such would be the case, in the event of my election, I will withdraw my name at once from the political canvass and use all my influence to retain the present incumbent. But if, with all the facilities afforded them by a free press to spread information before the people, they fail to enlighten them on that point, their silence will condemn them.

Yours, Respectfully,

SAMUEL ALLENDER.

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Another Excitement,

One that, taken in connection with the excitement that usually prevails at the Holiday season, will probably be the greatest of the season, is on the tapis, in the shape of a great semi-annual clearance and Holiday sale of Dry Goods by the Messrs. Barker & Co., 59 Market street. Their stock is very large and sorted up for the occasion, with goods bought at Eastern auction sales and elsewhere; many of them at new by one-half the rates that have prevailed during the season. An unusually varied stock and astonishingly low prices, are the inducements offered, and we doubt not will be liberally responded to by purchasers.

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There is but One Place

To find the largest stock, and the cheapest silks and Dress Goods, and that place is Barker & Co.'s store, No. 59 Market street. Remember their great semi-annual clearance and Holiday sale.

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Are You Wanting

Shawls, Cloaks, or any kind of Dry Goods, remember the great semi-annual clearance and Holiday sale at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

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Country Merchants be Advised.

Before buying your dry goods, go to Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street.

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North Carolina Tar,

At lower rates than can be had elsewhere in the city, at Fleming's Drug Store, No. 81 Market street, corner of the Diamond.

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Neutral Sulphite of Lime,

For preserving cider. For sale by Charles Super, Druggist, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, Pittsburgh.

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A Beacon of Health.

The good things of this world have each their appointed mission.

It is the mission of HOSTETTER'S STOMACH BITTERS to *prevent* and *relieve* a great variety of ailments.

For twelve years its success as a *preventive* and a *remedy* has been without check or drawback. It is *negative evidence* of this fact, that the efficacy of the article as a specific for dyspepsia, biliousness, constipation, jaundice, general debility, and intermittent fevers, has never been questioned.

As *proof positive* of its infallibility in such cases, the statements of public men whose names are familiar as household words, have from time to time been given to the world.

If its reputation is not founded in facts, then truth is a shadow, and the utterances of conscientious citizens are of no more value than "dicers' oaths."

And what is its reputation? Let the progress of its sales answer the inquiry. Where twenty dozen bottles of Hostetter's Bitters were sold in 1855, *five hundred dozen* are disposed of now.

Could public opinion be more significantly expressed than by its unparalleled increase of consumption? It seems impossible.

The preparation has been imitated. Where are the imitators? Where? To the "limbo" of things lost on earth let them go, and there let them rot. Peace be with them.

Hostetter's Bitters

Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 81 Market street, corner of the Diamond, near Fourth street.

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Fall and Winter Goods.

It is with great pleasure we call the attention of our readers to the superb stock of Fall and Winter Goods just received by Mr. John Weier Merchant Tailor, No. 168 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock embraces some of the rarest and most beautiful Cloths, Cassimeres, Overcoatings and Vesting ever brought to the western market. His assortment of Furnishing Goods, comprising Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Neckties, Handkerchiefs, &c., cannot be surpassed east or west. A large stock of ready-made Pants, Coats, Vests and Overcoats will also be found at his establishment. Persons in want of anything in the clothing line should not fail to give Mr. Weier a call.

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Coe's Dyspepsia Cure.

There is no need of any one's having the dyspepsia, for it has been demonstrated, beyond fear of contradiction that Coe's Dyspepsia Cure will certainly cure it. Constipation, the most prolific cause of ill health, is surely cured by the Cure. Sick headache, cramps, pains, or cold in either stomach or bowels, instantly yield to its power.

Sole agent for Pittsburgh is Joseph Fleming, No. 81 Market street.

THOMAS W. PATTY & Co.,

Practical Slate Roofers, and Dealers in American Slate of various colors. Office at Alexander Laughlin's near the Water Works, Pittsburgh, Pa. Residence, No. 73 Fifth street. Orders promptly attended to. All work warranted water proof. Repairing done at the shortest notice. No charge for repairs, provided the roof is not altered after it is put on.

Large Variety

Of furniture, desks, side boards, wardrobes, and the best assortment of parlor, chamber and dining room furniture to be had in the city, at

R. HOLBURN'S,

dec7:1wdw. 46 Smithfield Street.

Its Philosophy.

Sozodont is an antacid. Sozodont is an antiputrescent. Sozodont is a tonic. Sozodont is all vegetable and entirely harmless. Hence it cleanses the teeth from acetous concretions, stops the decomposition of their substance, sweetens the breath, stimulates the gums, and is the safest and best preparation of its class in existence.

Blankets, Barred Flannels and Shawls.

Sixty pairs large, all wool, white blankets at $7 50, sold everywhere at $10 00; 50 pieces all wool barred flannel at 50c, worth 70c; also a very large stock of ladies', misses' and children's shawls, all styles, prices and quality. Call soon for the above named prices cannot last long.

DUNLAP, LUKEN & Co.,

136 Federal street, Allegheny.

Carpenter Jobbing Shop.

Having returned after an absence of three years in the army, I have re-opened my shop for all sorts of jobbing in the carpenter line, at the old stand, Virgin Alley, between Smithfield street and Cherry Alley. Orders solicited and promptly attended to.

WILLIAM FOUNTAIN.

Neutral Sulphite of Lime,

For preserving cider. For sale by Charles Super, Druggist, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, Pittsburgh.

Dr. C. Gill

Extracts teeth without pain, and exchanges "*the old one*" for ten dollars a set. Call at 248 Penn street.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

A frightful murder was perpetrated at Burlington, Wisconsin, on Sunday. The victims are three children, a niece, son and daughter of Anthony Cook, aged respectively, thirteen, nine and three years. The parents were at church when the deed was accomplished. A man named Frahm has been arrested: The children were apparently killed with an axe. It is supposed Frahm murdered them to secure the sum of $3,000 which he knew Cook had, but which the latter had taken with him.

On the 18th of November last, Secretary Seward wrote to Governor Stone, of Iowa, asking him if there was any probability of the ratification of the Constitutional Amendment by Iowa. He says that up to the time of writing, official notice of the ratification of the Amendment by the Legislatures of eighteen States had been received; but there was reason to believe that the Legislatures of other States had ratified the Amendment.

THE Bank Commissioner of Missouri reports that since his appointment to office he has received, registered and destroyed $3,463,105 in the circulating notes of State Banks, as also the dies of said banks. Only five banks remain under the control of the State, with a circulation of $398,108; but of these two (the Western and Farmer's) are in process of liquidation, and two others (the Mechanics' and Exchange) will go into the National system.

BISHOP GREENE, of the Episcopal diocese of Mississippi, publishes a report of the late council of the Southern dioceses at Augusta, Ga., and approves of its action leaving each diocese at liberty to unite with the Northern dioceses or not. He, however, thinks that they will all ultimately do so. He directs his churches to resume praying for the President of the United States and all in authority.

THE powder magazine of Professor Samuel Jackson, at Westchester, Pa., exploded on Monday morning last with such terrific force as to shake nearly every house in town. The walls of the African M. E. Church were cracked from cellar to roof, and many windows broken in the vicinity. The house which contained the powder was built of wood, and was entirely demolished.

An observing correspondent in Washington, says that a remarkable change has taken place in the character of the Tuird House, illustrative of the changes of the times. Instead of men with war claims, inventions, and pet military or naval projects, the lobby is now filled with men who have come "to offer a few suggestions."

THE last manuscript of the census of 1860 has been completed and is in the hands of the printer. It embraces mortality and educational statistics, and information in regard to banks; insurance, railroads, taxes, pauperism, besides much matter in relation to fugitive and manumitted slaves.

A company has been organized at San Francisco, to build a railroad from that city to San Diego, thence eastward to the State line, and there connect with the contemplated road to the Mississippi river. The capital is thirty millions of dollars, and the length of the road 720 miles.

AT Lebanon, Ohio, Monday night, the court was entered, the clerk's desk forced open and every indictment against Covert and McNeal, the alleged murderers of the Roosa family stolen. A special grand jury will return fresh indictments as soon as possible.

FIFTY men will spend the winter in explorations and surveys of the route of the Russian-American telegraph, along the northwestern American and Asiatic coast, and masons will be pushed so that next summer several thousands of natives will be employed in planting the poles.

THE Railroad conductors in Kentucky have a hard time of it. The State law prescribes a heavy penalty for carrying a slave on a railroad without a pass from his master, while the military arrest all conductors making a distinction between white and colored persons seeking passage and offering to pay fare.

THE Hon. James Harlan, we learn, will almost certainly be returned by the new Legislature of Iowa to the United States Senate for the full term, commencing on the 4th of March next. We infer that he has been consulted, and purposes to retire from the Cabinet on or before that day.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

THE authorities of the Catholic Church are very explicit in their condemnation of the Fenians. Bishop Duggan, of Chicago, has instructed the clergy to refuse Christian burial to such of them as die in membership with that society.

A. F. Keenan, a tailor, committed suicide on Wednesday by taking laudanum. Disappointment in love and annoyance at a seditious imprisonment in his speech were the causes assigned. Keenan was an Englishman, and a contributor to the columns of the *Sunday Mercury.*

SAID the wife of an ex-negro-trader in Petersburg, Va., a few days since to a freedman who was skinning a live catfish in the market, "How can you be so cruel?" "Why," said the intelligent contraband, "dis is de way dey used to do me, and I's gwine to get even wid somebody."

A PARIS correspondent writes that two members of the Academy of Sciences, MM. Pasteur and Sainville, animated by a laudable zeal, are now engaged in dissecting the bodies of cholera victims, in order that they may be able to ascertain the germ of this terrible evil, and thus to aid in discovering a remedy for it.

THE proprietor of the Mansion House, at Harrisburg, was robbed of $1,200 last Thursday by some unknown burglars, who entered the building and abstracted the money without leaving any clue by which they could be traced.

R. M. HATHAWAY, Collector of Internal Revenue in the first Kentucky district, has applied to Gen. Palmer for an armed guard to accompany him in making collections. He says it is impossible for him to perform his official duties without such protection.

SPEAKER COLFAX says he is laboring under an embarrassment of riches, the Republican majority being so large and containing so much ability as to render it difficult for him to place everybody in his proper position.

In the Indiana Senate, on Friday, a motion to engross the joint resolution proposing to amend the Constution by striking out the article excluding negroes from the State, was negatived by a tie vote, which action practically defeats the resolution.

Gov. Morton, who is to sail for Europe on the 13th inst., writes rather despondingly as to his physical condition, saying that paralysis is progressing up his left side.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON lectured in Richmond, Indiana, the other day, and had his pocket picked at the depot, as he was leaving, of nearly the whole proceeds of his lecture. Happening in Julian's district, it is a double outrage.

OREGON has been visited by a continuous series of gales during the past three weeks, inflicting serious damage to shipping, blocking up the roads with fallen trees, and demolishing telegraph wires.

THE latest smuggling dodge across the Canada frontier is the packing of coffins with costly silks to be brought into the United States as corpses for interment.

In eight counties of California, including San Francisco and Sacramento, there are 9,880 colored residents, who own property valued at $1,105,985.

SECRETARY SEWARD has excluded reporters from the State Department. He is naturally vexed at the circulation of much mischievous gossip, as if it were semi-official news.

DANIEL L. GIMMONS, of Boston, Treasury Agent at Mobile, committed suicide by cutting his throat on the 24 instant.

THERE is great excitement in California over the reported discovery of an opal mine in Calaveras county.

ALL the land grants to railroads in Iowa, expired on the 1st inst.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

Our Special Dispatches.

FROM WASHINGTON.

French Evacuation of Mexico.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN WASHINGTON.

Composition of the House Committees.

NEW YORK CUSTOM HOUSE APPOINTMENT.

Bill for Disfranchising Rebels.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, December 10, 1865.

THE ARCHIVES

From Internal Revenue yesterday were about half a million of dollars.

FRENCH EVACUATION OF NORTHERN MEXICO.

The Mexican Legation here give out that they have private letters from El Paso, saying that the Imperial troops have all been withdrawn from Chihuahua, in the direction of Vera Cruz. Their sanguine interpretation of this is that it is Maximilian's intention to send them back to France.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE IN THE DISTRICT.

Negroes here have about eleven thousand signatures to a petition to Congress praying for the extension of the right of suffrage to them. The petition will probably be presented to Congress next week. The corporation officials are making strenuous efforts to kill the matter. If they cannot defeat it, they will endeavor to get Congress to accept the surrender of the city charter, thus disfranchising themselves in order to disfranchise the negroes.

SUBMISSIONISTS ABOUT THE COMMITTEES.

As the Committees are to be announced to-morrow, speculations about them are rife. It is proper to say, however, that Mr. Colfax has given no information of his intention to any one, whether member or not, and that consequently all the statements with which the papers are rife are pure conjectures. It is known, however, that the Speaker has expressed his great embarrassment in knowing what to do with Thad. Stevens; and many shrewd observers insist that in spite of all the opposition he will go back to his old place at the head of the Ways and Means Committee. Schenck will probably remain at the head of the Military Committee, and Daniels of Elections. Men who have hitherto opposed Raymond, change their his relations to the State make it specially fit that he should be Chairman of Foreign Relations.

POST MASTER GENERAL DENNISON

Gave an entertainment, last night, to the Cabinet, bringing together the seventeen Union Representatives, Supreme Judges, Senators, Heads of Bureaus, &c.

HORACE GREELEY

Is in town to-day. He urges harmony between Congress and the President.

THE NEW YORK COLLECTORSHIP.

A caucus of the New York Unionists, is called for Tuesday night, at Henry J. Raymond's house, to agree upon a recommendation to the President of a candidate for the New York Collectorship, made vacant by Preston King's suicide. Senators Morgan and Harris, are reported to favor Mr. Depew first, and General Spinner second. Others go for Daniel S. Dickinson, and others for General Dix. Secretary McCulloch, it is reported, desires the appointment of Gen. Spinner.

Another volume of the Census is out.

DISFRANCHISEMENT OF REBELS.

A bill disfranchising all men who have voluntarily taken an oath of allegiance to the Southern Confederacy will be offered in the Senate to-morrow.

THE OHIO UNION DELEGATION

Paid their respects, 20-day, in a body, to the President.

PARDONED.

A private sailor in the gunboat service, from Cincinnati, named McLean, was pardoned to-day as the request of Congressman Eliot, from a sentence of ten years imprisonment, for some trifling breach of discipline.

RATIFICATION OF THE AMENDMENT.

Ventilation of the Floyd Frauds.

BINGHAM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Union Senatorial Caucus.

THE MESSAGE ALMOST UNIVERSALLY ENDORSED.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, December 10, 1865.

AMENDMENT RATIFIED BY TWENTY-SIX STATES.

Official notifications in writing, of the passage of the amendment to the Constitution abolishing slavery, have been received by the President from twenty-six States. It is expected that by the middle of this week a sufficient additional number of notifications will arrive to warrant the President's proclamation declaring slavery forever abolished in the United States.

INVESTIGATION OF THE FLOYD FRAUDS.

The case of the United States vs. G. W. Pearce of Boston, arising out of, and involving the history of the great Floyd fraudulent acceptance, will come up on its merits this week in the United States Court of Claims. Gen. Caleb Cushing is one of the counsel in the case.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

The joint resolution introduced by the Hon John A. Bingham, in the House on Wednesday last, which provides for three amendments to the Constitution, does not, on its face, indicate fully the purpose of Mr. Bingham in proposing the amendments, nor the necessity which suggests them. The object of the first amendment, which provides for the repeal of the fifth paragraph of the ninth section of the first article of the Constitution, to wit: No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any State, is to enable Congress, by an export duty to compel the European powers to pay tribute upon our productions which they must buy, such as cotton, tobacco, &c., and thereby relieve to that extent, our own people from the burden of taxation.

CAUCUS ON THE RECONSTRUCTION RESOLUTION.

The Sentorial Union caucus, which adjourned last Thursday without definite action on the House Reconstruction resolution, is to meet again to-morrow at 11 o'clock. Senator Wilson will offer a substitute, making it a concurrent resolution instead of a joint resolution, so that it will not need to go before the President; making the committee consist of thirteen Representatives and eight Senators; making it the duty of the committee to examine separately into the States entitled to representation in Congress, and providing for visits to the South of sub-committees for personal investigation. If either this or any other modification of the House resolution prevail, an effort will be made to hurry it through the Senate as speedily as possible.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS ON THE MESSAGE.

About four hundred editorials upon the President's Message, from as many journals in the United States, have been received at the White House. About ninety-nine per cent. of all these essays heartily endorse the policy pursued by the President in the past, and approve and commend the measures he proposes for the future.

MISSOURI WAR CLAIMS.

Representatives of, and Commissioners on behalf of the State of Missouri arrived here this evening with instructions to present to Congress the claims of that State for four million dollars alleged to be due her for expenditures on account of the government during the war.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Additional Currency—The Grade of General—Prisoners Captured During the War—Mission to the Indian Country—The Late Indian Outrages—Prospective Trials for Treason—The Resignations of Gens. Butler and Dix—Illness of Mr. Jas. Murdoch—Collision in Mississippi between Militia and Freedmen—Warrants on the Secretary of the Treasury—Pensions for Wounded Soldiers—The Pacific Railroad Land Grants—Washington City.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says: Congress will probably order the issue of at least one hundred millions additional currency.

Every one understands the bill introduced by Mr. Washburne to revive the grade of General in the army to be for the purpose of bestowing the rank upon Lieut. Gen. Grant.

The *Herald's* Washington dispatches contain the following: The number of rebel prisoners captured and paroled by us during the war amounted to three hundred and twenty-nine thousand. The number of Union prisoners captured by the rebels during the war is stated to have been one hundred and fifty-seven thousand.

The Secretary of War has appointed a military officer, well acquainted with the Indian country of the southwest, to report to the Commissioner of Indian affairs for such special duty as the latter may deem expedient to the needs of the department. It is understood that the officer in question will proceed to Bluff Creek, in Arkansas, to ascertain the full cause and meaning of the late murderous attack made by a band of 1,500 Cheyennes and Arrapahoes upon a mail coach on the Smoke Hill route on the 10th of November last.

A delegation composed of twelve Indians of the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes are expected to arrive in Washington in a few days, to settle the claims with the Government growing out of their respective treaties. Gov. Pitchlyn, of the Choctaw nation, is now in the city.

The bill introduced by Senator Doolittle on the 1st day of the session, in relation to the qualification of jurors, is for the purpose of relieving any difficulty that may occur in the prospective trials for treason. It provides that in all such cases no juror be biased by reason of opinions previously formed or expressed as to the guilt of the accused which may have been founded upon rumors, statements in newspapers, or the common history of the times, provided that the juror declare upon oath, and it appears to the satisfaction of the Court, that he will impartially try the case upon the evidence produced upon trial.

The *Tribune's* Washington dispatch says: Brig. Gen. Martindale has been brevetted Major General.

The resignation of Gens. Butler and Dix take from the 15th ult. Those of Gens. Ketchum and Cranton date from the 31 inst.

Scott, formerly aid-de-camp on Gen. Scott's staff, has resigned, to date from October 31.

A *Herald's* Washington dispatch says: Dispatches for minister Burlingame will be forwarded in a few days when he will start alone for China.

The actor Jas. E. Murdock fell in an apoplectic fit last night while playing at Grover's Theater. It was believed he would survive it.

The *World's* dispatches say a letter from New Orleans, just received here, says that news had just reached the city of a collision, which occurred last night at Grenada, Miss., between the State militia, searching for arms among the freedmen, and a squad of the latter, assisted by some colored soldiers. It is reported that several of the militia were wounded.

One hundred and sixty-nine Major and Brigadier Generals have been mustered out of the service since March last.

The *Times'* Washington despatch says: The mandamus case against the Secretary of the Treasury, involving the question whether a court can compel that officer, by such a writ, or otherwise, to issue a warrant for the payment of money upon an award to a government creditor, has been taken to the Supreme Court of the United States upon a writ of error, and will be argued in a few days. The court is expected to give precedence to this case over cases of the docket; the exigency and public interest being deemed sufficient to warrant such an order.

The bill introduced in the House by Mr. Stevens, permitting wounded soldiers employed under the Government to receive pensions while so employed, meets with favor and will doubtless become a law.

The *Herald's* special says: The Pacific Railroad Company of the eastern division are about to apply for the issue of additional bonds in payment for the construction of another twenty miles of the road.

The General Land Office to-day transmitted to the public land office at Oregon City for opening land grants for claims growing out of actual settlement in Oregon. The above award being much in dispute on the passage of the Act of Congress, which gave the public domain some twenty-three thousand acres for the benefit of pioneers and old settlers.

In consequence of the frequent outrages occurring in Washington, and the general want of suitable restriction upon lawlessness, it is probable that there will be important legislation in Congress with reference to a change in the municipal government. Many citizens favor the plan of revoking the city charter and placing its affairs entirely in the hands of Congress.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Difficulty with Treasury Agents—Matters in Texas—Louisiana Legislature—Stonewall Jackson's Widow Utterly Destitute—Mississippi and the Constitutional Amendment.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 7.—The Monroe (La.) *Register* complains of the military interference by force of arms to take from the Sheriff of a parish a Treasury sub-agent, who had been arrested by the Judge's decree, on affidavit made charging him with stealing cotton, and obtaining cotton under false pretences. The *Register* makes strong complaints against the Treasury agent management of the cotton business in that section and Southern Arkansas. It states that Mr. Burbridge, Treasury agent at New Orleans, has instructed his agent in Monroe to disregard writs of sequestration and injunction issued by the courts of Louisiana in cotton taken by the agent, to be tried and investigated on the spot, and forward the cotton to New Orleans.

Judge Bochel, on returning from Washington to Austin, issued an address to the people of Texas on what will be required to get the State back into the Union. A State Convention must declare slavery shall not, never to exist except as punishment for crime, and recognize the rights of the negro as freedmen—not simply thereby his social equality with whites, or equality at the polls. The Legislature must ratify the constitutional amendment and declare the secession ordinance, ratification of the Confederate Constitution, and the dependent acts for resistance null.

The Judge cautions the people to be careful who they elect, to carry these measures into effect. Great importance will be attached to his choice, as evidence of their sincerity. General Constitutional reforms, outside of the above measures, will not be allowed, unless submitted to the people for ratification.

The Louisiana Legislature has elected as U. S. Senator with Randall Hunt, Judge Henry Boyer of Alexandria, who was, before the war, U. S. Judge for the western district of Louisiana. Indications are strongly against the Legislature calling a convention.

The Houston *Telegraph* publishes a letter from a distinguished clergyman in Virginia to the effect that the widow of Stonewall Jackson is absolutely destitute.

A committee of the Mississippi Legislature reported against passing the Constitutional Amendment, not from any objection to the first, but to the second clause.

Husband and Wife Murdered.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 9.—Another frightful murder has been committed in the central part of New York. On Thanksgiving day it was discovered that a Mr. Crandall and his wife, the former 60 and the latter 65 years of age, had been brutally murdered at their residence at Conhoven, in Oneida County, about six miles from Bridgewater, on the New Berlin road. Mr. Crandall was shot through the head, and the brains of his wife were beaten out with a bludgeon. There were three thousand dollars in the house not found by the murderers.

Official Vote for Governor of North Carolina—Legislature to Adjourn on the 15th.

RALEIGH, N. C., December 9.—The Legislature counted the vote for Governor to-day: Worth received 32,629, Holden, 23,809. Majority for Worth, 8,780. Vance received 132, Stamper, 53, and R. H. Hoke, 22.

The Legislature had passed a joint resolution to inaugurate Worth to day but reconsidered it this morning, passing a resolution to adjourn until 18th inst., to meet on the 1st of February.

Opening of the New York Stock Exchange

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The magnificent stock exchange building of the Board of Brokers which has been constructing in Wall, Broad and New streets in this city for a year or two past is now so nearly completed so as to allow the business of the board to be done in it, and the regular opening took place to-day. There was no formal ceremony but the Board of Brokers assembled in the new edifice and made their call in the usual form.

Destructive Fire.

MCGREGOR, IOWA, Dec. 8.—A fire this morning consumed the post office, McGregor House, Mozart Hall and some wooden buildings on the opposite side of the street. Loss estimated at $75,000; insurance unknown.

RUSH FOR REGULAR ARMY OFFICES.

Important Case Before the Supreme Court.

DOES PARDON REMIT FORFEITURE?

Constitutionality of the Test Oath.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The members of Congress are already overwhelmed with letters and personal applications from parties who wish to be nominated to the War Department for positions in the army, a recent order having been issued for the filling of vacancies in the regular service by an equal apportionment among the States. One first or one second lieutenant is to be appointed from each Congressional District.

Dr. Mehaffy, Reading Clerk of the House of Representatives, who has been seriously ill with pneumonia, is gradually recovering.

The Southern members elect to Congress are still here, but some of them, believing that it will be a long time before they are admitted, contemplate returning home and remaining there until the door is opened to receive them.

The snow storm of to-day has been succeeded by rain.

The Supreme Court of the United States now has before it the following case: The United States, plaintiff in error, vs. Leroy M. Wiley. It involves this question, "Does the President's pardon remit the sentence of forfeiture of rebel property and re-instate the rebel in all his rights thereto?"

This was a motion of Leroy M. Wiley, defendant in error and appellee, to dismiss the writ of error and appeal of the United States, on the ground that the President's pardon, and the acceptance and compliance with the terms thereof, by the defendant, discharged and remitted the forfeiture of which sentence of condemnation was pronounced in the District Court, by pardoning the acts by which alone, if at all, that forfeiture was incurred. The cause originated in an information filed in the District Court of the United States for the Southern District thereof, and one Charles Gould, named as the informer under the acts of Congress of 1861 and '62, commonly known as the confiscation acts for the confiscation and forfeiture of 1756 shares of the capital stock of the Great Western Railroad Company of 1850, and of upwards of fifty thousand dollars due on coupons of bonds of the same corporation, as the property of the defendant, on the two-fold ground alleged in the information: first, the alleged use of the property by Mr. Wiley in aid of the rebellion, under the act of 1861; and second, alleged treasonable acts of Mr. Wiley under the act of 1862. The motion to dismiss this case was announced by Mr. Lenaque in its support.

It is understood that the constitutionality of the act of Congress prescribing the test oath, is now before the Supreme Court, on the application of A. H. Garland, of Arkansas. The whole question will be presented on Friday next.

FENIAN PRESIDENT DEPOSED.

Vice President Roberts Succeeds Him.

MISCELLANEOUS WASHINGTON ITEMS.

Military Organizations in Virginia.

NEW YORK, December 9.—At the session of the Senate of the Fenian Brotherhood held in New York on the 7th, articles of impeachment were filed against John O'Mahony, President of the brotherhood for perfidy and malfeasance in office. The charges and specifications which are very minute and voluminous, were served on Mr. O'Mahony the following day, with a notice to put in his plea in response within twenty-four hours, under the penalty of having judgment by default recorded against him.

Mr. O'Mahony having taken no steps to meet the indictment against him, the Senate today resolved itself into a Court of Judicature, according to the provisions of the constitution, and having investigated the charges declared them proved, and deposed Mr. O'Mahony from the position of President.

A unanimous vote was then passed, calling upon the Vice President Mr. W. R. Roberts to qualify by taking the oath of office, on which gentleman was sworn beforehand that no corruption should be attached to the position while he occupied it. The Secretary of the Treasury, B. D. Killian has also been deposed on grounds similar to those advanced against Mr. O'Mahony. An address to the circles has been issued by the senate and forwarded by mail.

The controversy about the books will be referred to the next session of the Fenian Congress.

Southern papers mention a continued spread of the small pox among the negroes, particularly in North and South Carolina. Some of the Sea Islands are suffering severely.

A dispatch from Washington says, George W. Gale, who offered one hundred thousand dollars for the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, has given bond at Montgomery, Alabama, to appear when called for.

The Minister of Foreign affairs of the Argentine Republic has announced that Chilian privateers can obtain supplies and secure adjudication on prizes in the ports of the Argentine Republic.

The list of standing Committees of the House is completed, but will probably undergo revision. Thaddeus Stephens is said to be nominated as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, Mr. Morrill as Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, and Gen. Banks as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

A protracted session of the Cabinet was held yesterday. Two visitors were admitted to the White House. Every member was present but Attorney General Speed, who was representing this Government in the Supreme Court.

A letter from Richmond says: In view of the disorganized condition of the State as to population there is considerable uneasiness among the people in the rural districts.

Numerous officers have been applied to enroll volunteer companies, but not a recruit has been obtained.

A bill is to be introduced in the Legislature for organizing the militia of the State. It is thought that the organization can only be secured through a compulsory draft.

From Nashville—Col. Crane's Sentence—Band of Robbers—Markets.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 10.—The findings and sentence in the case of Col. John Crane have been received here. The sentence is as follows: To be cashiered, to forfeit all pay and allowance now due, to be fined in the sum of five thousand dollars, and in default of payment of the same or any part thereof, to be confined in the penitentiary at Nashville, Tenn., at the rate of a days confinement for each two dollars of the fine. The sentence was ordered to be carried into effect by Brevet Major General R. W. Johnson, Provost Marshal General of the Middle District of Tennessee. Col. Crane was Inspector General of the Quarter-Masters Department of Tennessee.

A band of robbers, four in number, who have been operating on the Murfreesboro' Pike, have robbed all the residents within fifteen miles of Nashville, on the Murfreesboro' Pike, securing much booty in watches and goods. A strong force of military are in hot pursuit of the outlaws.

Cotton is still declining, prices ranging from 38 to 38½c for good Middling. The highest price paid was 39½ cents. Receipts, 503 bales; shipments, 296 bales.

River falling, with 23 inches on Harpeth Shoals.

From Louisville—Gen. Palmer's Case Appealed—The Impeachment of Mayor Tampert.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 9.—In Jefferson Co. Circuit Court, while the trial of Col. Jacques was progressing, Captain Gibson, one of the counsel for defense, was seized with vertigo, and the case was continued till the next term of court.

The Commonwealth Attorney filed an appeal of Judge Johnston's decision in the case of the commonwealth against Gen. Palmer, and the court adjourned *sine die.*

A large and enthusiastic meeting was held in the court house in reference to the impeachment of Major Tampert, for refusal to sign a contract with the Louisville and Portland railroad company. The meeting passed resolutions sustaining the Mayor, and appointed a committee to proceed to Frankfort to ask the Legislature to amend the city charter, so that in case of a vacancy in the mayoralty, the election shall devolve upon the people, and that any officers removed by impeachment may be eligible for re-election. The board of aldermen requested the postponement of the trial of the Mayor one week from Monday next.

A squad of Major Wilson's cavalry captured the guerrilla King, an accomplice of Berry, near Mount Washington.

From California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—The Colorado sailed to-day taking $1,010,000 in treasure, $559,249 of which is for New York.

Coal oil is a shade firmer; sales of petroleum at 68½. Greenbacks, 67½; Ophyr Mine, 33,50; Gould & Curry, 9,80; Savage, 7,50; Yellow Jacket, 3,37.

INTERNAL REVENUE FRAUDS.

Army and Navy Affairs.

GEO. N. SANDERS AND EMPEROR NAPOLEON

Postal Service in the South.

DISLOYALTY IN LOUISIANA AND VIRGINIA.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—The case of the people against Wm. C. Barney, Bentham Fabian and Capt. R. Chauncey, charged with an attempt to defraud the Internal Revenue of forty thousand dollars, has been transferred to the United States authorities, and will be tried in a United States Court, indictments having been found against them by a United States grand jury. The case came up again before Justice Dowling yesterday morning, when that magistrate decided that he had jurisdiction in the matter, but stated that as the offense charged was committed against the Government, he thought it best that the proceedings against the accused should be conducted in a United States Court, and that he would therefore bind them over to the national officials.

Acting Rear Admiral James Palmer, now the commander of the West India squadron, reported for duty to Acting Rear Admiral B. H. Bell, at the Brooklyn navy yard. Admiral Palmer has designated the gunboat Rhode Island as his flag ship, and will sail in her for his new district of operations in a few days. Commander Corbin has been detailed as Fleet Captain of Admiral Palmer's squadron, and is therefore chief of staff to that officer. Paymaster James N. Carpenter has reported as fleet paymaster of the West India squadron.

The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says: Gen. Price, of the Cavalry Bureau, has submitted a proposition for a revision of the Cavalry arm of the service, which has received the approval of many prominent General officers. The plan contemplates that no soldier shall be permanently mounted until he has received a years instruction and proved himself capable of properly taking care of a horse. That one third of the force consisting of the resulting recruitments shall be kept dismounted, with only a sufficient number of horses for instruction and equitation. That after a regiment has been thoroughly instructed, mounted and sent to the field, it shall not receive any recruits until recalled to the place of rendezvous.

By this means there will be no troops in the field but the most efficient.

Senator Morgan proposes to introduce, next week, a bill to revise the pension laws and make them more uniform in their operation. Under the laws in force a soldier, who has lost in battle, arms, legs or eyes, gets twenty five dollars per month for his support, while a poor Jack Tar, in the same wretched condition, gets only eight dollars.

A letter received from London, speaks of the arrival there of George N. Sanders, and of his visiting several important persons, whose acquaintance he made when United States Consul during Pierce's Administration. He informed these persons that when he was sent by Jeff. Davis to negotiate with Napoleon for the recognition of the Secession Confederacy, he was accorded two interviews with the Emperor, and that the invasion of Mexico was undertaken in pursuance of a plan then agreed upon, for which the Emperor hankered, being secured in possession of Sonora, Sinaloa, and Lower California. Sanders adds that he remonstrated, and offered much greater inducements than Mexico presented but the Emperor was obdurate.

Under the head of temporary service under contracts that expire in June next, the Post Office Department has ordered additional postal facilities in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, to the following extent: In Mississippi the number of miles of service added is five hundred, embraced in sixteen routes; and including sixty-two offices; in Texas, six hundred and sixty-five miles, embraced in five routes, and including forty-one offices; in Louisiana, one hundred and seventy-two miles, embraced in two routes, and including eleven offices. Liberal terms are also being offered to responsible parties to engage in contracts for the mail service in other parts of Texas, Northern Louisiana and Southern Arkansas. Southern Texas is well provided for by the mail routes lately put into operation from New Orleans to Brazos or the Opelousas railroad.

The only consulates now open are a few isolated and unimportant ones. The largest salary among the number to be filled by appointment is Tripoli, being not more than $1,500, while most of them have no emoluments save paltry fees that are estimated at $400 per annum.

A correspondent of the *Times* says the following resolution was laid upon the table in the Senate of Lou