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Blankets and Flannels.

A full supply, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets. C. HANSON LOVE & BRO.

Patent Weather Strips.

Now that winter is upon us, it should be borne in mind that Lieut. Wm. Forest, whose shop is on Virgin alley, above Smithfield street, is prepared to put up the latest patent window and door strips.

Holiday Presents.

Buy something that will be useful, a nice Dress, a Shawl, or some other articles in the Dry Goods line. Remember we are on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets. C. HANSON LOVE & BRO.

Hostetter's Stomach Bitters.

Man wants a TONIC—no uncommon want—
And every year and month brings forth a new one,
Which, after cramming the gazettes with cant,
The age discovers to be not the true one.
Of such as these let their concoctors vaunt,
I'll sing the BITTERS that have credit due won—
The world's great Tonic, which no skill can better—
I mean the matchless BITTERS of HOSTETTER.

Doctors were living long before old Galen,
And since, exceeding learned, grave and sage;
But the stomachies they were bound to fail in,
Success came not until this later age.
Now is the era sick folks are made hale in,
And dread dyspepsia driven from the stage,
Agues, remittents, headaches—real head-splitters
Vanish like smoke before HOSTETTER'S BITTERS.

Herbs, barks and roots compose the rare infusion,
No mineral poison mars their juices pure,
And Rye's mild essence holds them in solution.
The taste is pleasant, the effect is sure.
Ne'er have the bitters yet proved a delusion;
Try them in time, and health and strength secure
The dragon-slayer figures on the label,
And they, like him, to save the weak are able.

Hostetter's Bitters

Are sold wholesale and retail at very low rates at Fleming's Drug and Patent Medicine Depot, No. 84 Market street, corner of the Diamond, near Fourth street.

A Grover & Baker

Will make home cheerful and happy.

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 Weter Merchant Tailor, No. 126 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock embraces some of the rarest and most beautiful Cloths, Cassimeres, Overcoatings and Vestings ever brought to the western market. His assortment of Furnishing Goods, comprising Shirts, Drawers, Collars, Neck-ties, 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. Weter a call.

A Grover & Baker

a very appropriate Christmas Gift,

The Grover & Baker

is the simplest, cheapest and best in use.

For Assorted Candies and Toys,

You cannot go to a better place than No. 112 Federal street Allegheny, where you will find everything in the line to please the most fastidious tastes. A call is solicited.
dec8:1w GEORGE BEAVEN.

Neutral Sulphite of Lime,

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

Grover & Baker's

is the best in use.

Third and Tenth Wards.

Water rents, County, State, Relief, City, Poor and Business Taxes, remaining unpaid after the 18th inst., will be placed in the hands of a Constable to be collected, with costs. Bills have already been left at your residence, or sent to you.
J. R. NEWMAN, Collector.
Residence 179, Webster street. Dec. 11-1w.

No Sewing Machine

Will embroider but the Grover & Baker.

None but the Grover & Baker

Will answer for all family purposes.

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 FORREST.

Delaines and other Dress Goods,

At less than Eastern prices, on the northeast corner of Fourth and Market streets. C. HANSON LOVE & BRO

Dr. C. Sill

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

Get a Grover & Baker

For Christmas.

Neutral Sulphite of Lime,

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

Inaugural Address of the Governor of Georgia.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Dec. 14.—Governor Jenkins in his inaugural address to the Legislature, says there is no conflict between the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Georgia. The laws of the United States are supreme.

The Governor then pays a handsome tribute to the good conduct of the negroes during the war. He says they must be thoroughly protected in their personal property, and have the right to enter the courts. They should be encouraged to work, and then they would be the best working class, and [illegible] into owners the best employers in the world.

The Governor then reviews the condition of the State institutions, and says that for a time, even the lightest taxes will prove burdensome, but he thinks that in the end the people will not suffer.

Fire at Lima, New York.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., December 16.—The village of Lima, Livingston Co., was visited by a destructive fire this morning. Three blocks of dwellings were destroyed. The postoffice, Masonic Lodge, two groceries, a shoe store, photograph gallery and two shoe stores were also destroyed. Most of the mail matter in the post office was destroyed. The loss is probably $80,000, partially insured.

Collision—One Man Killed, and Four Missing.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 16.—The steamer Dumont collided with a tow boat, near Patriot, Indiana, on Thursday, and was considerably injured. One of the crew was killed, and four others are missing.

LATE OIL INTELLIGENCE.

Letter from Smith's Ferry.

General Success of the Wells—All Flowing—Total Production—New Buildings, &c., &c.

SMITH'S FERRY, Dec. 15, 1865.

EDITORS GAZETTE:—There is a great activity in the oil field at this locality, especially on the Little Beaver Creek. There are not less than one hundred and fifty wells now boring. Twenty-two wells have been bored, and in every case a flowing well has been obtained. The product is from three to twenty barrels in twenty-four hours, the general average being from five to twelve barrels, and this of clear amber oil. There is at this time estimated not less than six thousand barrels of oil on hand in tanks.

The Glasgow Oil Company was the first company formed on the Little Beaver. They have two hundred and seventy acres in fee simple, and very well located. They have six wells bored and flowing oil, and four more going down.

The entire Little Beaver oil field is very successful. The wells are small, but all produce and all flow. The hotel accommodations are entirely inadequate. There is a company organizing for the purpose of getting up a first class hotel in Glasgow. A wharf boat and steamboat is being projected by the Georgetown and Glasgow steamboat owners. More again. M.

PITHOLE OIL NEWS.

The Pithole *Record* gives the following items:

No. 76, Holden Farm, stopped flowing last Thursday night. It had previously been flowing at a greater rate than usual. A spear was run down the tubes which were found clear, and about 200 feet of oil was found in the tubes. It is supposed that this well was tapped by No. 75, and this furnishes another strong argument in favor of casing. It is proposed to case No. 80.

No. 83 was being tested last week with a very fine show of oil, when the pressure of gas broke the walking-beam. Since then the tubes were drawn, and in replacing them about 500 feet were lost.

No. 108, Rooker Farm, stopped flowing on Sunday last. It has stopped before, but started again upon being cleaned.

Nos. 15 and 16, on the Sumner & Pratt purchase, have lately improved, and are now doing about 200 barrels each per day.

Well No. 3, on Lease 17, started pumping on Saturday last at the rate of 100 barrels daily.

No. 60, McKinney Farm, otherwise known as "The Boys' Well," is now down 606 feet with excellent indications. It will soon be tubed.

The *Record* also gives the following statement of amounts produced by flowing wells on Pithole Creek, per day:

T. HOLMDEN FARM.	*Barrels.*
Pool Well, No. 54	1,000
Eureka Well, No. 148	800
Grant Well, No. 19	851
Churchill Well, 47	600
W No. 96	100
Well No. 85	150
ROOKER FARM.	
Fisher Well, No. 110	600
Well No. 109	250
COPELAND RESERVE.	
Rice Well, No. 1, Lease 8	500
Ellsworth Well, No. 3, Lease 50	400
Well No. 4, Lease 5	200
MCKINNEY FARM.	
Well No. 11	150
BINER FARM.	
Well No. 2	100
MOREY FARM.	
Well No. 186	150
Total	5,859

This does not include [illegible] wells.

Jamaica Massacre.

The full particulars of the Jamaica massacre that have lately been published of the most atrocious character, and clearly show that both the Governor of Jamaica and the British officers have acted in a manner to cover the nation with disgrace, and to make the very world blush for humanity. One colonial writer, recounting the summary execution of one of the victims, flippantly relates that his request for a little water before he was "turned off," was "very properly refused," and adds, with apparent gratification, that some of the bystanders asked him if he would not prefer lemonade, or rum and water. When, before this was a drop of water refused a dying man!

Another writer, an actor in the scenes, one Captain Ford, of the British army, while officially reporting his proceedings and the conduct of the troops under his command, thus concludes:—

"They shot about one hundred and sixty people on their march from Port Antonio to Manchioneal, hanged several in Manchioneal, and shot three on their way here. *The soldiers enjoy it.* The inhabitants have to dread it. *If they* [i. e. the inhabitants] *run on their approach, they are shot for running away.*"

These confessions, sent home [illegible] shape of official reports to [illegible], and require no comment. It is enough to know that the officers, as they had before done in India and in the Crimea, proved themselves the most barbarous and savage of any on record.

Important Disclosures of the Fenian Receipts.

Englishmen will scarcely be disposed to look upon the American organization of the Fenians as a contemptible body, since the publication of the contributions of the Fenian Brotherhood and the Fenian Sisterhood in the various States of the Union to the war fund. From the 11th of September to the 28th of October they amounted to $126,650, 23. The list embraces subscriptions of 20 cents, 40 cents, 60 cents, 80 cents, &c., the lowest sum that is received being 10 cents, while the higher sums are $1,000, $1 500 $3,000 and 5,000, and one from California is $7,948,99, which is the largest.

These figures comprise the tenth financial statement to the Brotherhood. What the whole sum received is, is not divulged, but the contributions during the past year have been large and increasing.

The donations from the Western States are very large, Chicago contributing more than any other city, New York included, her total being largely over ten thousand dollars. St. Louis is next, with over seven thousand, and Philadelphia gives nearly four thousand dollars. The total amount which Chicago has contributed since the organization of the Brotherhood is $600,000.

LATER FROM JAMAICA

Accounts of the Massacre More than Confirmed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The steamship Montezuma from Kingston, Jamaica, arrived to day, bringing advices to the 6th inst., which is fifteen days later news. The only papers received by her are those which support the policy of the Jamaica administration. The news is scanty. At the latest advices the numbers of negroes executed is estimated at from two to four thousand; and the land is said to be offensive with their corpses.

There is no evidence to support the statements previously made that the revolt was the result of a long projected plot, having ramifications in New York, Hayti and Cuba.

A monument is to be erected to Baron Von Ketelhadt.

Various legislative measures have been introduced, of which the following are prominent. A loan of fifty thousand pounds to meet the expenses of extinguishing the rebellion. A bill to preserve the public worship of God from scandalous abuse. A bill for confiscating rebel property. A bill to provide against unauthorized drilling. A bill suspending the present constitution, abolishing the House of Assembly and Legislative councils and providing for a Legislative Chamber, to be composed solely of the nominees of the Crown. The second bill meets with much opposition from respectable society.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Further news from Kingston, Jamaica, says:

An address to the Maroons, which has issued by the Colonel commanding, refers to the way in which the Stony rebels were disposed of; saying they were blown from the mouths of cannon, penned into their very forts, and slaughtered like sheep, swept, in fact, from the face of the earth, and significantly adds that some of the hordes who performed these brilliant deeds are now in Jamaica ready to reënact them if necessary.

Equal Rights in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—The Judiciary Committee of the House has agreed to report a bill to-morrow, striking out the word "white" from the charter of the city.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

Our Special Dispatches.

FROM WASHINGTON

GOVERNOR CORWIN DYING.

Reorganization of the Regular Army.

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU REPORTS.

Democratic Appeal Against Negro Suffrage.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, December 16, 1865.

GOV. CORWIN AT THE POINT OF DEATH.

Gov. Corwin is still living at two o'clock Saturday afternoon, but he has been entirely unconscious since about three o'clock this morning and his decease is momentarily expected. Maj. Gen. Schenck, Gen. Durbin Ward, Postmaster General Dennison, and younger friends watched at his side throughout the night. Surgeon General Barnes and Colonel Bliss of the army surgeons, have been in attendance upon him, besides resident physicians, but the case was utterly hopeless from the beginning. Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister, was among the first to learn of his decease this morning, and his last moments are being attended by the Ohio Senators, Representatives, Justice of the Supreme Court, and Cabinet officers, besides numbers of distinguished men from all sections of the country.

SENATOR SUMNER

Is to speak on Monday on the Reconstruction policy of the President.

REORGANIZATION OF THE REGULAR ARMY.

Senator Wilson expects to be able to offer a resolution instructing the Military Committee to inquire into the expediency of dissolving the entire existing organization of the regular army, with a view to a reorganization or adjustment of the ranks, based on actual performance in the war.

GEN. GILMORE.

The report that Gen. Gilmore has left the Government service is untrue. He has resigned his Maj. Generalship of volunteers, but retains his place in the Engineer Corps and his brevet Maj. Generalship in the regular service. He will spend the winter in Washington preparing elaborate reports of his engineering operations for the use of the army.

CLAIM AGENTS DISAPPEARING

A bill passing that Congress will pass a law already proposed, granting extra pay to all officers of the volunteer service, and bounties to soldiers in army [illegible] Agents here are intending their forces for a grand charge upon those who are fortunate enough to be included in the list of beneficiaries.

CLERKS DISCHARGED.

Several hundred clerks [illegible] army [illegible] were notified to-day that their services would not be required after the 31st [illegible]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Certificates of indebtedness to the amount of $803,000, [illegible] and [illegible] paper currency to the amount of $5,591,400 were received at the Treasury the week ending to-day. The receipts from Internal Revenue were two hundred and thirty four thousand dollars.

FREEDMEN'S AFFAIRS.

Reports from the Assistant Commissioners of the Freedmen's Bureau in North Carolina and Florida were received by General Howard. [illegible] report that the negroes have ceased wandering about the country, and that most of them are employed by their former masters at living wages. The report from North Carolina [illegible] the part of the blacks and whites, which [illegible] the close of the war have been very numerous in that state, are becoming quite rare. The [illegible] in his report that destitution among the freedmen is not near so great [illegible] would be, although much suffering is feared among them during the coming winter. During the month of November 108,148 rations were issued by the Bureau to [illegible] freedmen and whites [illegible] the state. [illegible] Sixty seven freedmen schools are now in operation in the state, with an average attendance of upwards of seven thousand scholars. The blacks as a general thing take great interest in the schools, and are improving rapidly.

NATIONAL BANKS.

During the week ending to-day, six national banks were established with an aggregate capital of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The amount of circulation issued to the banks during the same period was [illegible] hundred and ninety three thousand two hundred and ten dollars, making the total circulation two hundred and twenty-four million one hundred and fifty four thousand eight hundred and seventy-five dollars. The following banks were assigned depositories of public monies: Malone National Bank, New York, First National Bank of Selma, Alabama, First National Bank of Galveston, Texas.

WASHINGTON CITY ELECTION—DESPAIRING APPEAL TO DEMOCRATIC VOTERS.

The Democratic organ of the city thus sounds the alarm in this evening's edition: "Awake! arise! The election on Thursday next! Every white man to the the rescue! Every voter of Washington will only fulfil his duty to himself, to his race and in vindication of his manhood, by voting against negro suffrage at the polls to be opened next Thursday. To the polls! to the polls! Every sincere friend of the dearest interests of our Metropolitan city, which bears the honored and hallowed name of Washington, hails with delight and sincere joy the opportune action of our city councils in ordering an election for Thursday next, to enable our citizens to express their disapprobation of negro suffrage! To the polls! to the polls!"

The object of all this dreadful pother is to convince Congress that the white rebels of this city don't want the black soldiers to vote, and that therefore Congress should not give them the right of suffrage.

Jeff. Davis' Spiritual Welfare.

NEW YORK, 16.—The *Herald's* Fort Monroe correspondent says: Jeff. Davis is turning his attention, more than ever, to the concern of his soul. He has recently been visited by his old spiritual adviser, Pastor of St. Paul's church Richmond, who passed the entire day at his prison in religious reading and conversation, and administered to him the sacrament.

Steamer Peerless Burned.

CAIRO, Dec. 16.—The steamer Peerless, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, struck a sunken wreck of the Black Hawk, below Mound City, and took fire and was entirely consumed. The boat was valued at $60,000 and insured for $45,000. The value of the cargo is unknown.

Death of Governor Allen.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 16.—The Hon. Philip Allen, formerly Governor of this State, and afterwards U. S. Senator, died this forenoon at his residence in this city.

Fenian Senate Adjourned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The Fenian Senate has adjourned. Several of the Senators have gone home. The rest are awaiting the arrival of Stephens.

Cold Weather at Montreal.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—The cold weather has set in here in earnest. At 8 o'clock this A. M., the thermometer registered 8 degrees below zero.

Governor of Georgia Inaugurated.

MILLEDGEVILLE, GA. Dec. 14.—Gen. Jenkins was inaugurated to-day Governor of this State.

CONCORD IN THE GOVERNMENT.

President Declines a Second Term.

NEGRO SUFFRAGE ELECTION AT WASHINGTON

Governor Corwin at the Point of Death

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1865.

HARMONY BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS.

The President has been recently adopting a tone in conversation with leading radical Congressmen, which confirms the general hope that there will be no breach of harmony between Congress and the Executive. The determination of Congress to delay any action concerning the Southern States till after a full investigation by its Committees is acknowledged to be final, and Mr. Johnson is disposed to recognize existing facts.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON DECLINES RE ELECTION.

He has recently declared that under no circumstances will he be a candidate for re-election.

Another widely quoted declaration of his is to the effect that in selecting a successor to Preston King he does not mean to lose sight of the essential that the new Collector shall be devoted to the administration. This office, it may be added, seems now no nearer being filled than it was a month ago.

THE VOTE ON NEGRO SUFFRAGE.

The opponents of equal suffrage here, who include nearly all the city officials, are making tremendous efforts to secure a full vote against the measure on the approaching test election on Thursday next. They were engaged nearly all day in making thorough canvasses of the different wards of the city, and in order to secure a full turnout of the laboring population, mostly Irish, are offering five dollars a head as an inducement for this class of [illegible] to leave their occupations and attend the polls on election day. The friends of equal suffrage are also making efforts scarcely less strenuous, to bring out the votes of the friends of the measure. They are confident that they will be able to poll [illegible] thousand or more votes in its favor. The largest vote ever polled here in any municipal election was less than seven thousand, which was in 1856. Since that time the average vote has been less than four thousand. Give the negroes who can read and write the right of suffrage and the vote will be nearly seven [illegible] thousand.

THE VIRGINIA BOUNDARY QUESTION.

Petitions have been brought here for presentation to Congress from the counties of Jefferson and Berkley, Va., praying that these counties be not transferred to West Virginia. Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Committee on Elections, will present the petitions to the House.

GEN. R. B. MITCHELL,

of Kansas, has been appointed Governor of New Mexico. He previously declined a commission as Brigadier General in the Regular army, tendered him by the President.

RECONSTRUCTION SPEECHES.

Thad. Stevens, Sumner, and two or three other prominent Representatives [illegible] speech [illegible] has adopted [illegible] will make [illegible]

JUDGE WARMOTH.

[illegible] is preparing an argument which [illegible] submitted to the new Committee on Reconstruction against the admission of the [illegible] recently elected to Congress from that State, on the ground that they were elected by the votes of disloyal men.

CONDITION OF GOVERNOR CORWIN.

Governor Corwin is now still breathing, but [illegible] through the night. [illegible] there has been a constant stream of callers [illegible] as well as very many from all parts of the Union, have been visiting at his bedside during [illegible] room.

From Washington—Gov. Corwin Dying—Official Mexican News—Vote on Negro Suffrage in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Ex-Governor Corwin has been in a dying condition all day, and is not expected to live through the night. Among [illegible] Post Master General Dennison, Chief Justice Chase and the Senators and Representatives of Ohio. He has been unconscious ever since his attack last night with paralysis.

The schooner Eclipse, from New York, laden with hay and commissary stores, was discovered on fire to-day, at the Seventh street wharf. Loss, over $10,000.

There was a large crowd, including many Senators and Representatives, and Generals Butler, Humphreys and Benham, at the Executive Mansion to-day.

Senor Romero, the Mexican Minister, has received no official news from Matamoras to the 10th inst.

General Escobedo took the city of Monterey, and held it for some time. Two French columns, a strong force, were sent after him and he was finally compelled to abandon Monterey. One of the French divisions attacked him, and, it is reported, he defeated them with heavy loss.

Mayor Wallace has approved the act, passed by the City Council on Thursday night, authorizing a special election to be held on Thursday next, to ascertain the opinion of the people of Washington, upon the subject of negro suffrage in the District of Columbia.

The Supreme Court of the United States has decided that Robert H. Marr have leave to file a printed argument asking, as does Mr. Garland, that he may be re-admitted to practice without taking the oath prescribed by Congress.

Sentence of Counterfeiters—Murderer Convicted—Specie Shipments.

NEW YORK, Dec 16.—Francisco Bohzer, found guilty of counterfeiting United States currency, was this morning sentenced by Justice Shipman to fifteen years imprisonment at hard labor and $5,000 fine. John Thomas, accused of passing a counterfeit Treasury note of one hundred dollars, was convicted and sentenced to six years imprisonment.

The jury, after being out till nearly one o'clock, rendered a verdict of guilty of murder against John Hackett.

The New York gunboat Monongahela, which sailed on Thursday for Cape Haytien, returned to-day with the loss of her foremast head, but her officers refused to give the press any information in relation to the disaster.

The steamers City of New York, Queen, and Bremen, sailed for Europe to-day, taking over a million of dollars in specie. Three steamers sailed for Savannah, and several others for various Southern ports.

Great Disaster at St. Louis—Six Steamers Sunk by the Ice—Many other Boats Damaged—Loss $300,000.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 16.—The ice gorge in the river below the city gave way this afternoon, and the ice swept past the city with tremendous power, sinking or seriously damaging a dozen steamers and a number of barges, involving a loss of about $800,000.

The following are a partial list of steamers sunk: Geneva, valued at $25,000; Rosa, $30,000; Calypso, $25,000; Highlander, heavily laden, valued at $50,000, cargo valued at $25,000, both fully insured; Omaan, valued at $45,000; Admiral, value not ascertained. Besides these steamers, which are a total loss, some half dozen are badly damaged, and several barges and wharf boats, laden with government grain, were crushed like egg shells. It is not improbable that more boats may be sunk with the ice above the city moves down.

Great Fire at Chicago—Loss $250,000.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—A fire broke out this morning in the Lincoln Hall building, corner of State and Franklin streets, which communicated to the sixth story of a marble building, and immediately went from thence to the corner of State and Walker streets. The heaviest losers are Whipple & Co., dry goods dealers, $75,000; E. Richardson, agricultural implements, $40,000; J. Y. Scammon, owner of the building corner of Lake and Franklin streets, $50,000. Total loss about $250,000. Insured for about half that amount.

THE NEGRO SUFFRAGE ACT.

Election to be Held in the District.

NEW MAIL SERVICE TO BE ESTABLISHED.

Chili Supported by Peru.

GEN. HOWARD'S OFFICIAL REPORT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The *Herald's* Washington special says a [illegible] general election [illegible] the 21st inst., to [illegible] voting community to be passed before Congress to show how [illegible] passage of the Negro Suffrage Act [illegible]

The floating population [illegible] department of clerks and government [illegible] whose families are residing there, are considered as licensed at the recommendation contained in the Mayor's late message, to [illegible] tax of two dollars on all such residents.

The *World's* Washington [illegible] contains the following: The Secretary of the Treasury to-day decided not to [illegible] the January interest on bonds of more than [illegible] amount [illegible] payable [illegible] $15,000,000.

C. P. Huntington, Vice President [illegible] Central Pacific Railroad, yesterday [illegible] Treasury Department $1 [illegible] account of a [illegible] has been completed.

The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says: The settlement of the back pay and accounts of discharged soldiers will be much facilitated by sending their discharge papers direct to the office of Col. Paulding, paymaster in charge of the District of Washington. By this means, the long delay occasioned by [illegible] to the Second Auditor's office will be avoided. This is understood to apply only to [illegible] the applicants [illegible]

The want of a regular mail service between this country and [illegible] has long been felt [illegible] [illegible]

The draft [illegible] of the Second Session [illegible] [illegible] On the 12th [illegible] [illegible] that he [illegible] post of [illegible] extraordinary [illegible] the negotiation of the [illegible] that he [illegible] [illegible] suggested [illegible] Postal Convention [illegible]

Gen. K[illegible] leaves [illegible] to-morrow, and will depart on his mission [illegible] Chili on the first of January.

The *Tribune's* Washington [illegible] Brown, Conn[illegible] ex-Gov. [illegible] of Virginia [illegible] Howard [illegible]

[illegible]

Virginia Legislature—Negro Testimony Bill—Proposed Reunion of East and West Virginia.

RICHMOND, (Va.,) Dec. 16.—A caucus of the Senate and House was held to-night, and the Committee on Courts of Justice directed to report a bill admitting negro testimony in courts, and to amend the code [illegible] penalties on free negroes [illegible]

In the Senate a resolution was introduced, expressing regret and disappointment at the non-admission of the Virginia Representatives to seats in the National Councils, invoking their admission as preliminary to a full restoration of this State [illegible] Several Senators expressed objection to the resolution and it was withdrawn.

In the House there was a [illegible] debate on the resolution proposing to [illegible] measures for the reunion of West and East Virginia.

From Nashville—The Negro Testimony Question—Snow Storm, &c

NASHVILLE, Dec. 16.—The Legislature of Tennessee having refused to allow negro testimony to be taken in the courts of this State Gen. Fiske, Superintendent of the Freedman's Bureau of this District, under special orders from the War Department, has issued an order which demands that all cases in which negro testimony is involved, and which has heretofore been disposed of by municipal authority, shall be brought before the court of adjudication.

It commenced snowing at four o'clock this afternoon. One-half an inch fell and it is still snowing.

River 83 inches on the shoals and falling slowly.

Canadian Reciprocity.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—Reports from Ottowa state that the American Reciprocity is engaging the earnest attention of the government, and that after the Christmas holidays a deputation will proceed to Washington to continue negotiations.

Hon. Thomas Ryan has been appointed a commissioner to enquire the means of extending the direct trade between British America and the countries on the Mediterranean.

DECREE OF PRESIDENT JUAREZ.

Railroad Legislation in Congress.

RECENT FENIAN MOVEMENTS.

Hints of Spanish Hostility to England.

THE NEW YORK COLLECTORSHIP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The leading points of the decree of President Juarez, announcing his [illegible] exercise the functions [illegible] of the Mexican Republic, issued at El Paso on the 8th of November, and briefly noticed heretofore, are published this morning. Juarez states, that though his term has expired, and as there has been no opportunity, in consequence of the disturbed condition of the country, to elect his successor, and as Congress has invested him with extraordinary powers, he regards it his duty to continue to act as President [illegible] another election can be held.

A [illegible] from Washington says: There [illegible] Congress will be called upon [illegible] in regard to railroads [illegible] A through line between Washington and New York, will receive early attention, and also a plan for extending the Northern Central Railroad from Washington to Baltimore.

Mr. Mercer, who has charge of the scheme for carrying several hundred women to Washington Territory, publishes the announcement that his [illegible] nearly ready, and will sail next week.

Smith A. Eastman, who absconded to Europe [illegible] and was a defaulter to a [illegible] returned to New York. It is [illegible] that a portion of his indebtedness [illegible] now under way for settling [illegible]

[illegible] Mahony, Head Directress of the [illegible] prophesying [illegible] but says [illegible] calls for [illegible] and urges the [illegible]

[illegible] Scanlan has published a card denouncing O'Mahony and cabinet.

[illegible] thousand dollars have been received at O'Mahony's head-quarters by [illegible] difficulty [illegible] In a few days [illegible] counteracting [illegible] January 24, on the ground that [illegible] illegal and advice [illegible] was engaged to [illegible] their action.

[illegible] says the Legislature [illegible] interested in inducing emigration [illegible] South Carolina. It is [illegible] of Germans can be induced [illegible] of State, and ultimately take [illegible]

[illegible] refusal of Spain to accept [illegible] the Chilian affair, [illegible] says: If England goes a [illegible] it is very doubtful [illegible] would not accept the [illegible] there appears no [illegible] English ministry would [illegible] what might prove a [illegible] especially while a [illegible] with American Alabama [illegible]

[illegible] says a Captain [illegible] commander of [illegible] North Carolina Sharpshooters [illegible] army, was brought [illegible] of the [illegible] and delivered [illegible] under an [illegible] month of [illegible] to the county [illegible] of the Superior [illegible]

[illegible] Washington dispatch says: [illegible] Roberts declare he [illegible] New York Collectorship. [illegible] Friday next to [illegible]

[illegible] has not admitted [illegible] the arrival of [illegible] Fenian Brotherhood [illegible] issued by Col. [illegible] Fenians to [illegible] the 1st of January, will [illegible] Mr. Roberts, the new [illegible]

From New Orleans—Arrival of Gen Scott—Steamboat Explosion—Bill Pensioning Union and Rebel Soldiers—Warlike Reports from the Rio Grande

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 14.—Cotton—sales fifty [illegible] Sugar and Molasses [illegible] on New York one quarter [illegible] Freights—Cotton [illegible]

[illegible] arrived here this morning on [illegible] the steamer McClellan. A [illegible]

[illegible] for Pascagoula, [illegible] killing four [illegible] and second engineer.

[illegible] was introduced [illegible] dollars for disabled [illegible] soldiers and the Citizens [illegible]

[illegible] citizen of New Orleans [illegible] Matamoras a few days ago, who [illegible] with French affairs, says [illegible] a war between France and the United States commence on the Rio [illegible] have already their plan of campaign mapped out, which anticipates the [illegible] United States force over [illegible] to abandon Matamoras [illegible] Rio Grande and fall back on Monterey [illegible] be held as a strategic [illegible] to be thoroughly [illegible] the United States [illegible] Texas for an [illegible] Mexico.

TELEGRAPHIC ITEMS.

[illegible] this from Mexico state that [illegible] at the city, having possession [illegible] company of Californians [illegible] raising on the western [illegible] Mazatlan.

[illegible] reported to be repulsed at [illegible] been beaten in several [illegible] central Mexico. Gen. Diaz is [illegible] Sinoia. The French lost [illegible] outbreak, at Martinique [illegible] The mutiny was [illegible] severely punished.

[illegible] French Minister, now in New York, is much displeased with the Conduct [illegible] the Mexican question, and has [illegible] return to Washington unless [illegible]

A correspondent of the New York *Herald* states that the steamship City of Boston, which arrived last week, was overhauled at sea by a British cruiser, and searched for supposed concealed Fenians.

[illegible] positively asserted that General Logan [illegible] the Mexican Mission.

[illegible] Paraguay the allies are moving forward 50,000 [illegible] the Paraguayans are retreating [illegible] own frontier with immense herds of cattle.

The press dispatches confirm what is stated in our specials as to the condition of Governor Corwin.

MARRIED.

BARCLAY—EKIN—On Thursday evening, the [illegible] Rev. [illegible] at the house of [illegible] Love, Esq., JOHN R. BARCLAY, and NANNIE W., daughter of General James A. Ekin.

DIED.

[illegible]—December 16th, 1865, PHEBE E., daughter of Robert and Esther Brown.

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