SECOND EDITION.

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM NASHVILLE.

AN INTERESTING CEREMONY.

The Battle of Nashville.

Speeches of Governor Brownlow and General Thomas.

The Celebration of the Battle of Nashville.

[By the N. Y. Associated Press.]

NASHVILLE, Dec. 16.—A great storm reached here Saturday with heavy rain, light winds and an attempt at snow. The telegraphic communication east and south was interrupted or suspended for eighteen hours, but is all right now.

General Thomas and staff arrived here Saturday morning at five o'clock. They proceeded to the State House, and were informally received by the Legislative Joint Committee. The day was so inclement that the published programme of the procession was abandoned. At 11.30 o'clock the party repaired to the capitol, in carriages, through the principal streets. The Capitol was gorgeously decorated with festoons of evergreens and flags, the guidons and the colors belonging to Tennessee regiments, which they had brought through the Mexican war and against rebellion. The flights of stairs leading to the second story of the Legislative Hall similarly adorned. Gen. Thomas was conducted to the speakers seat amidst vociferous cheering. Governor Brownlow, and Senator Grierson, the Speaker of the Senate, were seated on the left, the latter being chosen president of the assemblage.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Allen, the legislative Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislature of Tennessee, filled with the most profound gratitude toward their distinguished guest, Major-General George H. Thomas, for his successful defence of the State capital, extend to him on the anniversary of his glorious victory, a sincere and cordial welcome.

Resolved, That the loyal men of Tennessee emulate the example of patriotism and devotion to laws restored to them by the gallant defenders of the Union, pledge their support anew to the cause of freedom, humanity and progress.

After the congratulatory address, followed by a band playing "Hail to the Chief," Gov. Brownlow presented the gold medal with these remarks:

"*Major General Thomas:* The pleasant duty devolves upon me to present to you, on this interesting occasion, an elegant gold medal voted to you nearly a year ago by the General Assembly of Tennessee, whose members, both Senators and Representatives, now surround you. Although this medal is the first article of the kind yet executed in America, its value to you does not consist in the amount of precious metal it contains, nor yet in the exquisite workmanship of art, but in the motive which prompted the gift, and the patriotic source from which it originates. It is intended to express the high regard in which you are held by the loyal Tennessee Legislature as a military chieftain, a tried and devoted patriot, and a modest, unassuming gentleman. General, in no spirit of flattery, I must be permitted to say to you that in the great struggle of four years which recently convulsed the nation, of military commanders you are, perhaps, the only one that never lost a battle, and in the government of armies and departments, never made mistakes.

There is something appropriate in the presentation of this medal to-day, and in this capital, on the anniversary of the battle of Nashville, two years ago to-day, at the head of a gallant army you were engaged in deadly conflict with the enemies of your country around this city, and two years ago to-morrow you closed that conflict by saving this city from ruin and sending out the hordes of treason howling into Dixie, away down South. The Dixie portion of the enemy remained to receive at your hands their long lost rights, the only right that traitors are entitled to—funeral rites. Trusting that you may never have occasion to command another army on the field of carnage, and that you may live long to enjoy the fruits of victory you have contributed to achieve, I hand this medal over to one who will never dishonor it."

As General Thomas received the gift the whole assemblage broke forth into tumultuous applause. He replied as follows:

"Governor Brownlow and Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives, of the Legislature of Tennessee—Profoundly sensible of the high honors you have this day conferred on me, I confess myself totally unable to thank you in appropriate terms. Be assured, however, of my sincere appreciation of these honors and particularly the compliments which have been awarded to the officers and soldiers who participated with me in defeating the enemy, two years ago, this day, at Nashville. Some twenty years ago I received my diploma at the Military Academy, and soon after a commission in the army. On receiving that commission I took the oath to sustain the Constitution of the United States and Government; to obey all the officers of the Government placed over me. I have faithfully endeavored to keep that oath as a solemn pledge on my part to return to the Government some little service for the great benefit I had received in obtaining my education at the Academy. [Renewed applause.] While I cannot return to speak of myself without the fear of being accused of egotism, I can with pleasure and sincere pride speak of the brave soldiers and officers who, at the commencement of the late war, voluntarily came forth from the private walks of life and devoted their lives to the defence of the Government established by our fathers. [Applause.] It has been my pleasure on all occasions to witness the devotion of our army, and I to-day take pride in saying that no other country on earth ever produced such another army as that which assembled to put down the rebellion. [Applause.] The events immediately preceding the battle of Nashville, were of such a nature that I am sure they would bear repeating, or least justify some allusion to them on this occasion. After a victorious advance into the heart of the enemy's country, our great leader, General Sherman, rested at Atlanta, his mind engaged in perfecting plans of other operations. Although he had pushed the bold and gallant enemy into the heart of their territory, they were not discouraged, but the moment that General Sherman sat down to take a little rest, immediately that enemy assumed the offensive and attempted to drive him back. Seeing into their plans, General Sherman despatched me to Tennessee to attend to affairs in the rear of his army and keep open my communication with him. Even on my arrival in Tennessee, the advance of the force of the enemy had attacked our communications and had done some damage, but was soon driven out. Soon afterwards, Gen. Sherman conceived the plan of marching to the sea and left me to defend Tennessee, in case the enemy should advance on that State, and attempt to go further north; and in case the enemy should follow, I was to pursue with what troops I could gather up, and harass his rear and communications. General Sherman's main army and the main army of the enemy remained quietly observing each other on the borders of Alabama and Georgia, while I endeavored to meet the emergency that was approaching by the organization of the returned furlough men men and convalescents, and concentrating them in such a manner as to be able to defend the post if possible, but I was not permitted to remain idle. The enemy perceiving his advantage started directly for Tennessee while General Sherman, about the same time, started for Savannah. Thus there was then nothing left for me but to delay his approach as long as possible without risking a battle, until an army could be assembled sufficiently large to meet the enemy. After the utmost exertions on the part of myself and on the part of my staff, and also on the part of the commanders of the different bodies of troops, we finally succeeded in getting our army of some 30,000 men at Nashville on on the 1st of December, but they needed clothing and transportation; they needed horses to enable them to do something more than simply to fight the battle. It was necessary then to delay until these wants could in some measure be supplied. In the meantime the weather became very disagreeable, and it was almost impracticable to move the troops. This further delayed us some four or five days, but finally, about the 12th of December, the preparations being made, the order of battle was explained to the commanders, and everything prepared for the conflict the next morning. Through the bad weather, which still continued, we were delayed until the 15th of December. On that day General Steedman with a small force of convalescents and men who had been on parole partially organized, commenced the battle on the left so as to occupy the attention of the enemy, that he appeared entirely to forget the other portion of his line and concentrated heavily at that point, evidently expecting the battle there. This was expected in my programme after General Steadman had opened the battle, and had been engaged about half an hour, our troops were moved into their respective positions, and almost like men on review, took post after post, and drove the enemy to the hills. [Cheers.]

Next day by a skillful movement of the cavalry commander, the enemy's left was entirely turned, and then by one of the most gallant assaults I have ever seen, the entire line of the enemy was swept from the left to the right. [Applause.] So ended one of the strongest and most daring armies, the enemy ever equipped. [Renewed applause.] This army was pursued for two hundred and fifty miles and finally received its last blow at the hands of the cavalry commander. It is with the greatest pleasure that I avail myself to-day of the opportunity of speaking in praise of those gallant men and officers then under my command."

As General Thomas concluded the Hall rang with applause.

Several short speeches were then made by members of the General's staff, and the assemblage adjourned.

Gen. Thomas and staff returned to Louisville by to-day's noon train. Governor Brownlow and the East Tennessee members left for Knoxville this morning.

The Legislature adjourns to-morrow for the holidays.

Sale of the Memphis Race Course.

[To the N. Y. Associated Press.]

MEMPHIS, Dec. 15.—John McGibbon, of this city, and Thos. McGibbon, of Cynthia, Kentucky, have purchased the Memphis Race Course for $20,000.

Ship News.

[To the N. Y. Associated Press.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 10.—Cleared, steamers Fung Shuey and General Sedgwick, for New York; Monticello, for Boston. Ships J. H. Ryerson and Merchant, for Havre. Arrived, steamship Liberty, from Boston. Bark H. L. Routh, from Boston.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 15.—Cleared, the steamer Tonawanda, for Philadelphia, and the San Jacinto, for New York.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 16.—Arrived, the steamer Gen. Barnes, from New York; the schooner James A. Brown, from Havana; the Harriet Brewster, from New York; the United States revenue steamer Kenano, from Baltimore, and the brig Fredonia, from New York. Cleared, the brig Resolute, for Nassau, and the bark Earl George, for Queenstown.

Financial and Commercial.

[To the New York Associated Press.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—Cotton has declined 1 cent; sales of 2,000 bales low middlings, 29½@30½c.; middlings, 31½c.; receipts, 5,037 bales; sugar in good demand, and prices firm; fair, 9½c.; prime to choice, 10½@11½; molasses in good demand and prices are looking up; fair, 57½c.; prime to choice, 60@64c.; sterling exchange, 49; New York sight bills, ⅜@½ discount; gold, 37½@37¾; freights are firm; tonnage is getting scarce, and the rates are looking up; steam freights to New York 1½ for cotton to Liverpool, 9-16ths@⅝d.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 15.—Sales of 43 hogsheads leaf tobacco, prices unchanged. Cotton, 31 cents. Hogs, $6 25@6 75; total slaughtered, 72,553; the receipts have increased. Mess Pork, $20 50; bacon shoulders, 9¾ for future delivery; green hams, 9¾. Superfine flour, $9 25@9 75. Prime red wheat, $2 60. New corn shelled in bulk, 70@75c.; ear corn, 60; oats in bulk, 56@57. Raw whisky, $2 22.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 15.—Ordinary cotton, 25; good ordinary, 27; low middling, 29; middling, 31; strict middling, 33c. The market closes dull.

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 15.—Cotton dull, and declined ½ cent; 306 bales middling sold at 30½ cents.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 15.—Cotton declined ¼ cent; sales of 350 bales of middlings, at 31@31½ cents.

CITY BULLETIN.

CLEAR THE FOOTWAYS AND GUTTERS.—There is a city ordinance which provides that the snow shall be cleared from the footways and gutters within six working hours after it has fallen. The penalty for a violation of the ordinance is $2. This morning Mayor McMichael gave orders to the Lieutenants of Police that this ordinance must be strictly enforced. Much of the flooding of the streets and the disagreeable walking arising therefrom is caused by the stoppage of the gutters. In his levee this morning, the Mayor alluded specially to the gutters, and said that they must be kept clear.

BOLD THEFT.—John Green was before Ald. Fitch, yesterday, on the charge of larceny. About a week ago he was peddling potatoes and stopped at the house of Mrs. Smith, on Styles street, in the Twentieth Ward. While Mrs. S. was standing on the front step, examining the potatoes, Green, it is alleged, snatched a breastpin from her bosom, and ran. He escaped at the time, but was captured on Saturday. He was committed in default of $1,000 bail to answer at Court.

CHICKEN THIEVES.—The chicken house of L. Jones, on the Manayunk turnpike, above the Wissahickon, was broken into on Saturday night and was robbed of twenty-five chickens. Afterwards William Bratton and George Bratton were arrested by Officers McClure and Short, at the Falls of Schuylkill, with the stolen chickens in a bag. There were also in the bag a carriage bridle, cart whip, a pair of lines, a currycomb and other articles. The prisoners were committed by Alderman Ramsdell.

ASSAULT WITH A KNIFE.—A man named Solomon Haddock went into a tavern on the N. W. corner of Broad and Carpenter streets, and raised a disturbance. The proprietor remonstrated, whereupon it is alleged Haddock struck him on the head with a knife, causing a severe wound. The assailant was arrested. This morning he was taken before Ald. Lutz and was sent below in default of $1,000 bail for trial.

HANDSOME CORN.—A few ears of the finest yellow corn ever raised, were exhibited at the Corn Exchange Association Rooms this morning. They averaged fully sixteen inches in length, and are remarkably prolific with well filled grains. They were produced on Mr. John Dorrance's farm, near Bristol, and is a sample of four thousand bushels.

LARCENY OF TOOLS.—John Haggerty was arrested on Saturday night and was taken before Alderman Maull, upon the charge of the larceny of carpenter tools, belonging to Enoch Hopkins. The tools were taken from a new building, near Forty-first and Haverford streets. Haggerty was committed for a further hearing.

CHURCH FAIR.—A Fair will open this evening, in the basement of the Third Baptist Church, Second street, above Catharine. The object of this Fair is to raise funds to assist in paying off the debt of the church. The articles for sale embrace every description of goods, both useful and ornamental; also, the trotting mare, Fanny Powel.

ROBBED IN A TAVERN.—John Lee, the proprietor of a tavern on Frankford road, above Huntingdon street, was committed this morning by Alderman Clouds to answer the charge of the larceny of ten dollars which were taken from the pocket of a drunken man who was in his place.

FIRE.—This morning about one o'clock a hot house belonging to Robt. Buist, and situated on Sixty-seventh street below the Darby road, was destroyed by fire. Some valuable plants were burned.

CLAXTON'S REMOVAL.—We again call attention to the fact of the removal of James S. Claxton, Publisher, to No. 1214 Chestnut street. His advertisement appears to-day.

OWNER WANTED.—A set of false teeth are awaiting an owner at the Fourteenth Ward Police Station House.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 17th.—Beef Cattle were dull this week, but prices were without material change; 2,800 head arrived and sold at from 15½@16½ cts. for extra; 13@14½ cts. for fair to good, and 10@12 cents ⅌ lb for common, as to quality.

The following are the particulars of the sales:

Head.	Name.		Amount.
95	Owen Smith, Western	14	@15
70	A. & J. Christie, "	14	@16
34	Jones McClees, Western, grs	—	@ 9
88	P. McFillen, Chester county, grs	5	@ 8
100	P. Hathoway, Western	14	@16
131	James S. Kirk, Chester county	14	@16
125	Jas. McFillen, Western	15	@16
60	E. S. McFillen, "	7	@ 8
110	Ullman & Bochman, Western	14	@15
131	Martin, Fuller & Co., Western	14	@15
200	Mooney & Smith, "	14	@15½
50	Mooney & Brother, "	13	@15
68	H. Chain, Western Pa	6	@ 8½
36	J. A. Chain & Brother, Western Pa	13	@15½
70	L. Frank, Western	14	@15
100	Frank & Schamberg, Western	14	@15
92	Hope & Co., Western	13	@14½
40	S. Dryfoos & Co., Western	6	@ 8
82	J. Cassidy, Western	14	@16
45	B. Baldwin, Chester county	14	@16
13	D. Branson, Chester co grs	6	@ 8
145	Ben. Hood, Chester county	12	@15½
23	W. McCall, "	12	@ 8
164	Chandler & Alexander, Chester county	12	@16
18	Jesse Miller, Chester co	15	@16
136	Wayne & McArdle, Western, grs	6½	@ 8½
39	J. Jemson, "	6	@ 7
50	B. McFillen, Chester co	15	@15½
50	M. Dryfoos & Co., Western	14	@16
40	S. Frank, Western	6½	@ 8
30	J. C. Brigg, Penn'a, grs	6	@ 7
59	D. W. Gemmell, Delaware State, grs	5	@ 7
51	F. Snyder, Western, grs	6	@ 7½
39	S. Youngling, Western Pa., grs	5	@ 7
58	J. C. Cochran, Chester co, grs	5½	@ 7
85	J. Seldomridge, Western, grs	7½	@ 8¼
*22	Preston & Co., Chester co	10	@16
*17	A. Wallace, " grs	6½	@ 8¼
*28	A. Kemble, Chester county	12½	@15

Sheep—Were in fair demand at former rates; 5,000 head arrived and sold at from 5@6¼ cents ⅌ lb gross—as to condition.

Cows—Were dull; 250 head sold at $40@70 for Springers, and $50@80 ⅌ head for cow and calf.

Hogs—Were in better demand at an advance; 4,500 head sold at 9@10 per 100 lbs net.

CHILDREN CUTTING THEIR TEETH HAD may be considerably relieved by applying a small portion of *Bower's Infant Cordial* to the finger, and rubbing the gums gently for a short time.

BOWER'S GLYCERINE CREAM for chapped and rough skin. Depot, Sixth and Vine. 35 cts. jar.

DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES AND FANCY GOODS. SNOWDEN & BROTHER, Importers, 23 South Eighth street.

FEMALE TRUSSES AND BRACES, ELASTIC Supports Stockings, Knee Caps, &c., light and appropriate for female wear. For sale and adjustment at "Needles'," Twelfth street first door below Race. (Lady attendants)

EXTRAORDINARY CURE OF RHEUMATISM.—Samuel R. Adams, Nineteenth and Montrose, tried everything. Cured by Dr. Fitler's Remedy.

BENBOW'S SOAPS.—Elder Flower, Turtle Oil, Glycerine, Lettuce, Sundower, Musk, Rose, &c. SNOWDEN & BROTHER, Importers, 23 South Eighth street.

RHEUMATISM CURED OR NO PAY ASKED.—Dr. Fitler's Remedy cured Joseph Stevens, 533 Owen street; he never expected to get well.

IT IS WELL to get clear of a Cold the first week, but it is much better and safer to rid yourself of it the first forty-eight hours—the proper remedy for the purpose being Dr. Jayne's Expectorant.

A CURE OF RHEUMATISM WORTH SEEING.—S. Kilpatrick, 1724 Olive street, cured by Dr. Fitler's Remedy. Warranted no cure, no pay.

LACE CURTAINS from Auction, positively sold at half their value. A beautiful assortment in every design and quality. Very suitable and very choice presents for Christmas bargains, and no mistake, at W. Henry Patten's 1408 Chestnut street.

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THIRD EDITION.

2:30 O'Clock.

BY TELEGRAPH.

LATER FROM WASHINGTON.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF CAPITAL.

Surratt and His Accomplices.

FROM NEW ORLEANS

GENERAL WOOD'S CIRCULAR.

AFFAIRS IN TENNESSEE.

Kentucky Politics.

The Storm at the North.

From Washington.

[Special Despatch to the Bulletin.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 1866.—A bill will be offered, to-day, by a leading Western member, for an increase of the capital of the National Banks, two hundred million dollars. Mr. Stevens favors a large increase.

The Ways and Means Committee, to-day, after full discussion, decided to postpone all action on Mr. Boutwell's Gold bill till after the holidays.

Commissioner Collins was before the Ways and Means Committee to-day, for upwards of an hour, in regard to Internal Renue matters. He desires some additional legislation on the subject before the recess.

The report that Chief Justice Chase contemplates resigning to accept the Presidency of the Pacific Railroad, is without any foundation.

Government, it is said, will make some important disclosures in a few days about Surratt and his accomplices.

From New Orleans

[To the N. Y. Associated Press.]

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 15.—The George W. Kendall, who signed the petition to Congress, to displace the present State government of Louisiana and create an original one, is an ex-steamboat man, and no connection with John Williams Kendall, senior editor of the *Picayune*, now here, who is altogether conservative.

Maj. Gen. Thos. J. Wood, commanding the District of Mississippi, has issued a circular thanking the Northern charitable societies for what they have done to educate the negroes, and the many planters who assured him that they would establish during the coming year plantation schools for the education of the children of their colored laborers, and make arrangements to have religious instruction to the whole. He renews his recommendations, and requests all planters to pursue the same course, and makes the following impressive remarks as to the necessity of much more being done to prevent the negro race from lapsing into barbarism. He says the race must advance or retrograde. Shall it be said in the future that in the Nineteenth century, in a Christian nation any portion of its citizens were allowed to deteriorate in mental and moral culture. What a stain it would be on the fair fame of the nation.

Interesting from Nashville.

[To the U. S. and European Associated Press.]

NASHVILLE, Dec. 16.—It is stated officially that the Board to recover the school fund, report to the Governor that they received from the Tennessee National Bank, of Memphis, $346,052, and 23 State bonds of $1,000 each, and made satisfactory arrangements for securing the remainder, about $300,000. They also report the condition of the Bank entirely solvent.

The work of removing the remains of Union soldiers buried in this city and vicinity to the Nashville Cemetery, on the north side of the Cumberland river, has been commenced.

An oil well has been struck in Overton county, Tennessee, which overflows at the rate of 100 barrels per day.

A couple of salt mines are in operation in Warren county.

A large number of negroes passed through Atlanta, on Thursday, on their way from South Carolina and Arkansas, to work next year for $150, food and clothing.

The Legislature of Georgia has repealed all laws denying foreigners the privilege of owning real estate, and also passed resolutions thanking Kentuckians for corn sent for distribution to the indigent poor of Georgia.

J. B. Conley, who was arrested for killing Dr. Hunter, over a year ago, but escaped from Jonesboro' jail, has been recaptured in Illinois and taken back to Jonesboro'.

The Memphis steamer Rattler, from Cincinnati to New Orleans, with provisions, struck a snag on Island No. 37, on Thursday night, and sunk. The cargo is a total loss. Several of the crew are supposed to be lost.

From Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 16.—Robberies and crimes have been perpetrated on a large scale in the city during the past few days. Several heavy robberies were committed yesterday, and a man named Smith was murdered last night.

The Democratic Convention for the appointment of delegates to the State Convention to be held at Frankfort, on the 22d of February, met in this city yesterday. A number of resolutions were adopted among which is the following:

"*Resolved*, That we view with horror the revolutionary designs of the minority now in power in Congress at Washington, and that in view of these dangers we urgently recommend the meeting a National Democratic Convention in Louisville, at an early period; and that we request the Democratic State Convention of Kentucky to issue a call for such convention, and that we suggest the first of May, 1867."

A slight snow fell this morning. Thermometer 26.

The Snow at Chicago—Interruption of Railroad Travel.

[By the U. S. Associated Press.]

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A snow storm, accompanied by a gale, commenced about 9 o'clock on Saturday evening, and continued during the night and a part of Sunday. Street railway travel is entirely suspended. It is probable there will be a temporary interruption of railroad travel East and West.

From San Francisco.

[To the New York Associated Press.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—The steamship Oriflamme, from Portland, Oregon, with $361,600 in treasure, arrived here last night. Her news are unimportant. Oregon papers state that a severe shock of earthquake was felt at Dolles and Umatilla on the 24th ultime.

General McDowell issued a general order giving an account of a successful expedition from McDowell in Arizona, against the Apache Indians. Two ranches were destroyed, one containing a large amount of their winter stores. Six Indians were killed, a number taken prisoners, and some horses captured. The expedition was accompanied by some Pino and Maricopa Indians, who are highly complimented for the valuable services rendered.

From Texas.

[To the New York Associated Press.]

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Texas papers received here this morning report that a communication by steam between New Orleans and Corpus Christi has been opened.

The Lecture Committee of the Galveston Literary Society forwarded an invitation to Hon. Horace Greeley to lecture before that society.

No new cases of cholera appeared at San Antonio or the vicinity, and the disease may be regarded as extinct. Accounts from Red River, Louisiana, represent that stream, as well as others in the vicinity of Shreveport, as very high.

From Boston.

[By the N. Y. Associated Press.]

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—The Franconia murderer has been traced to Montreal, and the prospects of his capture may be regarded as sure.

The snow and rain storm last evening was very heavy, accompanied by high gales. The mail trains, however, do not appear to have suffered much detention. From the coast we have few tidings, but fears are expressed that marine disasters must have occurred.

From Canada.

[To the New York Associated Press.]

OTTOWA, C. W., Dec. 17th.—The trial of Col. Dennis, on the charge of cowardice at Fort Erie, during the Fenian invasion, has been concluded. The court decided that none of the charges were sustained.

OTTOWA, Dec. 17.—A militia general order directs the staff officers of Districts to return all ammunition forwarded to field batteries to Montreal before the 31st inst.

An order in council exempts from duty flour or meal made from grain sent from Canada to to the United States and brought back within a week. The discount on American invoices for the week has been 29 per cent.

Six new companies of volunteer infantry are authorized.

From Richmond.

[To the New York Associated Press.]

RICHMOND, VA., Dec. 17.—Dr. S. P. Moore, late Surgeon-General of the rebel confederacy, is said to have received his pardon from President Johnson. He takes up his residence here as a medical practitioner.

The steam boiler of a saw mill, near Ashland, in Hanover, exploded on Saturday, killing instantly three men and wounding several others.

From Nova Scotia.

[To New York Associated Press.]

HALIFAX, N. S., December 17th.—A heavy northeasterly gale accompanied by snow prevails this morning.

The bark Bismark went ashore in the Gut of Causa on Saturday, also the brig Edwin Daniel in the Little river. No particulars received.

Arrest of a Confidence Man.

[To N. Y. Associated Press.]

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 17.—A confidence man, who has been imposing on people as an Episcopal clergyman, was arrested here yesterday. His real name is Weed, and he belongs to Hartford, Connecticut.

New York Bank Statement.

[To the New York Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The following is the bank statement for the week:

Loans,	decrease	$2,167 678
Specie,	"	550 850
Circulation,	increase	2,002
Deposits,	"	2,781,449
Legal Tenders,	"	3,047,453

XXXIXth Congress—Second Session.

[To New York Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17th.

SENATE.—A communication was received from the Secretary of War in response to a resolution asking if the Commissioners provided for by an act of 1864, for the payment of loyal owners of enlisted slaves have been appointed, &c. The communication was accompanied by a report which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sumner presented the proceedings of a recent meeting of loyal citizens without regard to color, held at Norfolk, Va., asking for the reorganization of the government of Virginia.

Mr Saulsbury (Del.) objected that under the rule of the Senate, the proceedings of a public meeting could not be received unless they came in the form of a memorial.

Mr. Sumner (Mass.) said this was not simply the proceedings of a meeting. It was in the nature of a petition.

The question of the reception of the document was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Wade (O.) presented a petition for the re-annexation of the city and county of Alexandria, Virginia, to the District of Columbia.

Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson (Mass.) reported favorably the House resolution for the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Lieut.-Gen. Scott.

Mr. Trumbull (Ill.) introduced a bill to provide for amendments to defects in the proceedings of the courts of law. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Sumner (Mass.) presented a bill to punish those who induce emigration of free colored persons under false pretenses.

Mr Sumner said there were persons here from foreign countries endeavoring to persuade colored persons to emigrate, but virtually to inaugurate a sort of Coolie trade. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The bill to repeal the President's amnesty power was then taken up.

HOUSE.—Under the call of States for resolutions,

Mr. Washburne (Ill.) offered a resolution directing the Select Committee on the New Orleans Riot to investigate the alleged frauds in the New Orleans Custom House and the appointment of rebels therein to the exclusion of Union men, and into all matters connected with the administration of affairs in that Custom House.

Mr. Harding (Ill.) offered the following:

Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States will give unfaltering support to the Executive Department of the Government to indicate the time honored policy of the Republic against foreign armed intervention which tends to the destruction of constitutional liberty on this continent, and especially commend the tone of the national voice in reference to the Republic of Mexico, Adopted.

Mr. Cook (Ill.) offered the following:

Resolved That the Committee on Banking and Currency be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the withdrawal of the currency issued by the National Banks as fast as the same may be done without injustice to the Banks and of supplying the place of such currency with legal tender notes, issued by the Government of the United States.

Mr. Cook (Ill.) moved the previous question, on which Mr. Brandegee demanded tellers. The previous question was seconded—yeas 58 nays 38

Mr. Brandegee called for the yeas and nays, saying he wanted to see who was in favor of destroying the national banks. The yeas and nays were taken and resulted—yeas 65, nays 68. So the resolution was rejected.

Mr. Ross (Ill.) offered the following:

Resolved That it is the sense of Congress that no more Government bonds shall be issued that are not subject to the same rates of taxation as other bonds.

Mr. Thayer (Pa.) moved to lay the resolution on the table, and Mr. Ross called for the yeas and nays on motion, but the house refused to order the yeas and nays and the resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Baker (Ill.) offered the following:

Resolved, That the Committee on Banking and Currency be instructed to report a bill preventing, for some temporary period, the further withdrawal of legal tender currency.

Mr. Washburne (Ill.) suggested that the resolution should be modified so as to direct the committee simply to inquire into the expediency of reporting such a bill.

Mr. Morrill (Vt.) moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The question was taken by yeas and nays, and resulted yeas 88, nays 68. So the resolution was laid on the table.

Financial and Commercial.

[To the U. S. Associated Press.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The following are the quotations of Stocks at 10 30 call this morning:

Pacific Mail, 170½ bid, 171 asked; Atlantic Mail, 108 bid, 109 asked; Canton Company, 45¾ bid, 47 asked; Cumberland, 65¼ bid, 67¾ asked; Quicksilver, 45 bid, 45½ asked; Mariposa, 12¾ bid 12⅞ asked; New York Central, 111½ bid, 111¾ asked; Erie Railroad, 74½ bid; Erie Preferred, 84¾ bid, 88 asked; Hudson River, 129¾ bid 121 asked; Reading Railroad, 111¼ bid 111¾ asked; Michigan Central, 112¾ bid, 112½ asked; Michigan Southern, 82¾ bid, 82½ asked; Illinois Central, 118 bid, 118½ asked; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 91¼ bid; Northwest, 54½ bid, 54¾ asked; Northwest Preferred 79⅞ bid 79¾ asked; Cleveland and Toledo 113¾ bid, 113¾ asked; Rock Island, 105¾ bid; Fort Wayne 107 bid 107¼ asked; Toledo and Wabash 44 bid, 44½ asked; Chicago and Alton, 109¾ bid; 110¼ asked; Chicago and Alton Preferred, 110 bid, 113 asked; Alton and Terre Haute, 41 bid, 42 asked; Ohio and Mississippi Certificates, 28¾ bid 29¾ asked; Western Union Telegraph, 49¾ bid, 49½ asked; Boston Water Power, 29¾ bid, 30 asked.

[To the N. Y. Associated Press.]

NEW YORK Dec 17.—Gold 137½. Exchange at 60 days, 109½@109¾; at sight 110½@110¾. Money at 6 per cent. Stock Market strong: U. S. 6 20s of 1862 coupons 107½@107¾, of 1864 coupons, 105¾@106; of 1865, coupons 106¾; new issue, 108¾; U. S. 10-40s, regularis on, 99¾@99¾; coupons, 99¾@100; U. S. 7 30s, 105¾; Missouri 6s, 81¾; Canton Co., 46¾; Cumberl'd pref, 65¾; Quicksilver 45; Mariposa, 112¾; Mariposa preferred, 31¼; Western Union Telegraph, 49¾; New York Central, 111¾; Erie, 73¾; Hudson River, 120; Reading, 111¼; Michigan Central, 112¼; Michigan Southern, 82¾; Illinois Central, 118; Cleveland and Pittsburgh, 91¾; Chicago and Rock Island, 105¾; Northwestern, 54¾; Preferred, 79¾; Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago, 106¾.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Cotton quiet; Middling Uplands, 34c. Flour has advanced 10@30 cts.; 12,000 bbls. sold; State, $8 15@11 50; Ohio, $10 50@12 75; Western, $8 15@13; Southern, $11@18 50. Wheat is 2@3c. higher. Corn has improved 1@2c. Oats firm; 21,000 bushels sold; Western, 65@66c.; State, 70c. Beef dull; new mess, $12@17; extra, $15 50@20 50. Pork dull and lower; new mess, $21@$21 50; old mess, $20 37@20 50; prime, $17 62@18. Lard, quiet. Whisky dull and unchanged.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—Flour firm; Chicago extras, $12@12 56; superfine, $10 50. The receipts of grain is light, the market firm for all descriptions. Sales of Oats at 59@60. Provisions dull; cut meats and lard nominal. Groceries inactive and heavy. Whisky very dull; Seeds quiet; Cloverseed steady. Cotton dull; middling Uplands at 33½ cents.

COURTS.

QUARTER SESSIONS—Judge Peirce.—William H. McCullough pleaded guilty to charge of passing a counterfeit one dollar note.

Mary Moore pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a quantity of wearing apparel. The defendant was engaged as a domestic and took the articles from her mistress.

William Henry Mercer pleaded guilty to a charge of stealing a coat.

Jacob Cartwright pleaded guilty to a charge of assault and battery.

John Brown and John Welcome, colored, were convicted of a charge of stealing a bag of woolen cuttings.

George Brown was convicted of a charge of stealing a lot of keys.

Neal McCaffrey was convicted of a charge of committing an assault and battery upon Sergeant Welsh. The assault occurred at the polls, at Catharine and Twentieth streets, on last election day.

Jacob Garren was convicted of a charge of larceny.

NISI PRIUS—Justice Thompson.—William Cramp & Son vs. Cyrus J. Bull. An action to recover back an amount of money paid the defendant for certain copper, which was afterwards surrendered by plaintiffs under an allegation that it belonged to other parties. On trial.

Sale of Valuable Properties, next Wednesday, at the Exchange, by direction of the Orphans' Court, Executors and others.

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