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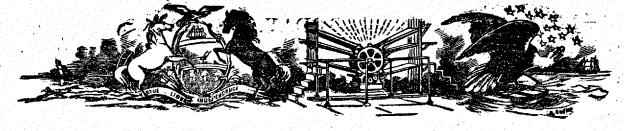
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PHE WASHINGTON HOUSE-A I CARD.—It having been announced by the Bulletin of the 26th instant, that this hotel would be closed on or about the lete? Becamber, the Lessee from January let, 1866, begs to inform the public that during the time the House may be closed it will be thoroughly renovated and relited in a manner that cannot fall to give satisfaction to those who may patronize the establishment. satisfaction to know on may patronize the establishment. CHARLES M. ALIMOND, formerly of the indian decisis, Wilmisston, but more recently of the "Notice Region," Thiladelphia, will have the entire management under the new administration, and he assures the profile that no efforts will be spared on his part to make the House in all respects pleasant and agreeable to his guests. The House will be to opened on the lith of January. THE MAHONY HOUSE, IN ASH-LATD, Schuylkill county, after being closed for two months, is being handsomely fitted up, and is now open for travellers and visitors. Mr. HENRY B. WBAVER, the present landlord, lately of Morthnumberland county, who has had long experience in this line of business; will keep a FIRST CLASS HOURE, and one that will compare favorably with the best Hotels in the no24-lm

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GENERAL GRANT'S ARMY. -McBride --WHAT OUR CORRESPONDENT SAW ON HIS JOUR NEY DOWN THE WELDON RAILROAD.

Special Correspondence of The Press. BEFORE PETERSBURG, Dec. 14, 1864. The owner of every large plantation between Petersburg and Weldon is an officer—either general colonel, major, or surgeon—they descend no lower in grade. Near Jarrett's Station is situated the mansion of General Chambliss. At this house were captured, some time during the summer, a lieutenant and twenty-five men, sent out to destroy a large bridge on the Danville Railroad. He stopped with Mrs. Chambliss to take breakfast, and was entrang and captured later in the day. The ladies of this family sent out two trusty servants to watch for our coming, and warn them in time. Of course the colored scouts declined returning to their indulgent

tant world. Every one will willingly preach, but how fay practice their own precepts! It is easier, as Portie says, to be among twenty who give advice then be one of that number to follow our own tests ings, She was an honest counsellor, We believe-Mariborough was a brave man, but cowered before: his readers weep over his pathetic plaints and Dickens beautifully written descriptions of happy homes and domestic felicity make one think such was his lot, and no family jars could mar the happiness of his hearth. While gazing on the ruins what once were happy homes. I met a contrabind; whose closely curling hair was venerable with the frosts of many years. A major of infantry came dashing up, and brusquely exclaimed: "Fall in, old low or never is your change for free aged, worn-out servant shook his head slowly, from

side to side, and sadly informed the officer that he had a wife: "I'd be mity proud to go wid great beauty of that sentence seemed to relieve from lost, and exposed for purposes of private gain, repulsiveness the sable face of the one who gave it. The Government itself got but little of the very pulsiveness the sable face of the one who gave it tterance. I wondered how many married couples: of my acquaintance had lived together harmoniously the same period of time. Ah! I fear me there are few but have been gulled by matrimony's yoke, which is not always easy, neither is its burthen light. Viriplacs was often invoked by the yoke fellows in Rome, and doubtless had much difficulty indeviding whether her petitioners should merely be separated "from bed and board," or a vinculo matrimo tnnately for those who once thrust their hands

into the sack of eels, containing a single snake, ex-

army. It was near his house three of our soldiers. rutally murdered, and indecently strip weer onto the covering. Some imaginative Zongvo started the story that in the Surgeon's cellariwas and large black sack of white bleached bones; which the label said was formerly the framework of some unof curses showered on the mansion, and socwline brows looked thunder at the poor occupants, who probably never saw a human skeleton. One thing, I know, was discovered in that mysterious cellas. What was that, do you ask? It was "applessors" the soldiers' great enemy. In some dwellings were found thirty barrels of this liquor, which is as tronic, as camphene and as somnolent as laudanum: There is with the draught a pleasant bouquet but after-

steps of our troops turned, there could be found cribs bursting with corn, and fodder stacks alming their pointed tops at the cold gray sky. But cider presses and apple crushers were far more abundant. What did these people mean to do withso much grows less sandy. The pale earth changes to a deep; red, the pines are heavy, and small canebrakes are found. Holly bushes adorn the roads with the deep green of their leaves, contrasting beautifully as the

oright red clusters of berries gently touched each other. Hidden amid a fairy dell we found Coman's wells, probably a summer resert for the unambi-tions "tar heels," who ceased for a season to pitch into the pines for temperature, and sought these wells for Spa water.

We hear the same ceaseless shooting along the lines since our return. Sounds of heavy dannonading come to us from the extreme right, but we make little of such noise here. The weather is ex-

tremely cold; the wind whistling freezingly all QUIET, WITH NOTHING TO INDICATE EARLY WORK -MISCELLANEOUS NEWS. HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, Dec. 5.—Unusual quiet has prevailed along the lines in front of Petersburg the last few days, scarcely a shot being exchanged, excepting in the evening on shot being excenanged, excepting in the evening on the right of the line.

Last night, however, quite an excitement was kept up from about 8 till 10 o'clock, when the firing gradually died away, and after midnight not a shot was fired. Of course, the pickets in the vicinity of Fort Hell were responsible for the outbreak,

ough some parts of the line further west were participants. A report is current that a number of our pickets dered night before last, and that in consequence the force of men on this side has been doubled. Changes are being made in the disposition of troops, but nothing to indicate an early attack upon

the enemy.

The troops engaged in the late raid are almost all in good condition, but some returned from the trip with frozen hands and feet, and others are ill, caused by the severe weather.
On Friday five deserters are to be hanged. Two
of them are from New York, two from New Hampshire, and one from Maryland.
Deserters from the rebels are coming in dally. Seven came in yesterday and five to-day. They bring nothing new from rebeldom.

City Point, Va., Dec. 13, 1864.
The general court martial of which Brigadier General Charles H. J. Collis is president and Capt. Whitehead judge advocate, convened for the trial of descriters and bounty jumpers, holds its daily sessions at this point. The following cases have been tried and approved by the Commanding General Control of the C Edward Rowe and Daniel Smith, 179th New York Volunteers.

John Thompson, 5th New Hampshire Volunteers.

William Kane, alias William Carter, 5th Mary-William Kane, and william Carter, our mary-land Volunteers.

Joseph McNulty, alias Joseph Killy, 6th New Hampshire Volunteers.

Christopher Lehr and Charles Hummel, 7th New York Volunteers. York Volunteers.

—all charged with desertion to the enemy for the purpose of receiving the benefit of Jeff Davis order No. 65, offering to send to their homes all deserters from the Union armies. The sentence in each of the above cases is as follows: To be hung by the neck until dead, at such time and place as the Commanding General

deta, at such time and place as the community Gene-ral may direct, in the presence of so much of the com-mand to which his regiment belongs as the eatgencies of the service will permit, two thirds of the members of the court concurring therein. Rowe and Smith of the court concurring therein. Howe and Smith were executed on Saturday last; the remaining five will be executed on Friday, the 16th. There are still sixty prisoners of this class awaiting trial. It is to be hoped that the severity with which the court is dealing with these men will have the de-sired effect of checking the continuance of this most serious of all orimes known to military law.

THE SOUTHWEST. [Special Correspondence of The Press.]
CAIRO, Dec. 12, 1864,
OPERATIONS ON THE CUMBERLAND AND TENNES-

SEE.

The chief feature in military operations in this The chief teature in mintary operations in this vicinity is the occupation of Middle Tennessee by Hood's army. Of the investment of Nashville you are fully informed via Louisville. But in the endeavor to cut off supplies from that point, the rebel cavalry have struck the Cumberland in three places below Nashville, and by means of artillery places below Nashville, and by means of artillery places in and destroying the transports. The are seizing and destroying the transports. The iron-clads Mound Oity and Carondelet are at Nashville, or rather cruising between Harpeth Shoals ville, or rather truming between Lary bad several and that city (twelve miles), and have had several engagements with the rebel batteries, invariably driving them off. Below the shoals we have the monitor Neosho and two or three fron-olad gunand that city (twelve miles), and have had several engagements with the rebel batteries, invariably driving them off. Below the shoals we have the monitor Neosho and two or three iron-clad gunboats, but aince the unparalleled success of Gen. Lyon in capturing the three gunboats on the Tennesses, the rebels have shown a very determined opposition, so that our mosquito boats are rather cautious about facing a battery on bluffs.

Lyon's force, consisting of some 2,500 cavalry and sixteen guns, struck the Tennessee river on the east bank, at Cumberland Landing, some twenty miles above Fort Henry, where they captured the side-wheel steamer Thos. E. Putt, on her way to bring off stores from Johnsonville, used her as a Beuerlu Mozila. Co. S. (13th One Co. S. Wall. Co. D. 4th New York.) and Pennsylvania; John Johnsonville, used her as a Beuerlu Mozila. Co. S. (20th Pennsylvania; John Upton, Co. H., 4th Pennsylvania (20x4); J. L. Ward, Co. D., 12th New York. bring off stores from Johnsonville, used her as a ferry, and then burned her. Thence the rebels marched across to the Cumberland, at Clarksville, marched soross to the Cumberiand, as Charksville, about twenty-five miles distant, where they repeated the same role. We are at a loss to know what boats have been captured on this latter stream, but the last boat down, the Masonic Gem, states that she heard firing on an upward-bound boat soon after passing Clarksville. Possibly the Gem was allowed to pass down in the hope of securing a craft laden with supplies. A later report says that Lyon crossed the Cumberland, and was moving toward crossed the Cumperson, and was moving toward Hopkinsville, Ky., in the hope, probably, of reach-ing the Louisville and Nashville Rallroad. This is ing the look and successful trip of the rebels, though devoid of much strategic importance. The stege of Nashville cannot be maintained, but Southorn Kentucky and Middle Tennessee will be stripped f blankets and horses.

PROM THE LOWER MISSISSIPPI.
Simultaneously with these reports we have ac counts from Memphis of a move on that place by Beauregard, or, as some contend, it is a move for Fort Pillow, with heavy guns, so as to blookade the Mississippi. There are two or three reasons for

doubting this report. The rebels cannot, spere from their main army a sufficient force to estable the time-selves on the banks of the Mississippi. All the force they have is co-operating with Hood at this t. une. It

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1864. Not less than fifty guns would be necessary to hold Fort Pillow against the gunboats now above that

point. The report originates, probably, in the plun-dering and conscribing bands of some of the freebooters in West Tennessee. Hood's forces may, in eed, reach Kentucky, but their stay will necessar. steamer has been fired into by a battery below. Ar-kansas river. This may be taken as evidence that the retreating army of Price has regarded the south side of the Arkansas, and is now at the old practice. Price lost thirteen guns in his cruise through Missouri, but still has enough left to make wanton and unjustifiable war on passenger steamers. From Vicksburg we learn that a cavalry force under Col. Osband has been despatched eastward There is much that is contradictory in this Incon-

into Mississippi, with a view of destroying the Mississippi Central Railway, which has lately been son, Miss. This raid has been very destructive to rebel property. Thirty miles of the railroad were ruined extending from Canton to below. rumed, extending from Canton to below Jackson More than a thousand bales of cotton, many thor sands of bushels of corn, and other supplies, wer burned. The Yazoo Valley was well nigh stripped and the command returned without serious loss.

At a goint near Natches the ram Avenger recently captured a party of rebels and some correspondence on the way to Richmond, from Alexandria, Livingiana. One of the knottlest questions with which the sen the cotton traffic—the staple which from a

FOUR CENTS.

troops are moving on the Mississippi just now. and

they may have given out such a design. As for the

possibility of hauling heavy slege guns from the dr nearest railroad terminus, say Corinth, it is absurd.

average value of ten to twelve cents a pound in peace times, fell soon after the enforcement of the ockade to be worth in the rebel lines five cents i Jonfederate currency. Soon it was discovered t worth a dellar in greenbacks on our side of th ine had a wife. "I'd be mity proud to go wid lines, Such enormous profits were tempting, and you all, boss, but I's got an ole woman. Salvis at lines, Such enormous profits were tempting, and young gal when I married her, and she seems of the strains are proughted, so learn still lines and she seems of the strains of th small tax it had imposed on the purchase, but the North in general undoubtedly derived much benefit from it. The rebels, seeing this, commenced the policy of burning all that was likely to fail into our hands, either by capture or purchase. Half a million of bales were burnt—perhaps a million. The frauds and irregularities in the trad became so gross that a truly honest and console tious officer was praised if he banished and stonne all trade in cotton. But it is evident that we were into the sack of eels, containing a single, snake, expecting to draw a prize, and only getting a bite; most callucitly for such, I say, there now, exists no such sympathetic spirit as that famous Romanigod commodities. There are only a few things which we could not afford to let them have with impunity, dess. to be benefited by getting all the cotton we could sense of the term. Suppose, for example, any o Dr. Griggs, The Doctor is a surgeon in the rebel, the producers of cotten to get gold for their product, is it at all probable that they will invest the gold in Confederate bonds 1. No. Rather more that the gold would be hourded and doled out as neces whisky, flour, dress material, and shoes, such as are useful for army purposes excluded. Our people ere bound to make a large per centage of profit in

he exchange, and it is not discoverable when the fighting strength of the enemy is increased by a man or a guri. The present system of regulations is designed to encourage the bringing of cotton again. But the hasing agents are likely to be well paid. Reside hemselves and sell it are altogether inadequate The simplest and the most effective plan for the wards it stingeth like an adder. If any of our men, were captured, the blame is with "apple Government is the best. Allow all cotton to be jack." I don't wonder Early's army was ruined with transportation to our lines rest with the holders. The Government should then put a tax of ten cents a pound (fifty dollars a bale) on all shipped to a general market, thus giving a revenue of many to a general market, thus giving a revenue of many millions of dollars, collectable by less than ten persons on the Mississippi. There is great misconception on the subject of trading with the enemy in all places except in the vicinity of two great armies. Nothing has so much tended to weaken our hold in the lower valley as our exclusion of supplies, unless perhaps it be the attempt to steal their cotton by

e thousand bales at a time. THE STRANGE MARIA DESTROYED BY TORPHDOM —A PRINTERS' STRIKE.
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The recent explosion of the steamer Maria, at Carondelet, previously reported, is said to have been the work of rebel torpedoes. The printers of St. Louis are on a strike, but the publication of the papers has not been suspended. The proprietors offer fifty cents per thousand ems, with steady work to good hands.

MARKETS. Sr. Louis, Dec. 18.—Hogs firm. Tobacco active; prices firm. Flour neglected. Wheat firm, and not mych doing on account of the small supply. Whisky, shall sales. Pork; small sales; prime Mess, %39. The weather is moderating, and the river is full of their prices.

KANSAS. QUANTRELL DYING AGAIN—A LARGE GOVERNMENT TRAIN IN DANGER. ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The Lawrence Tribune says the notorious brigand Quantrell was removed in an mbulance with Price's retreating column, sick beyond hope of recovery.

The Democrat's Fort Scott (Kansas) special despatch of the 2d says that "yesterday's courier arrived from Fort Glöson with despatches, causing apprehensions for the safety of a large Government. rain which left the camp on Dry Wood, ten miles train consists of one hundred and twenty Government wagons, five yoke of oxen to each one, thirty sut-lers' wagons, with six mules to each, all heavily loaded, for Fort Gibson, distant 180 miles. It was guarded by a few dismounted Indian cavalry and a section of artillery. The train is now said to be correled on the Neosho river, about 100 miles south of this place, and the men are throwing up earth-works for defence, being closely invested by the rebel General Gaines, with 7,000 men and five guns. Colonel Moonlight is reported to be moving to the assistance of the train."

The Rebel Manifesto in Europe.

The following is the joint note addressed to the French Minister of Foreign Affairs by the agents of the rebels abroad, transmitting an official copy French Minister of Foreign Affairs by the agents of the rebels abroad, transmitting an official copy of the manifesto of the rebel "Congress:"

"Asia: The undersigned, Commissioners of the Confederate States of America, in pursuance of the instructions of their Government, have the honor to present to your Excellency a copy of a manifesto issued by the Congress of said States, with the approval of the President, and of which the President was requested to cause copies to be transmitted to their Commissioners abroad, to the end that the same might be by them laid before foreign Governments; they at the same time communicate a copy of the preamble and resolutions of Congress accompanying such manifesto. The dispositions, principles, and purposes by which the Confederate States have been and are still animated are set forth in this paper with all the authority due to the solemn declarations of the legislative and executive branches of their Government, and with a clearness which leaves no room for comment or explanation. In a few sentences it is pointed out that all they ask is immunity from interference with their internal peace and prosperity, and to be left in the undisturbed enjoyment of their inalienable rights of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness, which their common annestry declared to be the equal-heritage of all parties to the social compact: Let them forbear aggressions upon us and the war is at an end. If there be questions which require adjustment by negotiations, they have ever been willing, and are still willing, to enter into communication with their adversaries in a spirit of equity and maniferance, and commit their cause to the enlightened judgment of the world, to the sober reflection of their adversaries tiemselves, and to the clean and righteous arbitrament of Heaven. The undersigned beg leave most respectfully to invite the attention of the Government of Heaven.

and righteous arbitrament of Heaven. The undersigned beg leave most respectfully to invite the attention of the Government of his Imperial Majesty to this frank and full explanation of the attitude and purposes of the Confederate States, and will merely remark, in addition, that since the issuing of that manifesto the war has continued to be waged by our enemies with even increased ferocity, a more signal disregard of all the rules of civilized war-fare, and more wanton violation of the obligations of international law. The undersigned, having thus compiled with the instructions of their Government, beg to assure your Excellency of the distinguished consideration with which they have the honor to be your Excellency's most obedient servants.

"I, M. Mason,"

THE CITY:

Cavalry; J. L., Ward, Co. D. 128th New York.

Beverly Hospital.—O. S. Wall, Co. D. 4th New
York Artillery.

Haddington Hospital.—John Boyd, Co. D. 23d
Pennsylvania; Joseph Clemens, Co. C. 184th Pennsylvania; Mauretz Knorr, Co. K., 41st New York.

White Hall Hospital.—John Burke, Co. A. 21st
Connecticut. necticut. DEATHS.

The deaths of the following named soldiers were reported yesterday at the Medical Director's office: Chestnut Hall Hospital.—O. J. Rankin, Oo. K, Sist. Maine.
South Street Hospital.—Peter H. Scott, Co. E, 14th MISCELLANEOUS. THE AMERICAN TELEGRAPH COMPANY.

Mr. Jas. Merrinew has been appointed manager of the American Telegraph Company, in this city, together with Mr. William A. Morrow as applicant manager. CLEAR THE PAVEMENTS. It should be borne in mind that an ordinance requiring the snow to be removed from the pavements within six working hours after it has ceased falling, is in operation in our city. It is to be strictly enforced. As an act of humanity citizens should have their pavements kept in proper order, thereby pre-

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Larger Clubs than Ten will be charged at the same ate, \$1,50 percepty,

The money must always a in no instance can these terms be deviated for they afford very little more than the cost of yes For Postmasters are requested to act as agents for To the getter-up of the Ulub of ten or twenty, an

venting many accidents by falls, and promoting the health of the city by dry, clean sidewalks. DOMESTIC MARKETS.

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Mr. Peter Highligs and Miss Cavoline Richtage has been included and Miss Cavoline Richtage has been included by the capability of the capability

THE POLICE. A WORD OF CAUTION.

From various items of information lodged at the Cautral Station it would seem that some parts of our city are inferent with petry thieves, who waylaylons alicens who chance to be out late at night. Knock downs and robberies are of frequent occurrence, and many of them are not noticed in the papers, because the facts are withhead from the reporters. Thus the community are helled into a sort of fales security. It would be advisable for all persons whose business keeps them out atlete hours to provide themselves with revolvers. A few nights since, at a late hour, a goateman pointed a weapon of this into tymids head on the very control of the since the state of the many way of the since of city the many that in. The presentation had the desired effect. The man passed on and the gentleman was not further molested.

ALLEGED HIGHWAY ROBBERY

Francis Hagan and Steward Quinn were arraigned yesterday morning on the charge of highway robberr. It is alleged that Wm. Muller, a young man was walking along in the vicinity of Washington svenue and Twenty-sixth street, a very lonesome and sparsely settled neighborhood, between eleven and twelve oclock on Taseday night. He was suddenly accepted by three men, who temanded his thousy to Mullin evined a desire not to comply with their request, for which he was knocked down and robbed of his water and pocked book, containing all the money he had. The vici missed young man haspned for assistance, and meeting officers Taylor and Bonner at Twenty third and Lombard street, informed them of the robbery. In company with the officerr, Mullin went back, and the three men were espied under a lamp post. They were engaged in sharing hespoils. One of the party escaped. The defendants were committed to answer.

THE NAVY *KARD FRAUDS.

Three more persons, alleged to have deep the per lating and post in certain peculations.

Three more persons, allegated bareheen implicated in certain peculations, popularly known as the "navy-yard frauds." have been taken lule castedy. It is believed that the parties will have been taken lule castedy. It is believed that the parties will have built by court martial. In the mean time Colond, H. C. Olcott will be glad to receive any evidence of any frand that has been committed in any branch of the mayal department of Philadelphia. If absolutely necessary, he may be converted with confidentially, and whenever any parson who gives the first information desires his name withheld, this will be sacredly adhered to. Thus the military commission can be put on the track, and be enabled to solve the problem of frand.

THE COURTS. United States District Court - Judge Cadwalader. TRAUDS AT THE NAVY YARD—THE CASE OF CONTRACTOR PEAK.

The United States Ex Rel. Peak v. Colonel H. A. Frink. Provost Marshal, &c. This case, in which the relator, who, being a contractor at the Bary Yard. is under military arrest; and in confinement to an uwer charges of fraud, &c., was again before the court this morning.

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It will be remembered that at the conclusion of the argument on Monday, Judge Knox, for the United States, atated that he had been informed that court martial had been convened expressly for the trial of the parties charged with these frauds, and that at the request of Judge Cadwalader, he agreed to amend the return to the write setting for in these facts.

This was done; but yesterday he presented to the court a communication to the effect that a court martial had not been actually convened, but that it was the intention of the Navy Department promptly to order one for the trial of these cases.

Upon the point's raised upon the argument on Monday. Judge Cadwalader then read an opinion, deciding—lst. That the 12th section of the act of Congress, July 17, 1862, making contractors for furnishing supplies to the army and navy amenable to military law and trial by conita martial, was constitutional, because 2 person, by making a contract, by that very act accepted the condition imposed and waived his privilege as a citizen, and subjected himself to military law—"en_list." so to speak.

2d. Under the act of July 4, 1864, authorizing bail in such cases, he decides that if any person who was before a court martial actually trying him, or convened for that purpose, he is to be regarded as in custody of that court, and he would not interfere. But not being on trial before such court, and none having been actually convened for such trial, the party should be produced, in order that the question of bail may be settled. The Judge desired, and again suggested to counsel. The Judge desired, and sgain suggested to counsel, that the officer making the return to the writ should so amend his return as to express his readiness to produce the body of the relator in court.

The Judge also said that he would like to have a requirent upon the question as to whether the case of the relator is within the scope of the act of Congress and the President's proclamation suspending the writer has been corpus. questions.

F. C. Brewster, Esq., for the relator; Jnc. C. Knox and Mr. Chandler for the United States. Supreme Court at Nisi Prius—Justice Read. George T. Waite, et al., trading, &c., vs. C. Ham-mond & Son. An action to recover damages for alleged breach of contract. Before reported. Jury ont.

Patrick Smith, charged with an assault and battery on Michael Houghton, and also with the larceny of \$15\$ belonging to the same party, was acquitted of the larceny and found guilty of the assault and battery. Settence deferred.

Antonio Cericino, tried upon a charge of carrying concealed deadly weapons, was acquitted.

James Wallsoe, a rodder, was convicted upon the testimony of Lieut. Bowers, of the police force, of having illegally voted in the Sixth ward. Sentence deferred.

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Mary Ecketein was acquitted of a charge of keeping a dirorderly house, and the prosecutor, Adam Plane, were required to pay the costs.

Henry Stone, a brakeman on the Ecading Railroad, was acquitted of a charge of stealing \$575, the property of George Clark.

Thomas Jones, halling from Reading, pleaded guilty to having stolen a lot of thermost from a stable at Rustleton, and was sentenced to an imprisonment of afternoath onths. The court then adjourned.

AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA. GEO. L. BUZEY, EDW. C. BIDDLE, THOS. S. FERNON,

MARINE INTELLIGENCE. PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16, 1864: Sun Rises....7.26 | Sun Sets...4 35 | High Water...4.42 ARRIVED.

Brig-Itasca, Ross, 10 days from Key West, in ballast to J E Baskey & Co.
Brig-Itasca, Peters, Lord, 9 days from Boston, in ballast to Ja Barley & Co.
Brig-Samuel Lindssy, Clark, 36 hours from Hampton Rosson, in ballast to E A Souder & Co.
Schr Boston, Bearse, 6 days from Boston, in ballastte.
Twent & Start, 10 days from Pensacola, in ballast.

Schr & B. Wheston, Wheaton, Fortress Menroe, Unartermaster.
Schr Ocean Wave, Baker,
Schr Alaley, Haley,
do de.
Schr Stephen B Lee, Somers,
do de.
Schr Northern Light, Steelman,
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Schr Nary Heater, Connelly,
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Schr Wm Hunter, Eldriege, S W Pass, H A Adams.
Schr Mary D Haskell, Haskell, Salem, Mass, Hammitt, Van Dusen, & Locaman.
Schr Wm S Loud, Trye, Boston, W Hunter, Jr. & Cestemer Planter (U.S.) Small, Biltion Head, U.S Q. E.
Steamer R. Willing, Cundiff, Baltimore, A Grovee, Jr.

About i wenty vessels remain at the Breakwater this affernoon. Ship Onward, from Philadelphia for Pensadola, went to sea yesterday. Barks St Gloud, de for Pensadola, Katherine, do for Antwerp; brigs Anax Pensadola, Katherine, do for Antwerp; brigs Anax Wellington, do for Barbadoer, Jesse Bhymas, de far. Wellington, do for Barbadoer, Jesse Bhymas, de far. Wellington, do for Sabadoer, Jesse Bhymas, de far. Wellington, do for Sabadoer, desce Bhymas, de far. Wellington, do for Sabadoer, de New Orleans, Elizabeth, do for Barbadoer, thumpden, de New Orleans, Elizabeth, de for Barbadoer, de New Orleans, Elizabeth, de for Barbadoer, de fo Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.

WAS IT A THEFT? WAS IT A THEFT?

A woman, somewhat advanced in years, was arraigned at the Central Station, yesterdar, on the charge of their. She gave the name of Mary, and said she had no thome. This woman was poorly, though cleanly clearly and was in search of a place as a domestic. A mass name of Mary, and and the had no name of C. G. Clanar, the keeper of ar "intelligence office," testified that the woman stope dat his phase of betilding; the stat a bundle with flet, and unon ettining picked up another, and carried it away. For this charge was thrested. The decendant had nothing to say, except that she did not steal anything; that she had sweet was thrested. The decendant had nothing to say, except that she did not steal anything; that she had sweet bundle in default of 5500 ball to answer. This is one of that large class of petty cases which, in the aggregate ad largely to the public expenses. This woman with probably remain in prison several weeks; the Grand Jury will ignore the bill unless further evidence is elicited, and she will go free. An effort was made several years aluce to have a law passed providing for the

[Before Mr. Alderman Patchel.]

Court of Common Pleas—Judges Thompson and Ludlow.

Yesterday was devoted to the transaction of Orphans' Court business.

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Schr Mechanio. Gooper, 1 day from Smyrna, Bel, with
grain to Jas L Bewley & Co.
S'' Cometock, Drake, 24 hours from Naw York, with
mdse to Wm M Baird & Co. Drig Maine, (Br), Jarvis, Sagua la Grande.
Brig Maine, (Br), Jarvis, Sagua la Grande.
Brig Rival, Applegit, Rey West.
Brig A Gattell, Watson, Gienfuegos,
Brig Kennebeck. Lilly, Boston.
Schr Bes Gull, Moody, Gloucester, Mass.
Schr Marla Foer, Foss, Boston.
Schr Montarey, McLane Naw Bedford.
Schr E B Wheston, Wheaton, Fortress Menroe, Unperformator.