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Judge Sharswood on Legal Tenders.—Extract from his Opinion in the Case of Horlevs, Trott:

"On the whole, then, I am of the opinion that the provision of the act of Congress of February 25th, 1862, declaring the notes issued in pursuance of the act to be lawful money, *and a legal tender*, is UNCONSTITUTIONAL.

"This renders it necessary that I should consider the other question which has been made, as to the effect of the special agreement to pay in lawful silver money of the United States. I am in favor of entering judgment for the plaintiff, but as a majority of the court are of a different opinion, judgment for the defendant."—*Copied from the Philadelphia Age of February, 1864*, where the opinion is published in full.

It may also be found in the *Legal Intelligencer* of March 13, 1864, page 92.

In the same copy of the *Age* is a carefully prepared eulogy of the Judge and his opinion, in which is the following:

"Judge Sharswood reasons upon and decides the case as if he were some lofty spirit sitting far above and out of the contentions and strifes of the world."

Will not the holders of greenbacks and Government bonds consider the Judge as quite too elevated and ethereal for such earthly honors as a seat on the Supreme Bench?

It is now definitely announced that the President will order the removal of General Sheridan from command of the Fifth Military District, and designate General George H. Thomas as his successor. The country has been fully prepared for the removal of General Sheridan, whose only fault was an earnest determination to carry out the Congressional idea of reconstruction. The loyal classes of the country spoke out against any interference with him by the President, but the influence of rebel cliques and sympathizers proved more potent with Mr. Johnson, and we have the result. General Sheridan is assigned to the Department of Missouri, in place of General Hancock, who succeeds General Thomas in the Department of the Cumberland.

THE International Tailors' Union brought their Convention to a close on Saturday last, having been in session for a full week in Cincinnati. They issued a formal protest against the extension of the Howe Sewing Machine patent, which has been applied for. The principle of co-operation was urged as the best means of amelioration. Local unions were directed to use every honorable means to avoid strikes; but failing in these, to use all power to secure their demands, and when a strike is ordered they shall require every member of the Union organization, who is then working for a proprietor against whom such a strike is ordered, to discontinue work.

NO HIGHER COMMENTARY on the character and record of Judge Williams is needed than that found in the fact that the opposition have abandoned truth and taken to forgery and falsehood to secure his chances of election. Few men pass through life without staining their record at some time by an injudicious act, and Mr. Williams is one of that few. The Democrats are driven into desperation for a point on which to attack him, and finding none they are forced into disgraceful slanders and disreputable trickery, by which they will only succeed in injuring their cause.

THE news from Massachusetts this morning is of more than ordinary interest. The anti-temperance men have organized at Chicopee into a formidable opposition to the authorities who are endeavoring to enforce the Prohibitory law. A riot is imminent, and from present appearances there may be trouble experienced throughout the entire State from the same cause. The license men are thoroughly organized and determined to evade the law if it is possible to do so, and to carry their cause against the prohibitionists at the ballot-box in November next.

GEN. POPE has lost all patience with the rebel impediments encountered in reconstructing his district. He believes that while it was wise in Congress to disenfranchise the leading rebels, still it would be wise to have banished them from the country. Depriving men of their votes does not materially limit their power to work mischief. Total disfranchisement spurs them to revenge and they will use their influence to thwart the plans of the Government officers and throw obstacles in the way of reconstruction.

DEFALCATIONS on the part of bank tellers and officers no longer excites much attention, as exposures of that system of dishonesty have been quite numerous of late. The telegraph announces the fact that two tellers of the Tradesmen's National Bank of New York have just been discovered in swindling the institution out of a couple hundred thousand. They both enjoyed high salaries for honesty, and had held positions in the bank for some thirty years.

THE PROSPECTS for a heavy fall trade are very encouraging. Our merchants confidently look forward for brisk times. Orders from the South and West are already pouring in upon our manufacturers, and a new impulse is already felt in business circles. Pittsburgh has enjoyed dull times for a period much too long for her good, and a return of brisk trade will be hailed with joy by all classes of the community.

GEORGE W. STARR, Esq., of Erie, Pa., has been importuned by a large number of leading Republican citizens of that city to become a candidate for Representative in the General Assembly. He responded favorably to the call, and is announced as a candidate, subject to the party nomination.

THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT still refuses to deliver up the body of Maximilian to Austria. What object they have in retaining the body is hard to determine, save it be to use it as a bribe to the powers or the relatives of the late Emperor on the European continent.

ADVICES from Washington state that politicians are busy at work with the President, endeavoring to bring about removal of certain members of the Cabinet, but as the most cordial friendship and good feeling now exists among those officers, no change is probable.

A VERY severe snow storm reported last night from Portsmouth, Ohio, and no telegraphic communication could be had east. A heavy rain in absence of Cincinnati this morning.

HAIL STORMS in England still continue, and the crop prospects so brilliant a few weeks since are now very gloomy, and much damage has been done and is yet to be done.

THE Soldiers and Sailors of Philadelphia have spoken out bravely in condemnation of the suspension by the President of Secretary Stanton.

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GENERAL NEWS.

—An exchange says: "Lovers, like armies generally get along well enough until they are engaged."

—A young lady, possessing more vanity than personal charms, remarked in a feeling tone, but with an earnest glance, that she "traveled on her good looks." A rejected lover being present, remarked, he "could now account for the young lady never having been far from home."

—Chaplain Ives stated at the Auburn (N. Y.) prison, the other day, that he had been Chaplain of the prison for ten years, and that he firmly believed that if the sale of intoxicating liquors could be stopped, Auburn and Clinton prisons could be used in five years from now for agricultural purposes.

—A young lady named Susan Chandler, of Bost n, having apparently died, was laid on Saturday composed in her coffin, ready for burial on Sunday. Dr. Stromski made an accidental visit to the house, saw the corpse, and announced that Susan was in a fit and not dead. He proved his statement by bringing her to life, and she is now well.

—Alderman Beel, of New York, of street-cleaning fame, is a hopeless lunatic at an asylum in that city. For years he had strained his nervous system to its utmost tension; he heeded not the advice of his physicians; and now reason has gone forever. It is due to him to state that he did not make a fortune from the public moneys which he disperred.

—Marco Pacha, physician-in-chief to the Sultan and director general of the medical department of the Turkish army, is a Greek, educated in France. He speaks the language with the purest Parisian accent, and is thoroughly acquainted with the details of military medical administration. He holds the high rank of general of division, and it is understood is much in the confidence of the Sultan.

—The Lexington Kentucky *Statesman* says: We have heard the following curious story from a gentleman who was cognizant of the facts: In 1830 the Rev. Wm. Adams planted a peach stone from a black or Georgia peach. From it came up two sprouts, first to be trees, and singular to say, one of the trees bore freestone, and the other clingstone peaches of the same variety, and both kinds look almost exactly alike.

—Mr. F. W. Patterson, the Buffalo corn merchant, who was arrested on a charge of being about to abscond, published on that day to pay, an offense not unfrequent on Central Wharf, and which many of those who now so bitterly persecute him have been notoriously guilty of themselves in times past.

—In Borneo a new mineral has been discovered. It is mixed with the platinum found in that region. It forms small grains of globules of a dark gray color, and of considerable hardness. Some of these grains exhibit crystalline facets, which are the faces of a regular octahedron. The new mineral is very hard and brittle. It does not fuse before the blow-pipe, but diffuses a strong odor of sulphurous acid. It is to be called sulphuret of ruthenium.

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FIRST EDITION.

MIDNIGHT.

FROM EUROPE.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ENGLAND.

RAIN STORMS CONTINUE.

LONDON, August 17.—Rain storms continue throughout England. It is thought the crops have suffered extensively in some districts. Parliament will be prorogued on 21st inst.

TROOPS FOR CANADA.

FORTRESS, August 17.—The British ship of war Seraphis, left yesterday for Ireland, from whence she will take a regiment of National troops to Quebec.

PRUSSIA.

PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS.

BERLIN, August 17.—The general elections for members of the new Parliament of North Germany will take place on the 31st of August.

RUSSIA.

AMERICAN FLEET AT CRONSTADT.

ST PETERSBURG, August 17.—The United States ships of war Franklin, Ticonderoga, and Frolic, the European squadron under Admiral Farragut, arrived at Cronstadt on last evening. The usual salutes were fired from the fortifications and answered by the Americans.

Intelligence by the City of Paris.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, August 18.—The steamer City of Paris brings Liverpool dates to the 7th and Queenstown to the 8th.

The Abyssinian captives, it appears, are cut off from the Emperor. Both parties are surrounded by the rebels and there is no danger of their falling into his hands again.

The English papers comment that now no expedition will be sent to Abyssinia.

The Emperor Napoleon would receive the great bodies of troops on the 15th, and leave for Salesburg on the 20th or 21st, to visit Francis Joseph.

The *Gazette D'Italie* states that the Garibaldian party propose a movement to Viterbero.

Some contagious disease had broken out in Candia. The French ships took over one hundred families thence to Greece.

The Sultan reached Constantinople on the 7th inst.

The election for the French Councils General terminated with the following results: Of six hundred elections, four hundred and sixty-four were secured by the Government candidates, and twenty-one only by the opposition. In the remainder the administration remained neutral.

The expected preliminaries to be opened for a treaty have commenced between Russia and Prussia.

There were one thousand three hundred and thirty-three deaths from cholera in Siam for the week ending July 7th. The disease is abating at Palermo. The heads of Mazzini and Saffi are in jeopardy.

A water spout burst in the village of Lazzada, Italy, destroying thirty houses and damaging seventy.

Twenty-eight were killed by falling buildings. Twenty-eight injured by falling from ruined buildings. Hundreds of inhabitants were homeless.

The Mail from Orizaba, in a letter, expresses apprehension for the security of the Fagel States. He does not fear an internal revolution, but thinks some trouble against the Liberals is being matured at Florence.

The *Monitor* repeats the statement that the September Conventions are to be held in good faith by the Governments of France and Italy.

The French papers have learned that the French Consul at Jeddah is in no danger.

The Ottoman Finances will be under control of the Hungarian Finance Minister from September 1st.

The Empress of Mexico is better in spirits, and her mental condition has improved.

The Emperor Maximilian is dead, but fancies he died 1500 years ago.

Austria is prepared to join the international monetary convention.

The cholera had somewhat decreased in Rome, but was virulent in Naples and at several villages in the mountains.

A fright ful accident occurred on the Great Indian Railway. Thirteen were killed and twenty injured.

The English settlement at Nagaski was damaged by recent storms.

An Athens letter says the Turks declare they are supplying food to over ten thousand Christian refugees in Crete. There are ten thousand Cretan refugees in Greece, nearly all starving for food.

FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

Rio Janeiro advices to July 10th, and Buenos Ayres to July 1st, state that the Brazilian garrison at Curaza were driven out by the Paraguayans. The allied forces are active movements as yet, but the general idea was that a decisive battle would be fought, would join the corps of General Osorio and attempt the long talked of flank movement higher up on the Paraguay. The largest government buildings at Buenos Ayres were destroyed by fire. Indications for a mine which would have blown up the Government House at Montevideo had been discovered, and various persons were arrested.

FROM THE SOUTH

Weather and Crops—Conversion of the Press in Relation to the Pope's Recent Order—Registration.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

SAVANNAH, GA., August 17.—The weather is hot. Heavy rains continue. The crop reports are very encouraging in the section where the caterpillar has appeared.

AUGUSTA, GA., August 17.—The *Telegraph and Sentinel*, of Macon, represents the conservative editors of the Press in the Third Military District to meet in Macon on the 23d instant, for taking action in relation to General Pope's order No. 10. The *Intelligencer*, of Atlanta, and the *Sentinel and Herald*, of Augusta, approve of the proposed meeting.

COLUMBIA, August 17.—There were one hundred and twenty-five registered to-day, of whom fifty were whites.

FAYETTEVILLE, N. C., August 17.—There were six hundred and seventy-seven registered to-day, of whom two hundred and twenty-two were white.

ST. LOUIS, August 18.—Registration returns for the past week show a decided increase, heard from four up, whites 2,687, colored 3,607.

Protest Against Supporting Negro Supremacy—Pension Paid Rebels.

RICHMOND, August 17.—The City Council this evening adopted a protest to General Schofield, against the city being to compel the pauper negroes who have emigrated to the North to return to Virginia, and suspending the President's Bureau rations throughout the country, except upon all the cities Mrs. Jeff Davis and Col. Parker.

Mrs. Jeff Davis arrived here this evening from New Orleans.

On a spike nic near Vicksburg, on Thursday, colored men put in the afternoon in unknown parties. Five whites and three blacks died, and six or eight persons are not expected to recover.

Registration in Wilmington.

WILMINGTON, N. C., August 17.—Registration closed in the First ward to-day. The registration results in one hundred and ninety-five whites and six hundred and ninety-five blacks. The whites declared not register more than half their strength.

Registration in Florida.

SAVANNAH, August 17.—The registration returns from sixteen of the twenty-five Counties of Florida have been received. The whole number registered thus far is 8,966, of which 6,675 are colored. Leon county, one of the counties likely will the State, registers 1,535 colored and 407 whites.

WHISKY INSURRECTION.

Operatives in Chicopee, Mass. Rebelling Against the Prohibitory Liquor Law—They Burn the Barns of an Officer.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, August 17.—The difficulties arising from the enforcement of the prohibitory liquor law in the town of Chicopee still continue. Deputy Chapin, Chief Constable of Hampden county, got out warrants to make seizures in the place, and the operatives hearing of it to wed the seizures should not be made. They expected the constables on Friday night, but were disappointed. A number of people, supposed to be disguised with the usual rig, crowd were seen near premises. Deputy Biles, who resided in the town, had his barn set on fire by them, and it was, with its contents, totally consumed. Deputy Chapin came to Boston for reinforcements, and twenty-five men were immediately sent out. This morning he visited Chicopee with a strong force, and made a foray. No more seizures at a very early hour, thus outwitting the operatives. He remained in the place, and when the news was circulated among the inhabitants the excitement was intense. So many visible demonstrations were manifest that twenty-five more men, some from Boston, were sent to his relief. All the officers were well armed, and capable of exercising late hour this evening the operatives made demonstrations and were conferring together in loud tones in the streets, and a riot is anticipated to-night or to-morrow night.

FROM TENNESSEE

Radical Municipal Conventions—Split among Mayoralty Question in Nashville.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NASHVILLE, Aug. 17.—The Radical Convention met to-day, and nominated Major Alden for Mayor. Another Radical Convention met at the Court House, and nominated Alden is a new man from Wisconsin. The Myers party by resolutions. A negro made a speech in favor of Myers, and said the negro party would put all their weight, possessing in a carpet bag, if they had one; they had no interest in Nashville. Governor Brownlow was the inside track, and will probably be elected.

Death of an Aged Minister.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LANCASTER, Pa., August 17.—Rev. Wm. Seebach, a member of the Ministerial of the Lutheran Synod of Pennsylvania, died this morning in his 81st year.

River Items.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LOUISVILLE, August 17.—River stationary with twelve inches in the canal.

MEMPHIS, August 17.—River falling.

SECOND EDITION.

FOUR O'CLOCK, A. M.

GEN. SHERIDAN'S REMOVAL.

Gen. Thomas His Successor.

GEN. HANCOCK TO TAKE GEN. THOMAS' DEPARTMENT.

Gen. Sheridan Assigned to the Department of Missouri.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, August 16, 1867.

It is understood that the President has assigned Maj. Gen. George H. Thomas to the command of the Fifth Military District, in place of Maj. Gen. Sheridan, who has been assigned to the command of the Department of the Missouri, from which Maj. Gen. Hancock has been transferred to that of the Department of the Cumberland in place of General Thomas.

It is expected that the order carrying these assignments into effect will be issued from the War Department early this week.

There is no doubt that the politicians now, as they have heretofore, ever since the accession of Mr. Johnson to the Presidency, been urging upon him to make changes in the Cabinet, on the ground that their administration would be strengthened. It is equally well known that the present members of the Cabinet have repeatedly stated to the President that they will not for a moment embarrass him in making any changes in the Executive department that he may deem proper; but at present there is no prospect of any such change, the relations of the President and members of the Cabinet being of the most courteous and friendly character.

FROM NEW YORK.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, August 17, 1867.

THE BODY OF EX-GOV. WRIGHT.

The body of Ex-Governor Wright left today for Indiana. The funeral is appointed for Thursday next.

CUSTOM RECEIPTS.

The receipts of customs for the first five days of the week are reported a trifle and a half millions.

YACHT SOLD.

James Gordon Bennett, Jr., sold his yacht "Henrietta" for fifty thousand dollars.

BRIGHAM YOUNG SICK.

John C. Heenan has given bonds to appear when called upon to answer a charge of keeping a gambling house.

MAXMILIAN'S BODY.

Advices from Mexico announce that the Mexican Government has refused to deliver the body of Maximilian to the Austrian Government. It will be placed in the Cathedral at Queretaro.

JUDGE HOLT AND THE PRESIDENT.

Judge Holt has been granted leave of absence until the 30 of September. It is reported that the President was transferring him to other duty, will be issued in the meantime.

MORTUARY REPORT.

The deaths for the week were six hundred and ninety-five, a decrease of twenty from last week. A death is reported to day of a yellow fever. At the time the vessel was at work on one of the ships in the harbor.

THE DEFAULTING BANK TELLER.

Arrived, one of the most daring frauds of the Traders Bank, has placed all the cashiers, in the hands of the President. The stocks amount to about $5,000. Ten bags of specie, $2,000 in gold from Mr. Arnold's store, twenty thousand dollars in United States Treasury notes, $2,000 in the possession of a friend of the defaulter, and the balance in policies amounting to $20,000 in the possession of a friend. It is believed the bank will not lose more than $5,000 through his operations, and he intends to repay it out of his salary. Barker's defalcation is $62,000. The manner in which he took the money was partly justify the assertion of Arnold that Reddish's knew of Barker's defalcation. All had been swallowed up in stock speculation. On the 16th day of November, the day the congregation called as pastor Rev. Frank Ezale, Keystone, May Queen and Crazy Jane, started. May Queen, a Canadian mare, breakup over by J. B. Gallar, took the lead in the twilight race. Time: 2:34, 2:35 and 2:34.

The second race was for a premium of $500, best three in five, to harness, free to all. Entries: Dexter and Kihan Allen, George M. Patchen, Billy Lewis and Mountain Maid took the horses in 2:24, 2:24 and 2:23.

Dexter, Melton and several other fleet horses will exhibit their speed at Hamilton, Canada, on Friday next.

Base Ball Tournament.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

DETROIT, August 18.—In the base ball tournament on Saturday, the Unknown Club, of Jackson, won the first prize, and the Allegheny, of Allegheny City, second, and Maple Leaf, Hamilton, Canada, third. All of the first class matches yet to come off are to decide the prizes in the second and third classes. The attendance was much very large, and everything passes off pleasantly. The tournament will probably close on Tuesday.

Father Drowned in Trying to Rescue His Son—The Son Saved.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

HARTFORD, Conn., August 18.—During an excursion yesterday of the employees of the Hartford and New Haven Railroad to Charles Island, opposite Milford, a little son of Thomas Harlan, while bathing, got beyond his depth and began to sink. His father, in trying to rescue him, was drowned. The boy, however, was saved.

Base Ball Match.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

LAWRENCEBURG, August 17.—A highly interesting and exciting game of base ball was played at the fair grounds between the Aurora Clubs and the Lawrenceburg Wooden Hills Club, in which the latter were successful. The score at the close of the eight innings stood—Aurora, 35; Wooden Hills, 36. There were many hundreds of persons on the grounds to witness the game.

Steamer Arrived.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW YORK, August 18.—The steamer New York, from Southampton, on the 6th, has arrived. Her news is anticipated.

FROM WASHINGTON.

An Important Report from Gen. Pope—Affairs in the Military Districts of Georgia and Alabama—The Banishment of Prominent Rebels Recommended—Cabinet Meeting and Executive Business.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, AUG. 17, 1867.

GEN. POPE'S VIEWS ON RECONSTRUCTION.

General Grant has received a letter from General Pope, dated July 28th, enclosing a newspaper containing a speech by B. H. Hill, and saying that he was only a few weeks behind his friend by the President: "You can." General Pope says, "read from the speech itself the character of the man who is the representative of a class, and the hopelessness of any satisfactory reconstruction of the Southern States, while such men retain influence." In General Pope's opinion no reconstruction can be satisfactory, or at all reliable in the future results, if these men are permitted to discuss openly, according to their nature, the issues presented. It is better the country should know the truth on this subject now than run the risk of learning it rather that an irreparable mistake has been made in the plan and execution of the reconstruction acts. He must scarcely repeat that reconstruction must be the work of the acts of Congress, and to be permanent must be the acts of the people themselves after the fairest and freest discussion. Congress has done wisely in enabling them to make this fight by disfranchising the leading rebels, and at least making it impossible for them to enforce their permanent absence from the country. The general feeling is that they will come back again, under the protection of the United States troops.

THE CONVOY RETALIATION.

Special Washington dispatch to the *Herald* states that there is little doubt the affidavits published purporting to reveal a plot to assassinate President Johnson and Judge Holt, were a huge hoax. It appears that the documents are on file in the office of Stewart & Riddle, in this city, and they left there simply to remain on file, as Biddle states, by a person whose name he declines to give. He further states he was unaware of his name being used, and that they were given to the newspapers which published them.

FROM ST. LOUIS.

Return of Indian Commissioners—Anxiety of the Savages for Peace—Murder of Two Men in Jefferson—Arrival of an Alleged Deserter—Martial Law for Gamblers and Desperadoes.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

ST. LOUIS, August 17.—The Indian missionary, Rev. Father Dormet, who accompanied General Sully and Col. Parker to the Indian tribes on the Missouri river, has returned to this city. He says the commissioners met with a cordial reception from the Indians, and succeeded in securing their consent to a conference which now endangers the loyal government in Tennessee. If I have rightly interpreted the Society for evils that may be developed. Such patient examination and careful consideration of facts and by general views on them, I consider my duty performed.

Your obedient servant,

JOHN POPE.

DISCHARGE OF CLERICAL FORCE.

By order of Secretary McCulloch sixty clerks were discharged to-day, embracing some from every state in the Union, transferring thirty of those dismissed were ladies. A reduction will be made in the Mint in a few days. At least fifty of these vacancies will not be filled, as there is a great surplus of the scarcity of work.

APPOINTMENT MADE.

Joe Saunders, formerly chief of the Loan Branch at the Treasury Department, has been appointed Chief Clerk of the Division of Accounts, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of F. M. Mellis.

INTERNAL REVENUE.

The receipts of internal revenue for the week were $3,324,410.

FROM NEW ORLEANS.

Election Order Issued by General Sheridan—Two Additional Days Registration.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

NEW ORLEANS, August 17.—Gen. Sheridan's election order was issued to-day. It provides two days for election, September 27th and 28th. The Convention will be composed of ninety-eight members. Boards of Registration will be ordered to commence the revision of the rolls and take testimony two hours each day before the election. The rolls are regulated. Other provisions of the order are condensed to the effect of the general elections, except the following:

Section 3. Should violence and fraud be perpetrated at any of the voting precincts on the day of election the offender will be punished in the severest manner, and the election will be held over again, under the protection of the United States troops.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Meeting of Soldiers and Sailors—Action of the President in Removing Secretary Stanton.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PHILADELPHIA, August 17.—A meeting of soldiers and sailors was held here this afternoon, in front of the Union League House, to consider the action of the President in removing Secretary Stanton. It was largely attended and much enthusiasm manifested. Speeches were made by prominent officers, and resolutions adopted condemning the action of the President, and heartily endorsing the official actions of Mr. Stanton. Resolutions were also adopted that the President will pause before interfering with General Sheridan and other department commanders.

Yellow Fever at Galveston, Texas.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

CINCINNATI, August 17.—The *Commercial's* Galveston, Texas, dispatch states that the yellow fever is becoming more malignant. Twenty-one deaths occurred yesterday, and thirty-four on the 16th. There is a stiff northerly wind blowing to-day, which is very bad for the sick.

Michigan Constitutional Convention.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

DETROIT, Aug. 18.—The Constitutional Convention on Saturday it was decided by a vote of fifty-five to twenty-five that the prohibitory clause in the new Constitution be submitted to a separate vote of the people.

Steamer on the Rocks.

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

MONTREAL, August 17.—The steamer Gaspe was found hard on the rocks on Friday, at Swatson Island, by the crew of the Head. She was towed off and will be carried into Quebec, she is understood to be only slightly injured.

Secretary Stanton—The Yacht "Vesta."

(By Telegraph to the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

BOSTON, August 17.—Secretary Stanton left the city to-day with Hon. Samuel Hooper, to spend a few days on the seaside. It is reported the Yacht Vesta has been sold to the Government for $75,000.

Explosion at Bridesburg Arsenal.

(By Telegraph to