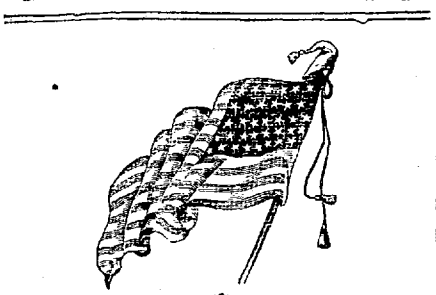


Daily Telegraph



Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us...

OUR PLATFORM THE UNION—THE CONSTITUTION—AND THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

HARRISBURG, PA. Friday Afternoon, January 17, 1862.

THE BORDER STATES AND THE UNION ARMY.

We have heard a great deal in relation to the border states, of how the people of Western Virginia intended to aid in crushing rebellion...

Table with 2 columns: State Name and Population. Includes Pennsylvania (109,616), Ohio (77,844), Illinois (84,941), Indiana (62,018), and a Total of 334,418.

Three hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and eighteen men furnished by four free border states, and one-third of that number contributed alone by Pennsylvania...

MEAT AND DRINK.

In the estimates hereafter to be made of the sums necessary to defray the current expenses of the government, and to meet, also the interest on as well as liquidate the debt now being incurred to put down rebellion...

THE CONTRACT SYSTEM.

In the course of a late report in reply to a call for information made by the Senate on Secretary Cameron, he incidentally remarked: "I take this occasion to repeat the statement that I have never made a contract since I took charge of the War Department...

This subject is worthy the attention of Congress and the legislature. There is a source of revenue and economy in it which can be enhanced by immediate legislation...

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

The country is rejoicing over the fact, that although the finances of the government are length to be controlled by a system which will secure them healthfulness and prevent the recurring dangers of financial crisis...

The plan also provides for the preservation of the specie now in the country, by insisting on the payment of all customs in gold and silver. By this means the foreign importer will be compelled to retain in his command a sufficient amount of coin to meet his duty fees...

The public need no argument to convince them of the practicability and necessity of a uniformity of currency throughout our vast-extended country. Such a uniformity would of itself save the people in discounts sufficient to pay a large revenue into the Treasury...

"AN ACCURSED STATE."

Mr. Times Russell, LL. D., is shocked because the chaplain of one of the Pennsylvania regiments at Port Royal spoke of South Carolina as "this accursed state in which we worship God." What should he have called it? This blessed Paradise? This happy, prosperous state? South Carolina is "accursed," and there is no more unfitness in applying that epithet than in calling a spade a spade...

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. ROBINSON, from the Committee on Corporations, reported as committed, an act to incorporate the Carpenter cemetery association. Mr. LOWRY, (same), as committed, a supplement to an act to authorize the erection of a poor house in Wilkesbarre township, Luzerne county.

From the 13th Pennsylvania Regiment.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 14. I have just been the witness of one of those pleasing incidents of camp life, which contributes to relieve the monotony of the soldier's duty, and create a lasting friendship among officers and privates.

Lieutenant Black:—Sir, I have been selected by the company to present you this sword. The company have long desired to show their kind regards for you; and have concluded that no more fitting article than the one I have now in my hands, could be chosen.

Sir, in presenting you this sword, I extend, also, the kindest regards of the company. Whenever called upon to use it, we are certain you will always prove worthy of the present. If it should happen that the war would soon be over, and you be honorably discharged from the service, we trust that you will never forget those who were under your command in the war of 1861.

Mr. BYERS offered the following: Whereas, Our national government has in view the establishing of a national armory in one of the free northern States in place of the Harper's Ferry works (which were destroyed by the rebels) for the preservation of the Union at some suitable location, easy of access and where the necessary materials to manufacture arms may readily be obtained...

Pennsylvania Legislature.

REPORTED EXPRESSLY FOR THE TELEGRAPH. FRIDAY, JAN. 17. SENATE.

The Senate met at 11 o'clock, A. M., and was called to order by Mr. Speaker HALL. Prayer by the Rev. Wm. R. DeWitt, D. D. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

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Mr. SMITH, (Philadelphia), offered a resolution that a committee of three be appointed to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the House (if the House appoint such committee) to provide a suitable testimonial to the brave Pennsylvania volunteers who fought the battle of Gettysburg under the command of Baker, at Ball's Bluff, on the 21st of October, and under Brigadier General Ord, at Drainsville, on the 20th of December.

YEAS.—Messrs. Benson, Boughter, Bound, Hiestand, Johnson, Landon, Lowry, Meredith, Penney, Robinson, Serrill, Hall, Speaker.—12. NAYS.—Messrs. Connell, Donovan, Glatz, Lamberton, Lambert, Mott, Nichols, Reilly, Smith, (Montgomery), Smith, (Philadelphia), Stein and Wharton.—18.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. The House was called to order at 11 o'clock, A. M. PAY OF RETIRING OFFICERS. Mr. GROSS called up joint resolution No. 1, relative to the pay of the retiring officers of the General Assembly...

REBEL COURTSESIES RETURNED. Particulars of the Fight at Pickens. A Large Breach Made in Fort Barrancas. THE TOWN OF WARRINGTON AGAIN FIRED.

THE FIRE STILL RAGING WHEN THE RHODE ISLAND LEFT. Burning of a Rebel Gunboat Under the Guns of Fort Caswell.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE. Resolutions were reported in the Assembly to-day, in favor of Congress levying a direct tax to defray the interest of the entire indebtedness of the National Government...

STATE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT. Mr. WILLIAMS offered a resolution providing for the printing of four hundred copies of the annual report of the State Librarian, three hundred of which to be for the use of the House, and the residue for the State Librarian. Agreed to.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR. A message from the Governor was received informing the House that he had approved and signed the act of Assembly entitled "An Act relative to the relief of the families of soldiers in Allegheny county."

ADJOURNED. The House adjourned at 4 o'clock, P. M.

BY TELEGRAPH. 2D EDITION.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

SAILING OF THE BURNSIDE FLEET. Arrival of a French War Steamer. Rebel Account of the Humphrey Marshall Affair.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. Late Advices from Fort Pickens, Ship Island, &c.

Arrival of the Gun Boat Rhode Island. Three Schooners Captured at Biloxi.

CAPTURE OF THE SCHOONER VENUS OFF CHARLESTON. Opening of the New Year at Fort Pickens.

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The Fire Still Raging When the Rhode Island Left. Burning of a Rebel Gunboat Under the Guns of Fort Caswell.

PORTRESS MONROE, JAN. 16. The bark John Micks, with the D. Esquieu Zouaves, the schooner Col. Satterly, with the signal corps of Gen. Burnside's expedition, the hospital ship of the expedition, and several other vessels of the fleet left with favorable wind this afternoon.

A French war steamer arrived below this afternoon, said to be the Guerrier De-Lamar. The regular Thursday flag of truce to-day took to Craney Island several passengers for the South. The boat brought back the following released prisoners: Capt. Brewer, Brigade 2, M. R. I.; Brigade Lieut. Knight, of First Minnesota Regiment; Capt. A. G. Kellogg, of Company K, Second Connecticut Regiment; and a private. Nineteen citizens also came over to go North.

The only news in the southern papers is exaggerated accounts of the affair between Humphrey Marshall and Gen. Garfield, in which it is stated that Romney was retreating when he was attacked. The fighting is said to have been very hot and the rebels, of course, gained a victory with small loss.

One hundred and sixty prisoners more are expected here to-morrow to be exchanged and sent north. The gun boat Rhode Island, arrived from Galveston this morning. Her dates are Galveston, December 28th, Ship Island 31st, Mobile 8th, Fort Pickens, Jan. 2, Key West 8th, Port Royal 12th.

She brings a large mail. The gunboats Lewis, New London and Water Witch left Ship Island on the 8th of December for Biloxi. The result was not learned, but as the Rhode Island was leaving, the New London was seen returning with three schooners in tow.

The schooner Venus was captured off Galveston by the Rhode Island, she was bound from Point Isabel for Franklin, La., with a cargo of tin, copper, lead and wood valued at \$10,000, she was sent to Ship Island. The confederate steamer Florida is inside Horn Island. The Wissahickon is off that place.

The Confederate batteries at Pensacola having repeatedly fired at our small vessels, Fort Pickens opened on the Confederate steamer Times, which was landing stores at the Navy Yard, on the 1st of January. The rebel batteries responded, and firing was continued till evening, Fort Pickens firing the last shot. The rebel guns were well aimed, and most of the shells burst beside the Fort. Only one man was wounded, however.

One of our shots made a large breach in Fort Barrancas. In the evening our firing set Warrington on fire. The conflagration continued all night, and the place was still burning on the evening of the 24, when the Rhode Island left. The fire was seen at a distance of 35 miles at sea. The Rhode Island will sail for Philadelphia this evening. In consequence of the fog she was detained off the cape all day yesterday.

The Mount Vernon which arrived here yesterday to coal, left her station off Wilmington, N. C., on the 13th. The Chippewa and Monticello were off Cape Fear, and Ferdinand and Manda off New Inlet. The Mount Vernon encountered the storm of Tuesday night and arrived here yesterday afternoon. She saw part of the Burnside fleet off Hatteras.

From Washington. Workmen and Laborers in the Navy Yards. The National Army Committee. GEN. SEIGEL RECOMMENDED FOR A MAJOR GENERAL.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. The House committee of Naval Affairs have before them the subject of the employment of workmen and laborers in the several Navy Yards, their pay &c., and will soon report whether any further legislation is necessary.

The committee on the proposed National Army west of the Alleghenies has met a sufficient number of times to learn that its members disagree so thoroughly that it will be impossible to secure a majority in favor of any place. Probably the committee will recommend that three commissioners be appointed by the President to select a site.

Gen. Seigel is strongly pressed for a Major Generalship by Senators and Representatives from the northwest. Chicago through Mr. Arnold particularly urges his appointment.

XXXVIIth Congress--First Session. IN SENATE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 17. Mr. CHANDLER (Mich.) presented the credentials of Hon. Jacob M. Howard, Senator elect from Michigan, in place of Mr. Bingham, deceased.

Mr. HOWARD then appeared and took the oath. Several petitions in favor of emancipation were presented. Mr. TRUMBULL presented a petition from Mr. C. L. Sanford, who represents himself as a contractor with Messrs. Gummings and Tucker, on the strength of the information he received from the War Department that they were authorized to act for the Government, but he is now surprised to learn that Cameron says the heads of Bureau had made all the contracts.

He asks the passage of a law to legalize his contract and prevent loss to honest contractors. Mr. WILMOT (Pa.) presented a petition asking that homoeopathic physicians be appointed in the army.

Mr. COLLAMER, (Vt.) from the Committee on Post Offices, reported back the House bill in relation to the letters of sailors and mariners. The bill which extends the privilege of sending letters not prepaid to sailors and mariners, was then passed by the Senate.

Mr. FESSenden, (Me.) from the committee on finance, reported back the House joint resolution declaratory of the purpose of Congress to impose a tax. Mr. CARLISLE, (Va.) objected to the consideration of the resolution, but subsequently withdrew his objection; the resolution was then passed—yeas 39, nays none.

Mr. POWELL DIXON, (Conn.) from the Committee on Contingent Expenses, reported back the resolution to pay Mr. Stanton, the contestant of Mr. Lane's seat, the usual compensation and mileage. Mr. HALE said Mr. Stanton had already received one mileage.

Mr. FESSenden, (Me.) moved to amend the resolution so as to be exclusive of mileage.—Agreed to. The resolution as amended was then passed. Mr. FOSTER, (Vt.) from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported a resolution ordering the removal of the army bakeries from the capitol.

Mr. WILSON introduced a bill in relation to volunteer service in any particular State. Mr. TRUMBULL, (Ill.) offered a resolution to pay one thousand dollars out of the contingent fund for the funeral expenses of Senator Baker. Referred. Also, a resolution in relation to the pay of the first Senators and Representatives from Minnesota. Mr. BROWNING (Ill.) introduced a bill for the better organization of artillery of the army of the United States.

Died. In this city, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, after a lingering illness, MARY ADAMS HAYNES, wife of David Haynes, in the 59th year of her age. [The funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon, (Saturday), at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her brother, Theo. Adams, in Walnut street.]

New Advertisements. TWO HOUSES FOR RENT—A Brick house, having six rooms and attic finished situated in Strawberry alley, between Third and Fourth streets, and another in North street, opposite the Public Grounds. Enquire of [317-317] JOHN OENSLAGER.

FOR RENT—A Three Story Brick Dwelling House, pleasantly situated on Ridge Road, first three story brick above the Jennings' House. Possession given on the 1st of April. Requires on the premises. [317 1*]

CHOICE Syrups, Lovingings and other choice brands, for sale by NICHOLS & BOWMAN, corner Front and Market streets.

JUST OPENED A LARGE STOCK OF FURS! RICH DARK SHADES. VERY CHEAP GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS. At CATHCART'S, de23 Next door to the Harrisburg Bank.

EUROPEAN RESTAURANT, HARRISBURG, PA. THE Restaurant under the European Hotel, is now open with all the delicacies of the season. [36 42w]

ANOTHER NEW STOCK! Portable Writing Desks, Backgammon Boards, Travelling Bags, Furses, Wallets, Toilet Bottles, and a general assortment of FANCY ARTICLES, Call at BERGER'S CHEAP BOOKSTORE.

WORSTED GOODS, LADIES NUBIAS. Misses Head-Dresses, Ladies Hoods, Misses Hoods, Ladies Sontags, Misses Mitts, &c., &c. A fresh invoice just opened at CATHCART'S, Next door to the Harrisburg Bank.