

Letter from a Prisoner. The following is a copy of a letter received by Col. Matheson, of the Thirty-second Regiment New York State Volunteers, from Ross A. Fish, Captain of Company B, First California Regiment.

My Dear Colonel: Your letter of the 14th was received. I am glad to hear from you and to hear that you are all well. I have not heard from you since then.

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The Trent Affair at Washington.

The following special dispatches of the New York Tribune, and the N. Y. Herald, dated Thursday evening, are of much interest. They are given great prominence in those papers, being double headed. The Tribune's dispatch is as follows:

THE DISPATCHES FROM WASHINGTON. Capt. Brown, messenger to Lord Lyons, came here direct from London on an express train, at the expense of \$10. Mr. Adams sent a courier, but the dispatch agent at Boston put the bag in charge of a captain of the 52d Massachusetts, who did not get here this morning.

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Letter from the Upper Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS, 28th Reg't Pa. Vol., Camp (General), Point of Rocks, Md., Thursday, December 21, 1861. After a long delay, waiting for something of importance to turn up, the long and anxiously looked for moment was at hand.

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COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS. (Special correspondence for the Pittsburgh Courier.) Flour—No. 1, 12 1/2; No. 2, 12; No. 3, 11 1/2; No. 4, 11; No. 5, 10 1/2; No. 6, 10; No. 7, 9 1/2; No. 8, 9; No. 9, 8 1/2; No. 10, 8; No. 11, 7 1/2; No. 12, 7.

Wheat—No. 1, 1 1/2; No. 2, 1 1/4; No. 3, 1 1/8; No. 4, 1 1/4; No. 5, 1 1/8; No. 6, 1 1/4; No. 7, 1 1/8; No. 8, 1 1/4; No. 9, 1 1/8; No. 10, 1 1/4; No. 11, 1 1/8; No. 12, 1 1/4.

Corn—No. 1, 50; No. 2, 48; No. 3, 46; No. 4, 44; No. 5, 42; No. 6, 40; No. 7, 38; No. 8, 36; No. 9, 34; No. 10, 32; No. 11, 30; No. 12, 28.

Oats—No. 1, 30; No. 2, 28; No. 3, 26; No. 4, 24; No. 5, 22; No. 6, 20; No. 7, 18; No. 8, 16; No. 9, 14; No. 10, 12; No. 11, 10; No. 12, 8.

Barley—No. 1, 25; No. 2, 23; No. 3, 21; No. 4, 19; No. 5, 17; No. 6, 15; No. 7, 13; No. 8, 11; No. 9, 9; No. 10, 7; No. 11, 5; No. 12, 3.

Rye—No. 1, 20; No. 2, 18; No. 3, 16; No. 4, 14; No. 5, 12; No. 6, 10; No. 7, 8; No. 8, 6; No. 9, 4; No. 10, 2; No. 11, 1; No. 12, 1/2.

Importers by Railroad. Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 27, 1861. The following is a list of the goods imported by railroad from the West and South during the week ending Dec. 27, 1861.

Woolen Goods—No. 1, 100; No. 2, 80; No. 3, 60; No. 4, 40; No. 5, 20; No. 6, 10; No. 7, 5; No. 8, 3; No. 9, 2; No. 10, 1; No. 11, 1/2; No. 12, 1/4.

Cotton Goods—No. 1, 150; No. 2, 120; No. 3, 90; No. 4, 60; No. 5, 30; No. 6, 15; No. 7, 8; No. 8, 4; No. 9, 2; No. 10, 1; No. 11, 1/2; No. 12, 1/4.

Iron Goods—No. 1, 200; No. 2, 150; No. 3, 100; No. 4, 50; No. 5, 25; No. 6, 12; No. 7, 6; No. 8, 3; No. 9, 1; No. 10, 1/2; No. 11, 1/4; No. 12, 1/8.

Coal—No. 1, 300; No. 2, 250; No. 3, 200; No. 4, 150; No. 5, 100; No. 6, 50; No. 7, 25; No. 8, 12; No. 9, 6; No. 10, 3; No. 11, 1; No. 12, 1/2.

Steeleboats. The following is a list of the steelboats that are now in the harbor of Pittsburgh, Pa., and the names of their owners.

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