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FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 20  
CITY MATTERS.

**DEATH OF LIEUT. SICKMAN**—Capt. C. T. Ewing, of Company G, Second Virginia regiment, furnishes the following particulars of the death of Lieut. Alfred Sickman, at the late battle of Manassas. He was in command of Company G, Capt. Ewing having been detailed on a general court martial by Gen. Reynolds. Lieut. Sickman was killed, within a few feet of the enemy's batteries. He had secured the rifle of an Indiana soldier, who was killed, and was picking off the artillerymen, firing from behind a log. He had fired at a section of the enemy without effect, and was about to fire a second time. He raised up while in the act of reloading the rammer of his gun, and was struck in the side by a Minié ball, which entered about two inches below the nipple, and passed through him. He lived about twenty-five minutes, and then expired. He was picked up by a fellow soldier, and taken to a hospital. He died on the 18th inst. He was buried in the National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

**INTERCHANGE OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.**  
We don't know where it was that this time honored custom originated, but we do know that notwithstanding the war and the hard times, it is being more extensively practiced this year than at any time since the revolution. Step into Henry Miner's, as we did yesterday, and you will be met by a short one to be conversed in. He always did a large business in the sale of holiday books, but his sales this year are three fold larger than ever before. The most expensive works, books bound in fancy morocco, with heavily gilt edges and rich clasps, costing from \$3.00 to \$8.00 each, are picked up, while in the way of cheap ones, especially the new photograph album, he is doing a large and profitable business. The money for all this comes from the pockets of the people in short, of which some of the largest from Eastern houses might well be proud. We will not attempt enumerating the thousands of articles suited for Christmas gifts which may be had at Mr. Miner's store, but will say instead, that our readers, before making their purchases, will do well to visit to see his collection of *Cafeterias, Albums, Photographs and Albums*, while his stock of engravings, all of which he has actually prepared, are also worthy of attention. Don't forget him, when you go out to make your Christmas purchases.

**THE SEVENTH CAVALRY**—Use company of the Seventh Cavalry, Col. Wynkoop, under Capt. Drake, one hundred and forty men and forty horses, arrived here on Wednesday night and were put on board the Anglo-Saxon yesterday for transportation to Louisville. The remainder of the regiment will arrive soon. They were expected to leave Harrisburg on Wednesday, but did not get away.

**HEALTH OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RESERVES**—A special dispatch from Washington, dated the 16th, says that the rank and file of the Pennsylvania Reserves complain that they have been misrepresented in regard to their sanitary condition, which causes much distress among their friends at home. There is no other body of men in the service of the government than the Pennsylvania Reserves.

**CONSOLIDATED**—The McClellan regiment has been consolidated with the 14th, making a full complement of regiments. We have not learned how the field and staff officers were distributed and disposed of.

**COUNTY MATTERS**—The Eighty-fourth and Thirty-third regiments have, for some time been under marching orders from Harrisburg, and their destination was Romney, Va. These orders being countermanded, there is no knowing at this time when or where these regiments will move.

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**Arrival of a Prize Ship.**  
New York, Dec. 19.—The British ship *Oswestry*, of Savannah, was a prize vessel which was captured by the *U. S. S. Porpoise*, and arrived here on the 16th. She was seized by the guns of the *Porpoise*, and landed with her cargo, coffee, salt and army blankets, at the wharf of the *U. S. S. Porpoise*, which has arrived here on the 16th. The cargo was landed, and the ship is to be sent to the *U. S. S. Porpoise*.

**Fire at Lexington, Ky.**  
Lexington, Dec. 18.—The amphitheater at the Fair grounds, where a regiment of soldiers were encamped, was completely destroyed by fire last night. The loss is estimated at from ten to twelve hundred dollars. During the excitement a sentinel placed, and the fire was caused by the cavalry, killing him instantly.

**Attack on Matamoros.**  
Baltimore, November 18.—The *Richmond*, a paper, received by the *Old Point* from an account of the attack on the town of Matamoros by General Sherman's army. The general appeared before the city on the 16th, and commenced the attack on the 20th. Great carnage took place both parties claim to be successful.

**War Meeting in Nova Scotia.**  
Halifax, December 19.—The warlike feeling is high here, and throughout the province.

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