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DAILY POST.

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TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisements must be handed in before 9 o'clock, A.M., to insure insertion.

ITEMS.

Our Government now holds 31,000 rebel prisoners.

A Confederate dollar is now worth just six and a quarter cents.

About \$181,000 have been subscribed in San Francisco for the Sanitary Commission.

There are 288 public schools in Philadelphia, and the cost of maintaining them last year was \$503,100.

During the year 602 bound land warrants have been issued, calling in the aggregate, for 93,190 acres of land.

The Louisville Journal says river pilots are now getting from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per year.

The Republican State Central Committee of California suggests Gettysburg for the next national Convention.

The value of cotton held in New York city by speculators is estimated at about \$10,000,000.

Several of the steamers on the Hudson have suspended their trips to Albany on account of ice in the river.

In 1862, 300,000 pounds of opium were imported into this country. Opium eating is fearfully upon the increase.

A writer in the "Railroad Advocate" says that statistics show that traveling in the cars is safer by night than by day.

HENRY ANDREWS, of the 14th Ohio, has been attested to be shot January 8th for desertion.

More than 500 rebel prisoners at Camp Douglas, Ill., have made application to take the oath of allegiance.

The Montreal Gazette says the emigration to the United States has been very extensive from that vicinity for some time past.

GEOFFREY W. NEWELL is editing a compilation of the letters and papers of the late WILLIAM L. MARCY, which will soon be given to the public.

The quota of Illinois, under the late call is rapidly filling up. The moment the recruits are clothed they are sent forward to fill up the old regiments in the field.

Judge SWAN, who is in New York, has not yet signified his acceptance of the appointment of State Supreme Judge, tendered him by Gov. Tom of Ohio.

A farmer took a single wagon load of his produce to Syracuse last Saturday, and sold it for \$1,500. It was the wool produced by his 380 sheep.

Steps are to be taken by Congress at an early date for mustering out of service a large number of major and brigadier generals. It is estimated that about forty will thus be weeded out from the army.

General MEADE's removal is decided. The only difficulty is to find his successor. What started here now desires to enter as candidate for the next grave in thisゴゴ of generals?

Provost-Marshal-General FAY reports that less preparations are being made in Pennsylvania by the State authorities than in any other State to raise volunteers to avoid the draft.

Cedar river, Iowa, is said to be literally awning with wild geese. Cornfields are devastated, and people living in the neighborhood declare that is almost impossible to sleep, so annoying is their wild and discordant music.

West Point is now full again. It now contains 260 cadets, under the instruction of 26 commissioned officers; 67 have been admitted during the past year 46 of whom were appointed from the United States volunteers.

Congress will be asked to add to the number of clerks in the Government employ, as well as to increase the salaries of those now authorized. The Quartermaster General's Bureau alone asks for one hundred and sixty more.

General HALLIX's report is looked for with much interest by military men. It will be a complete resume and review of the last year of our war, in all its branches, and will place General HALLIX, his friends claim, in an entirely new position before the country.

"Two thousand one hundred and thirty Confederate prisoners from Chattanooga passed through Indianapolis, Ind., on Monday, en route to Rock Island. Twelve hundred more, were expected there on Tuesday. One hundred and thirty-one officers, mostly belonging to Major Gen. J. C. BARKERDORF's command, also passed through, en route to Johnson's Island."

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THE MAYORALTY CONTEST.

This afternoon and evening the Abolitionists of this city meet in their primary meetings to elect delegates to a Convention, which will place in nomination some one for the coming Mayoralty election. The struggle between the different factions is unprecedentedly bitter; the most serious charges are made against some of the aspiring candidates, going to show the desperation and the bitterness of the conflict. With these charges we at present have nothing to do.

Our only object in alluding to this struggle, is to advise Democrats to take no part in it. So bitter have our opponents become towards each other, that they are pitting each other to help them through their trouble. In this we trust they may be disappointed. But a few weeks ago, according to these same abolition leaders, Democrats were co-heads and traitors, unworthy of their association; now they are good enough to not vote, but to make an Abolition nomination.

But let us let the factions fight it out among themselves. Democrats have no right to take part in this struggle, because they will not support the nominating of both. Besides it is not by any means respectable in allowing one's self to be used by political opponents.

THE MILK IN THE COCONUT.

By easy coaches, our learned and astute contemporary, the Pittsburgh Courier is—under the standing caption of "Nepotism"—coming to the point of its accusations. When it first began the agitation, proving from history that since the days of the Roman Tarquins, "nepotism" had, in all countries, and under all forms of Government, eventually corrupted the people, even to the destruction of these Governmental systems, besides damaging the spiritual power of the Pope. This is pretty heavy on Mother Church; but yet this present Holiness, notwithstanding all the present difficulties, is even worse. It has, as demonstrated by the Courier, ruined every form of Government, besides damaging the spiritual power of the Pope. This is pretty heavy on Mother Church; but yet this present Holiness, notwithstanding all the present difficulties, is even worse. It has, as demonstrated by the Courier, ruined every form of Government, besides damaging the spiritual power of the Pope. 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