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BOARD OF TRADE.

Committee of Arbitration for month of December.

WM. H. GRAHAM.

CHAS. BULLING, G. T. HOPKINS. | A. CLOSE, J. CORTLAN, JR.

Monetary and Commercial Events.

BALTIMORE, December 10, 1861.

The business at the Stock Board was light again to day, but the market generally was firm. Maryland and Baltimore City 6's were especially firm. The former advanced ¼ to 1 per cent., and the latter 1¼ to 1½ per cent. Sales were made of $1,000 Maryland inscribed 1870 6's at 91¾, but they closed at 91½ bid, 92 asked for inscribed 1870's, and 92 bid for coupons. For Baltimore 6's there was a very good demand, and sales were made of $2,000 1875's at 86, and $1,000 1890's at 86¾, and for the latter 86½ was bid at the close. Northern Central bonds were ¼ to ½ lower to-day, sales of $5,000 1885's being made at 61; and the market for them closed at 60¾ bid, 61 asked — For Baltimore and Ohio bonds there was but little inquiry, and no sales were made; 1875's closed however at 75 bid, and 1885's at 69 bid. Railroad shares closed as on yesterday at $47 bid, $50 asked for Baltimore and Ohio, and $17 bid, $17½ asked for Northern Central, but nothing was done in them. Bank stocks are wanted, and they are generally firm. $89 was bid to day for Merchants', $22 for Farmers and Planters', $14 for Mechanics', and $8 for Citizens', and at these figures sales to a considerable extent could have been made. For Baltimore Coal Co. $45¾ was bid to-day, and $50 asked, and Canton Co. closed at 49¾ bid, $10¼ asked regular way.

At the first board at New York to-day Missouri and Tennessee 6's declined 1 per cent. each; Virginias and North Carolinas ¾ each; Erie and New York Central ¼ each; and Reading ¼; but no quotations for the second board were received. Canton sold at the first board at $10, and Treasury notes at 99¾, yesterday's prices.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

TUESDAY, December 10, 1861.

$1,000 Maryland 6's inscribed '70	91¾
2,200 Baltimore 6's '75	86
1,000 do. '90	86¼
5,000 Northern Central Railroad bonds	85 — 91

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Through WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers No. 22 South street.

	1st Board.	2d Board.
Virginia 6's	48	00
Missouri 6's	40¾	00
Tennessee bonds	42¾	00
North Carolina bonds	59¾	00
Canton Company	10	00
Erie Railroad	22¾	00
New York Central Railroad	78¾	00
Reading Railroad	24	00
Treasury notes 2 years 6 per cents	99¾	00
	dull.	

No second board received.

The New York *Herald* of yesterday says:

Foreign exchange is steady. At the commencement of business hours to-day the leading bankers sold at 108¾, but afterward raised their rate to 109. Francs sold at 5.17½@18¾. The prospect is that there will be very little business done to-morrow, and that first class bankers' bills will range from 108½ to ¾.

Stocks improved to-day. Pacific Mail jumped up 5 per cent., and Panama 3; New York Central 1, and other railway shares in proportion. Quite an active business was done in Erie, preferred and common stock. At the second board the market was lower on Pacific Mail and Central, but better on everything else. Erie rose to 23¾, and the leading Western shares were wanted at prices above those of the morning. The market closed firm, the quotations after the board being ¼@¾ higher.

The Philadelphia *Press* of yesterday says:

The business of the stock board continues light, notwithstanding the favorable construction put upon the foreign news and the steady improvement witnessed in trade circles. Reading railroad shares gained ¼, closing at 17 ¼ to 17 21-100. In the money market there is no change. Credit is still dear, no manner selling freely excepting those of undoubted strength; but for such there is a ready market at low rates.

The following is the statement of the New York banks as compared with those of the previous week:

	Nov. 30.	Dec. 6.	
Loans	$162,790,392	$159,793,953	Dec. 2,996,349
Specie	41,507,558	42,328,619	Inc. 811,122
Circulation	8,537,176	8,826,730	Inc. 289,554
Deposits	126,204,540	123,618,757	Dec 2,625,761

The following is the weekly statement of the Philadelphia banks, as compared with the previous week:

	Dec. 2.	Dec. 9.	
Capital stock	$11,970,150	$11,970,150	
Loans	59,048,052	59,160,362	Inc. 1,112,470
Specie	7,404,529	7,256,912	Dec. 147,618
Due from other bks.	1,697,944	1,418,497	Dec. 279,499
Due to other banks	3,624,251	3,625,010	Inc. 759
Deposits	22,047,331	22,091,135	Dec. 46,206
Circulation	2,243,828	2,237,499	Dec. 6,329

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

TUESDAY, December 10

COFFEE.—We hear of no movement to day in Coffee. The market is however very buoyant under the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury of a further increase in the duty. Holders generally decline to name prices to-day, and purchases could not probably be made unless at a considerable advance on previous quotations. The stock of Rio here is now about 18,000 bags, but there is little or no Laguayra or Java Coffee in market.

FLOUR.—There was an active inquiry for Flour this morning, and the feeling in the market was quite strong. Sales were reported on Change of 1,000 bbls. City Mills Super at $5.25; 200 bbls. do. at $5.37½; 1,000 bbls. Howard Street do. at $5.62½; 1,300 bbls. Ohio Extra at $5; 1,500 bbls. City Mills do. at about $6.25; and 1,500 bbls. do. at $6.50 per bbl., making a total of 6,500 bbls. Nothing was done in Ohio Super but it was generally held at $5.50 per bbl. Howard Street Superfine off firm at $5.62½, and we quote City Mills do. as closing at $5.25@5.37½ per bbl. Extra Flour may be quoted as closing at $6 for Ohio; $6.25@6.25 for Howard Street; and $6.25@6.50 per bbl. for shipping brands City Mills.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Family Flour is still selling by the dray load to the trade at $8.25 for the best brands Baltimore, $8.50@7 for Ohio and Howard Street, and Baltimore high grade Extra is bringing $7.75 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR AND CORN MEAL.—Rye Flour is firm at $4.37½@4.50, and we quote Corn Meal steady $3.20@3.25 per bbl. for both Baltimore and Brandywine.

GRAIN.—Grain was in fair supply to-day and for most descriptions the market was steady and firm. Of Wheat there were about 15,000 bushels offered, and it was mostly sold at from 120 to 128 cts. for red, the latter being the outside price to-day, 110 to 125 cts. for common to medium white, 135@145 cts. for fair to good do., and 150@155 cts. for prime parcels do. Corn was in good supply for receipts, most of which was new, amounting to about 14,000 bushels. New sold at 58@62 cts. for both white and yellow, and old at 73 cts. for white, and 65@70 cts. for yellow. Rye, of which there were 400 bushels offered, was steady at 68@70 cts. for Maryland, and 75@76 cts. for Pennsylvania. Oats sold at 41@43 cts. for Virginia and Maryland, and 45@46 cts. per bushel for Pennsylvania. There were about 6,500 bushels received to-day.

MOLASSES.—There is very little doing in Molasses, but we still quote as follows, viz: Cuba at 28@33 cts. for clayed, and 32@35 cts. for Muscovado; Porto Rico at 35@45 cts.; and New Orleans at 50@56 cts. per gallon. The stock here is very light, but the demand is quite limited.

PROVISIONS.—For Provisions of all descriptions the market is dull and very heavy. There is however some little retail demand for Bacon, and Shoulders are selling at 4¾@4¾ cts., Sides at 5¾@5¾ cts., and Hams at from 6 to 10 cts. per lb. There is no Bulk Meat selling and we can give no quotations for it. The new crop will soon be in market. Lard may be quoted at 8¼@9 cts. for City and Western, but there is nothing doing in it. Baltimore packed Beef is selling at $12@12.50 for No. 1, and $16 per bbl. for Mess, and we quote Western Mess at $12@13.50 per bbl. Mess Pork ranges in price at from $12 to $13.50 per bbl., as in quality, and we quote Prime do. at $10@11, and Rump do. at $9@9 per bbl.

RICE.—There is a little Rice here, and it is held firmly at 7¾ cts. net. There is however very little demand for it.

SALT.—Liverpool Salt is in fair demand, and steady at the following rates, viz: 105@110 cts. for Ground Alum, and 155@160 cts. per sack for Marshall's, Worthington's and Jeffrey & Darey's fine. Turks Island do. is still selling from store at 25 cts. per bushel.

SEEDS.—Cloverseed is in better demand and firmer. Sales were made this morning of 100 bushels at $4.75@4.87½ per bushel, and it closed steady at these figures for good lots. Timothy Seed is still quoted at $2.12½@2.25, and Flaxseed at $1.60@1.70 per bushel.

SUGARS.—There were sales yesterday in addition to those noticed in our report of 60 hhds. Porto Rico at from $8.25 to $9 net, but to-day we do not have heard of no sales. The market is however very firm in tone under the prospect of a further increase in the duty. We quote as follows, viz: Cuba at $8@8.25 for refining, and $8.50@9.25 for grocery grades; Porto Rico and New Orleans at $8.50@9.75; and Manilla and Pernambuco at $8@8.25. Since writing the above we have heard of a sale of 478 boxes clayed Cuba Sugars for refining, ex-brig "H. D. Rugeley" from Havana, but the terms were kept private.

REFINED SUGARS.—For Refined Sugars the rates are still as follows, viz: 11¼@11¾ cts. for loaf, 11@11¼ cts. for crushed, powdered and granulated; 10¾@10¾ cts. for soft crushed white; and 9¾@10 cts. per lb. for C yellow.

WHISKEY.—Whiskey continues to improve. A sale of 50 bbls. Ohio was made late yesterday at 20 cts., but to-day we note sales of 100 bbls. do. at 21 cts., at which figure it closed firm. We quote City to day at 20¾@21 cts. per gallon.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The market for Flour remains without change—moderate sales of common brands Western at $5.25; fancy brands at $5.50@5.56; extra at $5.62¾@5.75; and $6.00@7.50 for superior, including choice St. Louis; Southern Flour is quiet—and we quote choice brands Baltimore at $7.00@8 75 per bbl. Corn is quiet but held firm—good Baltimore yellow 73 cts.; Western yellow 70 cts., now held at 72 cts.; and 67@68 cts. per bushel for Western mixed. Oats have been steady and are in moderate demand at 43@45 cts. per bushel for Island have been selling at 41 cts. per bushel. In Rye the sales have been small at 82 cts. per bushel. Shorts have been selling at $16.00@17.00 per ton; and fine Feed and Middlings at $20.00@21.00 per ton, as to quality.

PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, Dec. 9.—The receipts of Beef Cattle are smaller than usual this week, only reaching about 1,400 head. The demand is better, but prices continue the same as last quoted. About 80 head of Cows arrived, and sold at the Avenue drove yard at from $22 to $35 per head for Springers, and $25@40 for Cow and Calf. The arrivals of Sheep reached about 2,000 head this week, selling at from 7 to 8 cts. per lb., net. 1,870 Hogs sold at the Avenue drove yard, at from $7@5.25 per 100 lbs., net. The arrival of Hogs at H. G. Imhoff's Union drove yard reached 5,368 head, at from $4.25 to $5 per 100 lbs. net, according to quality.

NEW BEDFORD OIL MARKET, Dec. 6.—Sperm—Market quiet, the demand for manufacture apparently having been supplied, and foreign orders limited to $1.29; holders still firm at last week's advance—sales 140 bbls. of brig Hopeton's cargo, at Sippican, at $1.26 per gallon, for manufacture; 600 bbls. from shed, refined for export, for $1.25; 600 do. do. for manufacture, on private terms; and 50 do. do. for do., at $1.25. Whale Oil is very quiet, buyers are unwilling to pay over 46 cts. We hear of but a single sale in this market—135 bbls. Cumberland inlet, in Fairhaven, for manufacture, at 47 cts. per gallon. In Nantucket 700 bbls. sea elephant oil have been sold to a manufacturer of this city at 43½ cts. per gallon, delivered here. Whalebone—Market active, and we understand that about 40,000 lbs. have been sold in this market on private terms.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—Cotton steady. Flour is steady—sales of State at $5.40@5.55; Ohio $5.90@5.95; Southern $5.50@6. Wheat has an upward tendency—sales of 229,000 bushels at an advance of 1 ct.; Chicago spring $1.20@1.27; Milwaukie club $1.29@1.30¾; red $1.34@1.40; white $1.40@1.50. Corn is firm—sales of 82,000 bushels; mixed 65@66 cts. Sugar is quiet at 8¼@8¾ cts. Coffee is firm at 17@17½ cts. Molasses is quiet—sales of New Orleans at 50 cts. Spirits Turpentine closed firm at $1.32½. Rosin closed firm at $5.72½@5.75.—Freights are drooping—flour to Liverpool 1s, 10½d.@2s.; grain 7½@8 cts.

LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAPHS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Daily Train from New York for Army Recruits.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The express trains from New York to Washington, in many instances, fail to make connections owing to the trains being overloaded with recruits. To obviate future difficulty, Mr. Canfield, Manager of Government Railroads, has made arrangements for a through train from New York every twenty-four hours, for recruits, who will not be permitted to occupy the express trains.

Iron Plating for Vessels-of-War.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Navy Department invites proposals for furnishing, fitting and securing to vessels-of war iron plates of 33 inches width, 4½ inches thickness, and 15½ feet length, to have planed edges and countersunk holes, to be bent to the shape of the vessel from stem to stern, and fastened to the timbers with conical head bolts of 1½ inches diameter. It is understood that the Department designs thus to clothe vessels-of-war with the least possible delay.

Trial of Col. Kerrigan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—An audiencal charge against Col. Kerrigan was read to him to-day at the Court-Martial, to the effect that he had given information to the enemies of the Government, residing in Fairfax county. No witnesses on that point have yet been called. The examination today was with reference to the charge of drunkenness and neglect of his regiment.

Promotion.

WASHINGTON, Dec 10.—George H. Ditts, has been promoted First Lieutenant, company B, of Major Barker's "McClellan Dragoons," and P. Parley Hoge has been elected Second Lieutenant of same company.

Exchange of Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—Richard O'Gorman, John Savage, Judge Daley, and Collector Barney were before the Cabinet to-day with reference to a general exchange of prisoners, and particularly with reference to Col. Corcoran.

New Tents for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—John McClure, of New York, has succeeded in introducing to the Government the new Morgan tent, and orders have been given for manufacturing them.

Confederate Force in Front of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—It is believed from all that can be gathered, that the Confederate force in front of our lines numbers at least one hundred thousand men.

FROM THE LOWER POTOMAC.

A Confederate Picket Guard Shelled by the Potomac Flotilla--Confederate Store-House Burnt.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 10.—The Secretary of the Navy to day received the following letter from R. H. Wyman, Lieutenant Commanding the Potomac flotilla, dated—

U. S. STEAMER HARRIET LANE,
OFF MATAWOMAN CREEK, December 9th.

Sir:—I have the honor to report to you that this morning, about half-past 9 o'clock, seeing the enemy's pickets with three camp wagons and a mounted officer coming down the road to the southward of Freestone Point, and halting at some buildings near the beach, I directed the steamers Jacob Bell and Anacostia to shell the buildings. I stood in with this vessel as far as the draft of water would admit, to protect them in the event of the enemy bringing a field battery to Freestone Point. After shelling the buildings and hill, and driving back the pickets, Lieut. Commanding McCrae landed with a few men and fired four houses, which have since burned to the ground. They contained sutlers' stores, flour, etc, and as eight hours elapsed before the fire subsided, I judge that the quantity of stores must have been considerable. The enemy fired but a few musket shot.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

The Confederates Anticipating a Battle on the Potomac.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec 9.—A flag of truce went to Norfolk this morning, carrying 32 Confederate prisoners, discharged by the United States on their parole. A Confederate flag of truce met our boat and transferred thereto some ladies coming from Richmond.

From to-day's Norfolk *Day Book* we learn that a battle is immediately expected on the Potomac, as the sutlers are removing their stores to safer quarters. War rumors were abundant, and the war fever very high. A telegram dated Savannah, December 7, states that General Butler's expedition arrived on that day at Port Royal. There is nothing said about Parson Brownlow's victory, or of the Fort Pickens affair. Dr. Johnson Clark, Surgeon of the Federal Coast Guard, died to-day of typhoid fever. His body has been sent North.

FROM MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 9.—General Halleck has issued orders stating that the Mayor of this city will require all municipal officers to immediately subscribe to the oath of allegiance prescribed for them by the Convention in October last, and directing the Provost Marshal to arrest all State officers who, having failed to subscribe to such oath within the time fixed by the Convention, may attempt to exercise civil authority in violation of the ordinance.

FROM GENERAL BANKS' DIVISION.

FREDERICK, Dec. 10.—There are no advices of any further hostilities at Ball's Bluff, No. 5. After retrieving the guns under cover of the night, the Confederates withdrew to a safer distance. The Federal soldier who was shot twice has since died. The battery was commanded by Captain, or Colonel Pendleton.

A Quartermaster's office is to be opened at Hagerstown to-morrow, under the superintendence of Captain G. A. Flagg. The object of this is understood to be to supply the troops at and around Williamsport, as well as to prevent the swindling operations of speculators in forage in that vicinity. Captain Flagg is from Connecticut, and has had large experience in matters pertaining to this department. He enjoys the reputation of being an excellent executive officer.

Yesterday a man named J. T. Monroe arrived here from Winchester. He says from all I can gather he was a private in the Confederate army, but having come under the ban of their arbitrary military code he fled, and found refuge within the Federal lines. The information he brings is not of high importance. General Jackson's force consisted of one brigade (four regiments of about seven hundred men each), and was located five miles east of Winchester. Little men were principally residents of the county, were plentifully supplied with clothed, and were generally contented. Ashby's cavalry were flourishing about in the neighborhood of Martinsburg, and Pendleton's battery was understood to be on its way from Bath to Winchester.

From the South.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 4.—The Southern papers contain the following despatches:

G. W. Johnston, Provisional Governor of Southern Kentucky, has issued a long message.

MILLEDGEVILLE, Ga.—A resolution has been introduced into the State Senate authorizing the banks of the State to suspend specie payment and issue the Confederate States' notes.

The Memphis *Avalanche*, of the 4th, says the Federal force between Bowling Green and Louisville numbers fifty thousand, and that Generals Johnston and Buckner are prepared for them.

Advices from Bird's Point to last Friday state that the steamer Grampus took a Federal lumber boat, anchored above, with one hundred and seventy-five thousand feet of lumber, and brought it to Columbus.

The New Orleans *Bulletin* says that the Federals have captured two Confederate steamboats, supposed to be the Henry Lewis and the Watson, and that the California escaped by throwing overboard part of her cargo and forty head of cattle.

The Charleston *Mercury* says that Gen. Ripley ordered every pound of cotton likely to fall into the hands of the enemy to be burned.

The Savannah *Republican* says that the Sumter was not captured, but wrecked off the Trinidad coast.

The War in Western Virginia.

HUTTONSVILLE, Va., Dec. 9.—One sergeant and four privates, deserters from the enemy's camp towards Monterey, came in last night. They report the Confederates in a suffering condition.—The roads were impassable and the soldiers were anxious to desert. The deserters appear to be well pleased to be from under the paternal Government of Jeff. Davis. They belonged to the Hansborough battalion, and are from Western Virginia.

Kentucky Senatorial Nomination.

FRANKFORT, Dec. 10.—Garrett Davis was nominated for United States Senator yesterday—beating Guthrie one vote.

George N. Sanders Begging European Sympathy for the Confederates.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 10.—The Nashville papers contain a letter from George N. Saunders to Kossuth, extolling the Secession movement, and hoping that the European lovers of freedom will extend their sympathies to the South.

Municipal Elections in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, December 9.—Mr. Wightman was reelected Mayor of Boston to-day by 6,753 votes, against 5,786 cast for E. S. Tobey, the Republican and Citizens' candidate.

LOWELL, December 9.—Slocum Hasford, Citizens' candidate, was elected Mayor to-day by 55 majority over J. W. Graves, Republican.

LYNN, December 9.—Peter M. Neal was elected Mayor to-day, receiving 1,097 votes, against 729 for Mr. Breed, the present incumbent.

ROXBURY, December 9.—Wm. Gaston was reelected Mayor to-day.

CHARLESTOWN, December 9.—P. J. Stone, Citizens' candidate, was elected Mayor to-day, over Hutchins, the present incumbent.

WORCESTER, December 9.—P. Emory Aldrich, Republican, was elected Mayor over Daws, the present incumbent, by 113 majority.

NEWBURYPORT, December 9.—George N. Jackman was re-elected Mayor to day nearly unanimously.

THE CONFEDERATE STEAMER NASHVILLE.—The Secretary of the Navy has despatched one of the fastest and most powerful vessels in the navy, and a swift gunboat, to intercept the Confederate steamer Nashville on her return trip. The instructions of the officers are to approach the British coast as near as the neutrality laws will permit, and to cruise off the coast until they capture the steamer. The Nashville is lightly armed, and if the United States steamers fall in with her, she will certainly be taken. A writ of attainder on the part of the loyal owners of the Nashville has also gone out in one of the last steamers, to be executed in Southampton.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

MURDER OF AN OFFICER.—It will be recollected that about ten days since a private of the Second Maryland regiment, named Gardner, was shot by Second Lieutenant David Whitson, Jr., of Company I, for attempting to "run the guard." Gardner lingered for a day or two, and then died.—From all the circumstances connected with the shooting it was evident that Lieutenant Whitson had acted in a justifiable manner, and no formal investigation was made. Thus matters stood until yesterday afternoon, between three and four o'clock, when, just as the regiment was drawn up in line, preparatory to the evening parade, Chas. Koons, a private of Company I, emerged from his tent, loaded musket in hand, and advancing to within about six paces of where Lieutenant Whitson was standing, he deliberately raised his gun and fired. The ball took effect in the back of the Lieutenant, and passed out of the right breast. The officer instantly dropped upon the ground and in a few minutes expired. Koons was at once arrested by Capt. Hunt, and, in charge of a squad, was sent to Fort McHenry, where a court-martial will be held, and the probabilities are that he will pay the penalty of his offence by being publicly shot at the camp of the regiment, in the Western section of the city. He is about thirty-five years of age, and is a married man. The body of Lieutenant Whitson was removed to his residence, on Lee street, near Warner. He was about thirty-six years of age and leaves a wife and children. The affair created considerable excitement at the camp, and for a while some of the men were very anxious to punish him summarily.

THE JAPANESE SWORD.—The story of the recent seizure of the Japanese sword in this city, and which has been made the subject of a letter to the Philadelphia *Inquirer*, severely reflecting on several high-minded gentlemen of this city, turns out to have been a false statement of the affair. We learn from undoubted authority that the sword said to have been seized, although given up at the request of Deputy Marshal McPhail, never belonged to any member of the Japanese embassy. It was presented to a gentleman of this city by a friend in San Francisco long before the Japanese ever visited this country. On Christmas eve last this gentleman lent it to a friend to use at a masquerade ball; after which it was left at the house of the party in whose possession the authorities were informed it was, and who on the first intimation gave it up. Measures have been taken to have the sword restored to its rightful possessor, it having been forwarded to the State Department at Washington. At the proper time, we learn, a full statement of the whole transaction will be given to the public, over the signatures of the gentlemen connected with the affair. One thing is certain, no Federal ship-of-war will be despatched to Japan with the sword, as has been stated in some quarters.

PICKPOCKETS ON THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Since the great increase of travel on the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, a large number of pickpockets have made their appearance, and daily fleece the unwary, who may chance to come within their reach. Marshal Dodge, some time since, placed several policemen upon the road, with a view of stopping this nefarious business; but from the fact that they are unacquainted with the "fraternity," their efforts have proved unsuccessful. Yesterday afternoon, as the five o'clock train was about leaving the Washington depot for this city, Mr. A. Johnson had his pocket picked of his pocket-book, containing about eight hundred dollars in cash and two drafts, each signed by H. Jones Brooke, one of them for five thousand dollars, and the other for over eighteen hundred dollars.

INHUMAN CONDUCT.—A young man went over from Towsontown to Rider's Switch on Saturday last on business, and while there was set upon by a party of Federal soldiers, belonging to a Pennsylvania regiment now guarding the Northern Central Railway, and was beaten in a most cruel manner. The only cause for the attack is that the young man had been arrested for endeavoring to get to Virginia, and was released from a New York Fortress on taking the oath of allegiance. This fact was communicated to the soldiers by a member of the 2d Maryland regiment, who, before his enlistment, resided at Towsontown.

RELEASE OF THE SCHOONER KINGFISHER.—Some six weeks since, the schooner Kingfisher was leased from Messrs. Price & O'Neil, by parties who desired to send her to the Guano Islands, and a day or two before she was ready to sail she was seized by United States Marshal Bonifant, on the charge of fitting out as a privateer. The case was tried before Judge Giles in the United States District Court, and the schooner was discharged, there not being the slightest evidence to sustain the charge.

FIRE.—Between six and seven o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the works of the Maryland and Virginia Coal Oil Company, located on the corner of West and Leadenhall streets. By the active exertions of the men employed about the works, the flames were confined to one apartment and were totally extinguished without the aid of the Fire Department. The origin was the result of an accident. The damage is estimated at $100, and is covered by a policy of insurance.

A CONFEDERATE PRIVATEER.—Captain Hilkin, of the Bremen bark Industrie, at this port yesterday from Bremen, states that on the 5th instant, off Cape Hatteras, he spoke a Confederate privateer, who desired to be reported.

VIOLATING A CITY ORDINANCE.—Yesterday a man named James Kirk was arrested on the charge of driving through the market house during market hours. He was fined $1 and costs by Justice Duncan.

FATAL RESULT.—Mrs. Harrington, who was burned on Saturday night last by the explosion of a gheria-oil lamp, died yesterday at the Lombard street Infirmary.

Amusements.

HOLLIDAY STREET THEATRE.—*Camille.*—The visitors to Holliday Street Theatre will be gratified to learn that the beautiful and talented Miss Lucille Western appears this evening in the character of Camille, in the thrilling play of that name. Mr. Tilton appears as Gaston Rabel Earle in the *Manidac Lover*. In the character of Camille Miss Western has but few superiors, and, no doubt, a full house will greet her this evening.

BALTIMORE MUSEUM.—A fine bill will be produced this evening, when the laughable pantomime of the "Shoemaker," and the comical acts of the "Three Jolly Sports," and "Forty Thieves," will be produced for the last time. The customary day entertainment will take place on Saturday afternoon. Active preparations are being made to provide novel and select performances for the Christmas week.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

CITY CRIMINAL COURT—JUDGE BOND.

Archibald Stirling, Jr., State's Attorney, prosecuting:

In the matter of William Remington and wife vs. the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, the Judge delivered his decision, dismissing the case for want of jurisdiction.

The Petit Jury was finally discharged.

The Court then adjourned to meet on Friday morning at ten o'clock.

U. S. DISTRICT COURT—JUDGE GILES.

United States *vs.* schooner King Fisher. Before reported. Libel dismissed. The claimant to pay the costs.

United States *vs.* schooner Flying Cloud. Decree of condemnation passed, and sale ordered.

CITY CIRCUIT COURT—JUDGE KREBS.

Amalie Blondis *vs.* F. Maesch and others, members of Liberty Lodge, No. 3, of the Free Order of United Brothers. Injunction to restrain defendants from disposing of the funds of the Lodge until complainant's claim of funeral benefits of her late husband are satisfied.

SUPERIOR COURT—JUDGE MARTIN.

The Bank of Commerce in New York *vs.* The Merchants' Bank of Baltimore. On trial.

COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND.

DECEMBER TERM, 1861.

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 10.—No. 156. Alexander B. Hanson *vs.* Abner Campbell's Lessee. Appeal from the Circuit Court for Frederick county. This case was argued by J. M. Palmer for the appellant and by Oliver Miller for the appellee.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Present as Friday and Mr. Justice Nelson.

On motion of Mr. J. M. Carlisle, F. W. Jones, Esq., of Washington, was admitted an attorney and counsellor of this Court.

No. 12. The United States, appellants, *vs.* Samuel J. Hensley. Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the northern district of California. Mr. Justice Grier delivered the opinion of the Court reversing the decree of the said District Court, and remanding the cause with direction to dismiss the petition of the claimant.

No. 258. William D. Brown, appellant, *vs.* Samuel R. Curtis *et al.* Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of Nebraska. On motion of Mr. Redick, of counsel for the appellees, this cause was docketed and dismissed with costs.

No. 259 William Wade *et al.*, appellants, *vs.* John M. Clark *et al.* Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of Nebraska. On motion of Mr. Redick, of counsel for the appellees, this cause was docketed and dismissed with costs.

No. 260. John Hughes *et al.*, appellants, *vs.* Andrew R. Orchard *et al.* Appeal from the Supreme Court of the Territory of Nebraska. On motion of Mr. Redick, of counsel for the appellees, this cause was docketed and dismissed with costs.

No. 78. Walter Laflin, appellant, *vs.* Augustus M. Herrington and Illinois Central Railroad Company. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. Beckwith for the appellees, and concluded by Mr. Reverdy Johnson for the appellant.

No. 29. Thomas Sweeny *et al.*, owners of the steamboat Thomas Swann, appellants, *vs.* Michael E Lucas, *et al.*, owners of the steamboat Fanny Fern. Appeal from the Circuit Court of the United States for the southern district of Ohio. This cause having been called for argument, and neither party being prepared to argue the same, it was dismissed with costs under the 18th rule of Court.

Nos. 31 and 255. Benjamin Ruffner *et al.*, appellants, *vs.* Nathaniel B. Hogg, and Nathaniel W. Hogg, appellant, *vs.* Benjamin Ruffner *et al.* The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Ewing for the complainant, and continued by Mr. Joseph B. Stewart for the respondents.

No. 49. Paul Seers *et al.*, appellants, *vs.* Augustine Willis, administrator, claimant of 3,885 bags of linseed, *et al.* This cause was submitted to the consideration of the Court on the record and printed arguments by Mr. O. G. Loring for the appellants, and by Mr. Bates for the appellee.

WAR ITEMS.

FROM WASHINGTON.

From the Washington Star of yesterday.

ASSIGNED.

Brig. Gen. Philip St. George Cooke, U. S. A., has been appointed to the command of all the regular cavalry in the army of the Potomac. Brigadier General of Volunteers Stoneman, continues the chief of the bureau of the cavalry of the army, and also has special command of its volunteer cavalry.

PRISONERS RELEASED.

In compliance with the following special order, the prisoners named in it were a few days since discharged from the old capitol military prison in this city, and conveyed to Fortress Monroe. Yesterday they were sent within the Confederate lines from that point, under a flag of truce:

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJ'T GEN'L'S OFFICE, Washington, Nov. 29.
Special Orders, No. 316.

The following named prisoners, (of war,) confined in this city, will be sent to Fort Monroe, and thence, under a flag of truce, through the United States lines, and released, on taking an oath not to engage in arms against the United States:

T. W. Branch, S. B. Buckley, R. Grange, W. Davis, T. A. Hammond, James Kershaw, A. T. Holmes, James Silks, T. T. Buck, J. W. Davis, J. H. Howard, J. O Perkins, W. A. Prince, J. T. Pool, J. B. Driscoll, Thomas Hays, C. H. Knott, M. T. O'Keefe, George Howard, R. Paulding, S. E. Vaden, J. S. Walker, W. C. Humphries, A. S. Sandstreet, E. M. Hayeock, William Malver, J. T. Mays, A. J. Sejier, Dr. Fleming, Charles Bell and A. P. Ross. C. R. Ballow, taking the oath of allegiance, will be released.

By command of Major General McClellan,
(Signed,) L. THOMAS, Adj't Gen.

DISMISSED.

War Department, Adjutant General's Office,
Washington, December 4.
General Orders, No 103.

1. Assistant Surgeon James C. Herndon, Medical Department United States Army, having left his post without leave, the President directs that he be dropped from the rolls of the army from November 27, 1861.

2. Officers who have been employed in mustering volunteers will immediately forward to the Adjutant General's office the rolls of muster into service, in all cases where this has not been already done.

By command of Major General McClellan,
L. THOMAS, Adjutant General.

Official—E. D. TOWNSEND, Assistant Adj't Gen.

Special Washington Despatches to the Phila. Inquirer.

SENATOR BRIGHT IN TROUBLE.

The burly Senator from Indiana has gotten himself into hot water, by his having written a letter addressed to "Hon. Jefferson Davis, President of the Southern Confederacy," which is in the hands of Senator Wilkinson, who will see that he vacates his seat.

PUBLIC PRINTING.

The journeymen employed at the Government Printing Office intend to petition Congress to reduce the limit of their day's work to eight hours. Superintendent Defreese will show by his report that large sums have been saved by the present system over the old plan of electing the Senate and House printers.

CANADIAN RECIPROCITY TREATY.

The sympathy for the Southern Confederacy manifested in Canada and in the British provinces, will probably bring about the repeal of the Reciprocity Treaty, against which the agricultural interest of the country has remonstrated since it was passed—or rather purchased. Some curious facts concerning the manner in which the Treaty was ratified by Congress will be elicited, and show the workings of the "lobby" a dozen years since.

Special Washington Despatches to the New York World.

DESERTION OF ONE OF GEN. BANKS'S STAFF.

A rumor is in circulation here that a member of Gen. Banks's staff suddenly decamped lately, taking with him some papers of great value to us, and still greater to the rebels. It is surmised that he has left for the South. Persons have been sent in pursuit of him, and it is to be hoped that he will be overtaken and summarily dealt with.

THE FRIGATE PENSACOLA.

The government has found that a serious defect exists in the engines of the frigate Pensacola; so much so, that they will probably have to be entirely replaced. This, of course, will be a very costly operation, and will detain the vessel some time.

Special Washington Despatches to the N. Y. Herald.

AFFAIRS IN GENERAL BANKS' DIVISION.

General Banks telegraphed from Frederick last night that a signal officer at Maryland Heights reported troops from Winchester were moving towards Harper's Ferry. General Banks ordered the Sixteenth Indiana regiment, with two rifled guns, to the support of Colonel Geary.

ARRIVAL OF COLONEL MULLIGAN AND FAMILY.

Colonel James A. Mulligan and his family arrived here to-day. He finds himself without a commission, under an order from the Commanding General which extinguishes the commissions of officers in the regiment, as they are mustered out of service. His regiment was enlisted and sworn in for three years. They were all taken prisoners, and the Colonel himself was at the same time in the anomalous position of a civilian and a prisoner of war. The Government will probably grant Col. Mulligan authority to raise a regiment without delay.

Special Washington Despatches to the New York Times.

EMANCIPATION IN KENTUCKY.

We understand that the President has been assured that the Legislature of Kentucky will soon emancipate all slaves in that State, reimbursing loyal men for losses sustained thereby.

THE MOVING THE FLAG TO NEW ORLEANS.

Prominent men from the West believe that the army from the Western States can, before spring, carry the Stars and Stripes in triumph to New Orleans.

THE NEW EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

About two hundred prisoners of war in Washington and the Northern cities have been released in order of the Government, and will be forwarded to Fortress Monroe under a flag of truce. Each prisoner gives his parole not to take up arms against the United States until the government notifies him to the contrary.

Since the Port Royal victory the Confederates have been more anxious than our own Government to effect an exchange.

THE CASE OF GEN. PATTERSON.

Gen. Patterson called for a Court of Inquiry nearly a month ago, but owing to the absence of the Secretary of War, at the time, no action was taken. Recently he has renewed his demand, and the subject is now under consideration. As an inquiry would affect Gen. Scott, as well as Patterson, the propriety of granting it, during the absence of the former, may well be doubted.

The Negro Question.

The Washington *Republican* of yesterday says:

The *Star* has not yet mustered courage to avow its real hostility to the abolition of slavery in this district, but contents itself with slurs. The *Intelligencer* is, of course, silent. It is always with reluctance that that paper ever alludes to any subject more modern than Noah's ark.

Skirmish at Annandale.

The Washington *Republican* of yesterday says:

Yesterday General Stahl's brigade went out towards Annandale, in which vicinity, it was said, they encountered a Confederate force, with what result we have not heard; but after the engagement had commenced, a despatch was sent to General Blenker's headquarters for more troops and a battery,