ELECTION NOTICE.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND, SCT.—To the Sheriff of Baltimore City greeting:

WHEREAS, the seat of Coleman Yellott, a Senator of the State of Maryland for Baltimore city, has been vacated under a resolution of the Senate, passed on the twelfth day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty one.

And whereas the Constitution of this State provides that in case of the removal from this city of a Senator, a warrant of election shall be issued by the President of the Senate for the election of another person in his place.

Now, therefore, I, HENRY H. GOLDSBOROUGH, President of the Senate of Maryland, do, by virtue of authority in me vested by the Constitution of the State of Maryland, hereby order and direct that an election for Senator of the State aforesaid for the city of Baltimore be held at the places designated by law, on THURSDAY, the ninth day of January, 1862, to supply the vacancy created by the removal of the said Coleman Yellott, and that you, the Sheriff of Baltimore city, do give notice thereof at least for three weeks, exclusive of the day of publication of the day of election, for all of which this shall be your sufficient warrant.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, this 12th day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty one.

HENRY H. GOLDSBOROUGH,
President of the Senate of Maryland.

Attest: CHAPMAN HARWOOD, Secretary.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, That in accordance with the above warrant, an election will be held in the city of Baltimore for Senator of the State of Maryland for the city of Baltimore, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of January, 1862. The election to be held at such places as designated by the Judges of Election in and for Baltimore city, appointed for each precinct in compliance with the laws regulating elections in Baltimore city.—The polls will be kept open on the above named day from 8 o'clock A. M. until 5 o'clock P. M., as prescribed by law.

EDWARD R. SPARKS,
Sheriff of Baltimore City.

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No. 124 W. Baltimore street,

BALTIMORE, MD.

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No. 62 LIGHT ST.,

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*MANUFACTURERS OF*

## AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS,

AND DEALERS IN

## GRAIN AND GARDEN SEEDS.

d14-3m

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

The Partnership heretofore existing between the Subscribers, under the firm of ALDRIDGE, HIGDON & CO., is this day Dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late Firm will be settled by either of the partners.

ANDREW ALDRIDGE,
F. W. ALRICKS.

Baltimore, 14th Dec. 1861. d14-3t

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE, Cupola room, Adjoining City Hall.

All persons in arrears for 1860 and 1859 will take notice that I will proceed to collect all arrearages in this office, by suit or advertisement and sale. A list of such property may be seen at this office. If the taxes thereon are not paid before FRIDAY, 20th inst., they will be handed to the Surveyor to be platted for advertisement and sale.

d14-3t JOHN J. GRAVES, Auditor.

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Prepared Expressly for

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FOR GRATES, STEAM and SMITHS' PURPOSES,

*Wholesale and Retail.*

*PINE AND OAK WOOD,*

SAWED AND SPLIT, READY FOR USE.

ALSO,

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A large stock of strictly

*PURE OLD RYE WHISKIES,*

from distillers of high reputation.

The undersigned respectfully invites examination of his stock, which he offers at very low prices for cash, in quantities to suit buyers.

THOS. THOMPSON,
d14-3m 29 South Gay street.

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### GREAT CENTRAL
## HOOP SKIRT, CORSET
*AND KID GLOVE DEPOT,*

No. 147 BALTIMORE STREET.

(UNDER CARROLL HALL.)

I WILL OPEN THIS DAY my NEW WINTER SKIRT—*something entirely new.* Also, a full line of Ladies' and Misses' Steel Skirts, from 4 to 100 springs; with a full assortment of Corsets and Fancy Goods of all kinds.

d5-1m E. BONNEY.

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MERRILL, THOMAS & CO.,

DEALERS IN

*GUNS, RIFLES, PISTOLS,* &c.,

No. 239 Baltimore Street,

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WILLIAM F. OWENS,

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HAS JUST RECEIVED A NEW, CHOICE and COMPLETE assortment of

*FALL AND WINTER*

FURNISHING GOODS

FOR GENTLEMEN.

Cartwright & Warner's celebrated English Merino

*UNDER-SHIRTS AND DRAWERS.*

Scotch Wool, Red and Shaker Flannel Goods of every size and quality.

SHIRTS MADE TO ORDER

by our improved pattern, and warranted to fit.

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FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH CARD.—A complete Fire Alarm Telegraph on large cards, suitable for Counting Rooms—got up in a neat form—two colors—for sale at the office of THE SOUTH 132 Baltimore Street, up stairs. Price 10 cents.

## FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
### CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

WILL OPEN TO-DAY:

*SHAWLS! SHAWLS! SHAWLS!*

200 BROCHE CASHMERE SHAWLS, bought at Auction, which will be sold at half price.

Also, 2000 yds BLACK SILKS, of superior make; extra bargains.

ALSO—

*CLOAKS! CLOAKS! CLOAKS!*

of our own Manufacturing—latest Paris styles.

☞ Cloak and Shawl Department in second story.

ALSO, a general assortment of

*FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS*

AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES FOR CASH.

J. EDWARD BIRD & BRO.,
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FOR
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Will be opened this week

A beautiful assortment of

GENUINE
MEERSCHAUM PIPES,
With rich Silver mountings,

Fine and elegant,
Elaborately Carved

*MEERSCHAUM SMOKERS,*
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All of the celebrated
VIENNA MAKE.
Also,
CHOICE HAVANA CIGARS,
Cabanas, Figaros, Espanolas, &c.,
All of which are our own importation.

RUTH'S POPULAR STORE,
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FINEST SHIRT, $1.75.

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SHIRT MANUFACTORY,
Made to Order, or Ready Made,
146 W. *Baltimore St., Up Stairs,*
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BOSOMS, WRISTBANDS AND COLLARS
STITCHED, &c.

GOOD SHIRT, $1.25.

MAKING SHIRTS, 75 CENTS EACH.

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*SCOURER AND DYER,*
91 Charles street,
Between Pleasant and Mulberry streets,
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## DRY GOODS HOUSE.
NEW STOCK
OF
*Fall and Winter Dry Goods.*

The undersigned having just taken possession of their new and elegant Marble Front Store, have with great care selected a large and desirable stock of all kinds of Dry Goods, to which they respectfully invite the attention of purchasers and the trade in general to our stock of

*DRESS GOODS,*

Of which we have a splendid assortment of fine and medium qualities and beautiful styles, of the most recent importations.

Cloths, Cassimeres, Satinets and Vestings,

Of every shade and quality, both Foreign and Domestic, black and fancy. Have just received a large lot of

FULLED LINSAYS AND BLANKETS,

*Fine and Medium qualities of Blankets,*

Suitable for Military and House-keepers.

ALSO, 500 DOZEN COUNTRY KNIT HALF HOSE.

WE HAVE A SELECT ASSORTMENT OF

Shawls, Wooten Under Shirts and Drawers,

*Furnishing Goods in great variety,*

And Notions of all kinds suitable to the trade.

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## Cloak and Mantilla Emporium.
## E. W. JOY,

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I WOULD RESPECTFULLY call the attention of the public to my present stock of GOODS, of my own Importation and Manufacture, which will be found more extensive and varied than usual, and offer to my customers the

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at the smallest remunerative profit—my facilities being inferior to none. I defy competition. n 9-tf

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## Cloaks, Cloaking Materials, and
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WE ARE NOW OFFERING at retail a large and attractive stock of

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## CLOAKS

*AT EXTREMELY LOW PRICES.*

The stock comprises all the latest novelties in Parisian and English designs, manufactured expressly for our retail trade.

Our past reputation shall be a future guarantee that we shall always endeavor to make this establishment the most attractive in this city in our line.

JOSEPH BICKERTON & CO.,
no 4 tf 183 Baltimore st., 2 doors from Light.

## CITY ITEMS

*Entered Upon the Discharge of his Duties.*—We mentioned the fact a few days since, that the gentlemanly and popular superintendant of the Northern Central Railroad, Mr. James C Clarke had resigned his position, and that Mr. DuBarre, formerly connected with the Fort Wayne and Chicago road, had been elected to fill his place. Mr. DuBarre arrived here on Friday last and has been duly installed in his new office. Mr. DuBarre was connected with the above road for a long time, and his strict attention to business and gentlemanly deportment gained an enviable reputation. Although we are reluctant to part with Mr. Clarke, we have every reason to believe that his new successor will establish himself in the good graces of our community, and prove every way equal to the task imposed upon him.

*A Federal Policeman Shot.*—About nine o'clock last night, a party of young men were passing the intersection of North and Bath streets, singing in a loud tone, when Police officer George Godfrey remonstrated with them, and upon the party persisting in their noisy amusement, Godfrey attempted to arrest one of them. Immediately thereupon, one of the party drew his revolver and shot the officer in the head, the ball striking the left jaw-bone and passing into the neck. The entire party then made their escape. The officer was conveyed to his home, and Dr. O'Donnell pronounced the wound of a dangerous character. Six arrest have been made since the affair occurred, all of whom being held for a furtl er examination.

*The Knights of the Needle.*—The Association known as the Union Tailors, principally composed of Germans, paraded the streets this morning with music, banners and a quantity of flags.—During their route they halted in front of Gen. Dix's headquarters, and gave three cheers for the Union, went on their way rejoicing. We heard they were on a strike for higher wages, and also that a part of the programme was to take possession of their new meeting room on the corner of Sharp and Baltimore streets. As they were returning, they halted in front of the *Clipper* office, and played "Hail Columbia."

*Death of Rev. Dr. McFarland.*—We are greatly shocked to hear of the death of the Rev. Dr. McFarland, Rector of Saint Mark's (Episcopal) Church, who expired suddenly yesterday morning in the church immediately after the conclusion of his sermon. His abrupt demise is attributed to an attack of apoplexy. Dr. McFarland was a native of Virginia and was a valuable and charitable citizen. He built the church in which he officiated out of his private funds, and was noted for his zeal, his charity and all the Christian virtues.

*A Sacralegious Thief.*—At a late hour on Friday night, the Second Presbyterian Church lecture room was entered by some thieves and robbed of a number of articles. Among other things stolen were the carpets and a handsome bible.—The missionary box was also broken open, but the thieves were not paid for their trouble, as the money had been removed. A brass button, which belonged to a military overcoat, was found upon the floor. The miscreants desecrated the altar before taking their departure.

*Holliday Street Theatre.*—In consequence of the favor in which the tragedy of Jane Shore was received last week, the management has been induced to repeat the performance this evening. Miss Western will sustain the character of Jane Shore Mrs. Phillips, that of Alicia, and Mr. E. L. Tilton that of Dumont. The ever popular melo drama of Black Eyed Susan, with Miss Western as Susan and Mr. Tilton as William, will also be produced. Miss Olivia will dance a Pas Suel during the evening.

*Health of the City.*—The Health Commissioners report for the week ending last night, shows a total of 83 deaths. Consumption carried off 18, and scarlet fever 15. Of the whole number 56 were under 15 years of age.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

MONDAY, December 16, 1861.

$800 Baltimore city 6's, '75.....86

Prices and Sales of Stocks in New York.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO LEONARD J. WERNET, STOCK AND EXCHANGE, No. 22 SOUTH ST.]

First Board, December 16.

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| Virginia 6's..... | 45 sales | N. Carolina 6's.. | 55 sales |
| Missouri 6's..... | 37½ do | Cleveland & Tol. | — do |
| Canton Co..... | 9¾ do | Mich.South.RR. | — do |
| Erie Railroad... | 26½ do | Mich. So. Guar. | — do |
| N. Y. Central.. | 75¾ do | Tennessee bonds. | 40¼ do |
| Reading..... | 31 do | Treasury 6 pr ct 2 ys. | — |

Market heavy.

IMPORTANT SALES OF DRY GOODS.

*UNPRECEDENTED LOW PRICES.*

FOR CASH ONLY.

HAMILTON EASTER & CO.,

HAVE NOW OPEN

THEIR LAST WEEK'S PURCHASES IN NEW YORK,

EMBRACING MANY STYLES OF

DRESS GOODS,

At Half Cost of Importation.

HOUSEKEEPING AND FAMILY GOODS,

*Strong and Durable Fabrics,*

MUCH UNDER USUAL PRICES.

*MOURNING GOODS.*

Another case of extra quality,

BLACK BAREGE, TWO YARDS WIDE.

*Also, Just Opened, a Large Lot of*

BLEACHED AND BROWN COTTONS,

*AT WAR PRICES.*

THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BALTIMORE AND HAVRE-DE GRACE TURNPIKE COMPANY will please take notice, that pursuant to their charter, an election will be held at the Company's office in the city of Baltimore, on MONDAY, the sixth day of January, 1862, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock, noon, for a President, eight managers and a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

GEO. H. WILLIAMS, Sec'y.

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GREATEST ARRIVAL OF THE SEASON.

*SPLENDID CHERRY STONE OYSTERS!*

P. Reilly, ELDON HALL, No. 78 Fayette st., has received the finest lot of Cherry Stone Oysters that has reached here this season, to which the attention of epicures is invited. They are better fitted for roasting than any oyster which has reached this market for several years.

☞ Families supplied—shucked or in the shell, by the dozen or hundred. d12-3t

BALTIMORE COAL COMPANY'S COAL.

I HAVE NOW ON HAND, and will be constantly supplied with a full stock of the above celebrated COAL, which I offer to consumers at the very lowest market prices.

R. W. TYSON,
no 2-5w Sole Agent, 58 Second street.

# LATEST NEWS
## BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

### THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.

SENATE.

Mr. Grimes presented the petition of the citizens of Iowa for a change in the law which excludes Jewish Chaplains from the army. Also, a petition that in consequence of the present rebellion slavery may be absolutely and unconditionally abolished.

Mr. Sumner presented several petitions asking that the slaves of rebels be emancipated. Also, the petion of the Mayor of Boston and others, asking the repeal of the law in respect to Jewish Chaplains. Referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Chandler presented a petition in favor of an exchange of prisoners.

Mr. Ten Eyck offered a resolution that the present war is for the Union according to the Constitution, and that the object is to save the former and enfoace the latter; that it was so in the beginning, and should be so to the last; that measures extreme and radical, and disruptive in themselves, involving in a common fate the loyal and disloyal, should not be resorted to; and that in suppressing treason the Government cannot prove a traitor to organic law. Laid over.

Mr. Hale offered a resolution that the Committee on Military affairs be requested to inquire into the expediency of providing a uniform manner of dealing with the slaves of Rebels and those made prisoners or escaping from their masters. Agreed to.

Mr. Lane, of Indiana, offered a resolution that the committee on the Judiciary be requested to provide by law so that aiders and abettors of treason be prevented from bringing their suits for the collection of debts into the Courts of the United States. Agreed to.

Mr. Sumner offered a resolution that the Committee on Patents inquire if any additional legislation is necessary to secure to persons of African descent the right to take out patents. Agreed to.

Mr. Wilkinson offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Jesse D. Bright, Senator from Indiana, did on the 1st of March last write a letter to Jefferson Davis (letter read, introducing a Mr. Lincoln to Davis as having an improvement in fire arms) and whereas such letter evidences disloyalty; therefore

*Resolved,* That Jesse D. Bright be expelled from the Senate of the United States.

Mr. Cowan moved a reference to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Bright said that perhaps it was not improper to say a word as to the truth of the charges making against him through a licentious press.

It had been charged that he had absented himself from the Senate for fear of such a resolution as just offered. It was not so. He had been confined to his room. He had no objection to the resolution. He believed that in a service of 17 years he had done nothing inconsistent with his duty as American Senator, or citizen or gentleman.

He courted an investigation into all his acts, public and private. He asked to have a letter read in answer to the one already read (letter read) to Mr. Fitch, saying that he was opposed to the abolitionists, but always had been in favor of the preservation and integrity of the Union, but was opposed to the coercive policy of the Government.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Conway, rising to a question of privilege, alluded to a dialogue between himself and Mr. Foulke on Thursday. The former had included the battle of Belmont as in the series of defeats to our arms. Mr. Foulke has ineffectually asked Mr. Harding, who has the floor, to yield to him, that he might, in his own language, nail the falsehood to the counter. Mr Conway had explained that he obtained his information from the newspapers, and said that he did not at that time hear the offensive remarks with distinctness. He now desired to know whether Mr. Foulke intended to make the charge of falsehood personally applicable to him.

Mr. Foulke replied that he never heard of any newspaper paragraphs to that effect, excepting in the Chicago *Tribune*, which was afterwards contradicted. He then made a brief statement of the battle of Belmont, to show that it was a victory to the Federal troops, concluding by saying that it was unkind in Conway to insist on characterizing it as a defeat. He would permit the gentleman to make the application of the language he had heretofore uttered, as he, Mr. Conway, was the only judge in the matter.

Mr. Conway replied that Mr. Foulke had refused to avail himself of his generosity. He submitted to the candid judgment of the House whether such conduct did not clearly manifest a deliberate purpose to bring on a personal collision without cause, and whether such conduct was not only unbecoming a member of this House, but rather that of a blackguard and scoundrel. [Sensation.]

Mr. Richardson immediately called to order.—This, he said, was not the place to settle such difficulties. [Cries of "Order."]

Mr. Fouke wanted to say one word in reply.

Mr. Stevens and others objected. They had had enough of such things

The Speaker informed Mr. Foulke that no debate was in order

Mr. Foulke, amid cries "order," was understood to say that Mr. Conway was a disgrace to the nation and humanity.

Here the matter ended in the House.

Among the bills introduced and referred, was one by Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, donating lands to the several States for the founding of Agricultural Colleges.

The House passed the bill to strike from the pension rolls the names of all persons who have taken up arms against the Government, or in any manner aided the rebellion.

Mr. Granger introduced a bill for the relief of the Union soldiers now prisoners at Richmond and elsewhere in the Confederate States. A letter was read, at his instance, from one of the prisoners, showing their destitution, etc.

Mr. Wickliffe stated that the Quartermaster's Department had promptly met their necessities by sending to the South two thousand full suits of clothing. The bill was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

### FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

SUNDAY, Dec. 15.—The steamer Georgiana, Capt. Cannon, reached her dock this morning at 6 o'clock, but brings no news of importance.

There was no flag of truce yesterday either way, and therefore no letters, papers or reports from the South were received.

The steamer Illinois arrived from Port Royal yesterday, and reports that a dense smoke was seen on Friday morning in the direction of Charleston; but it was not known at Port Royal that a fire had occurred at Charleston, and it was thought to come from the burning of cotton and other products on the plantations along the coast

She also reports that the pilot boat Richard Blant, of New York, had arrived at Port Royal, and was intended to be used as a pilot in the waters contiguous to that point.

Everything was quiet at Port Royal and Fortress Monroe.

MONDAY, Dec. 16.—The steamer Adelaide, Capt. Cannon, arrived here this morning at an early hour this morning, and reports that no flag of truce was exchanged yesterday, and nothing further in relation to the reported fire at Charleston had been received.

The steamer Constitution had arrived at the Fortress yesterday from Ship Island, in Mississippi Sound, near the coast of Mississippi, where she had landed 2,000 troops, comprising a part of Gen. Butler's expedition.

The steamer Illinois sailed yesterday for Port Royal, with a very large mail, but carried no troops.

The steamer James Adger had arrived at the Fortress from this port, where she has lately been repairing.

The Confederate troops stationed at Sewell's Point were reinforced yesterday, and the men supplied with new arms and fresh provisions, and it was thought that an attack on the Federal positions in the neighborhood was contemplated by Gen Magruder, and that a fight might be daily looked for in that quarter. With this exception all was very quiet in and around Fortress Monroe.

#### Latest from Old Point.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 15.—There was no flag of truce sent up to Norfolk to-day on account of the heavy wind.

The steamer Constitution, Captain A. F. Fletcher, arrived here this afternoon from Ship Island, Mississippi, on the Gulf of Mexico, about 85 miles from New Orleans, where she arrived on the 3d of December with the 26th Massachusetts Regiment and 9th Connecticut Regiment, part of Gen. Butler's expedition, which were heretofore reported as having gone to Port Royal.

The troops were all landed next day, 4th inst., in the short space of four hours, by means of some Confederate steamers which had been conveniently captured by our fleet in the Gulf. After stopping at Ship Island four days, the Constitution sailed for Key West and Havana. She remained at Havana two days, and thence proceeded to this point, whence, after coaling, she will sail for Boston to-morrow evening; and, as is supposed, take on board three more regiments for the South.

The whole trip of the Constitution, from the time she left New York on the 16th of November, and thence to Boston for the troops which she conveyed to the Gulf, has been accomplished in 29 days. She carried 800 tons of freight in addition to the troops, and has thus proved a valuable transport. She reports the weather as delightful during the entire trip.

A steamer, doubtless the Spaulding, from Port Royal, is coming up the bay.

PROCLAMATION OF GEN. PHELPS.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—Despatches received here relative to the news from Ship Island say that, on the 5th inst., Brig. General Phelps put forth a proclamation to the loyal citizens of the South-west strongly anti-slavery in its tone.

### FROM MISSOURI.

SEDALIA, Dec. 14.—Parties from the West, arrived here, report that 3,000 Confederate troops, under Gen. Stein, passed a point 15 miles west of Warrensburg, on the 11th, evidently for the purpose of escorting some 600 or 800 Confederate recruits, with their baggage, provisions, &c., from Lexington to Price's army. Capt. Sweeney and his band of 40 Confederates, captured a few days since by a detachment of our cavalry, have been brought here.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—John Hagan, the late postmaster of this city, was arrested yesterday, charged with the embezzlement of several thousand dollars from the department during his term of office. He was taken before the U. S. Commissioner and held in $10,000 bail.

Gen. Halleck's order, relative to an assessment on the secessionists for the benefit of the refugees from the Southwest, is not yet carried into effect, but probably will be this week.

The last instalment of the Camp Jackson prisoners was sent to Cairo last evening to be forwarded to Columbus.

REPORTED BATTLE AT LEXINGTON—THE CONFEDERATES IN POSSESSION.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 15.—The *Democrat* learns from a gentleman just from Lexington, that Generals Rains and Stein, with 6,000 Confederates, were in possession of that town on Friday last, and another large body of troops was expected to reach there yesterday. Gen. Prentiss, it is said, was on the north side of the river, with 3,000 U. S. troops, and had thrown a few shells in the Confederate camp, and destroyed one of the two ferry boats in their hands.

This informant says that he heard heavy firing after leaving Lexington on Friday, indicating that an engagement was progressing between our forces and the Confederates. Also that General Davis' brigade of U. S. troops left Otterville on Friday for Lexington. These statements need confirmation.

The Confederate Captain Sweeney and 63 other Confederate prisoners reached here last night.

#### The Impending Battle.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 15.—The *Enquirer's* Louisville correspondence, under date of the 14th, says that General Johnston, with 15,000 United States troops, is on the Northern bank of the Green River, and General Rosseau is seven miles distant, preparing to join him. Another brigade under Gen. McCook is also moving to concentrate at Munfordsville.

Gen. Buckner, with 2,500 Confederate troops, was covering all the hills two miles back from Green river, and was preparing to prevent our troops from crossing that river.

General Thomas' division on the left wing, is bearing down from the east, to get in Buckner's rear.

General Mitchell's division on the right wing, moves this morning toward Green River.

The Confederates are on the move, and an engagement is imminent.

Gen. Buell is in constant telegraphic communication with our advancing columns, and is employing all the rolling stock on the Louisville and Nashville road in forwarding troops and supplies. All the bridges are repaired and the trains are running through to Munfordsville. Six new Ohio regiments will pass through Cincinnati this week for Kentucky.

The *Commercial's* Frankfort despatch says that the Southern Bank of Kentucky, at Hopkinsville, having ordered the Louisville branch to pass large sums to the credit of the mother bank in Liverpool, to be used, as suspected, to aid the rebellion, the Legislature has authorized the branches to act independently of the mother bank until the State authority is re established.

The Postmaster at Somerset writes under date of the 13th, that both armies are acting on the defensive and fortifying. A gentleman in the confidence of General Schoeff writes under the same date, that General Zollicoffer is fortifying at Fishing Creek, 3 miles west of Somerset.

Dr. John Jackson, without provocation, shot and severely wounded a Minnesota soldier, who went to his house, near Springfield, to buy hay. Jackson was arrested and taken to Lebanon, and will probably be tried by military law. He was a Douglas Elector from the Ashland District, and brother of the Jackson who shot Ellsworth.

Vague rumors are afloat of a fight at Munfordsville between Gen. McCook's division and the enemy, but they are not credited.