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Sales at Auction To-Day.

By E. T. Montgomery, at 10½ o'clock, at the foot of Toulouse street, (Old Basin) lumber, flooring, ceiling, and white oak boxes; at 11½ o'clock, at No. 95 Camp street, choice oats, hams, starch, and lard.

By R. B. Murphy, at 10 o'clock, opposite Post 20 Third District, potatoes.

By the Sheriff, at 12 o'clock, the contents and fixtures of a coffee-house situated at the corner of St. Louis street and Exchange Alley.

By E. H. Jones, at 10 o'clock, at Clayton Fisher's store, between Virginia and Carondelet streets, oats, hams, coffee, &c.

By Duncan F. Kenner & Co., at 12 o'clock, at the Old Exchange Sale Room, Exchange Alley, [illegible]

We are indebted to the officers of the steamship Creole for late Western papers.

The attention of buyers is called to the sale and choice, &c., to take place this day, at 10 o'clock, by Vincent & Co., at the store of Messrs. Dumas & Ivares, 136 Chartres street, the advertisement.

There will be sold by E. T. Montgomery this day, 24th inst., at 10½ o'clock, at the foot of Toulouse street, about 7000 feet good new lumber, suitable for flooring and ceiling, and much needed in this market; also, 50 assorted white oak boxes. At 11½ o'clock, at store No. 95 Camp street, choice oats, starch, hams and lard—all superior quality. See advertisements.

D. W. C. Bennington, auctioneer, gives notice that the sale of miscellaneous, law, medical, theological and school books will be opened to-day, (Monday, November 24) at 11 o'clock. Terms cash in currency.

ARRIVAL OF THE McCLELLAN.—We received last night the following dispatch:

New Orleans, November 23, 1862.—The steamship McClellan will be here to morrow morning at 7 o'clock. She crossed the bar early this evening.

OPERATOR.

The Sheriff sells at auction this day, at 11 o'clock, A. M., on the premises, the unexpired stock fixtures of a coffee-house, situate on St. Louis street, corner of Exchange Alley, Second District. See advertisement.

Furniture, carpets, mattresses and a rosewood parlor set at auction, to-day, (Monday) at 11 o'clock, by McCerren & Landry, at their mart.

A correspondent of the New York *Times* writes from Bridgeville, near the Gap of that name, under date of November 21, as follows, touching the capture and release of the Assistant Adjutant-General of Gen. Meagher:

MAJOR O'NEIL TAKEN PRISONER.

The General informed me that only half an hour before his Assistant Adjutant General, Major Thomas O'Neil, had been taken prisoner by some rebel cavalry who were in the rear, on the edge of the woods on the road leading out of the town. They have on the blue jackets of our own cavalry, and thus the more easily deceive our officers. General Meagher directed Major O'Neil to take a small guide color and proceed cautiously upon the road and plant the flag where it might be seen, when, if the mounted men were our own, they would approach and make themselves known. The Major, however, proceeded straight into the line of the rebel scouts, who lay in ambush until he had passed, when they closed in behind him, and, without firing a gun, demanded his surrender. He was immediately carried to the rear, and by this time is no doubt on his *second* journey to Richmond. General Meagher is very much exercised at his loss. Major O'Neil being a very valuable assistant at his times. He speaks of him as a very brilliant man. He belonged to the Second Battalion New York Artillery, and for some years was connected with the 69th New Yorkers. After making their capture the rebels fired on our pickets and made off.

"Had the Major any papers of value on his person?" Nothing but a song entitled 'The Green Old Flag,' the General replied, with a faint sympathy. "I hope he will sing it to them until they let him go again." I replied.

RECAPTURE OF MAJOR O'NEIL.

I am very happy to be able to state that Major O'Neil has returned safe and sound to General Meagher's headquarters. He states that he was deceived by the United States uniforms and flag carried by the squad of four mounted rebels. When he approached and ordered them they presented carbines, and obliged him to surrender. They then proceeded toward a church at Bloomfield, where they said they had a squadron of cavalry, but on reaching the spot the church was locked, and no cavalry in sight. Shortly afterward some cavalry pickets made their appearance, and the rebels, supposing them to be their own men, rushed up to them, and were surprised to find themselves the victims of their own decoy ducks. They forced to be some of Gen. Pleasanton's men. Two attempted to escape, but ran into our pickets shots. The others yielded with a good grace, and, with their horses, were sent to Gen. Pleasanton's headquarters. The arrival of Major O'Neil, after his exciting but adventurous trip, was the theme of great rejoicing.

Important from Charleston.

A BRITISH PRIVATE VISIT.—DEPARTURE OF THE BRITISH CONSUL.—THE YELLOW FEVER RAGING.—1000 PLATE STEAMER RUNS THE BLOCKADE.

Boston, November 12.—The correspondent of the Boston *Journal* writes from on board the U. S. steamer South Carolina, off Charleston, under date of October 18, as follows:

The British frigate *Racer*, by permission of Flag officer Gregory, entered Charleston harbor, and took away as a passenger the British consul.

The consul says that the rebels have just launched a powerful ram, and that two ironclads are all ready for planting with iron, which they expect every day to arrive from England in an iron-plated steamer. He also reports the rebel steamer Nashville lying at the mouth of Sheer Point, six miles from Charleston, watching for a chance to run out.

He reports that there were over two hundred cases of yellow fever at Charleston when he left.

The same correspondent, under date of October 19th, writes as follows:

About one o'clock this night heavy firing was heard in the north ward, which continued for half an hour, when the second of the great ships before projected to be armed right was launched.

This morning a boat arrived from the flag-ship informing us that a vessel had run the blockade during the night, and the firing heard was from the Flambeau, which put under weigh before the steamer ran the line of the blockade, and attempted to stop her, but she took not the slightest notice of the Flambeau, which fired twenty-two shots against her sides, but they rattled off like so much hail. She must have been ironplated and think at that, or the Flambeau's rifle shots would have gone through her, but she did not seem to mind them, and kept on up the channel and ran in. It is reported that she landed two or three hundred troops with the iron plates for the same; she is to go up to Fort Sumter to work her guns, and it is supposed they have besides wooden gun carriages to expose them to.

Interesting from Kentucky.

REBELS REPORTED IN THE VICINITY OF HUNTSVILLE.—DISMISSAL OF A LIEUTENANT FROM THE UNION ARMY.—INTERRUPTION OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION WITH NASHVILLE, ETC.

Louisville, November 11, 1862.—The *Journal* says the rebel force under General Wheeler was within fifteen miles of Munfordville last night, when reinforcements were ordered forward. General Gilbert had sufficient force to protect the Green river bridge.

Information reached General Rosecrans last night that troops proceeding from Louisville towards Nashville to return to the absence of [illegible] organization.

According to the latest reports all was quiet at Nashville.

Lieutenant Johnson, of the Seventeenth Kentucky, (Union) brother of Adam R. Johnson, the rebel guerrilla, of Owingsville, executed his sentence in Major-General Cook, pleading as a reason for pardon, that the President of the United States had promised him from General Gordon Granger, commanding at Nashville, that he should not be shot.

After ten or fifteen days' confinement, no charge having been preferred, General Boyle released him, ordering him again his regiment without delay.

Johnson again tendered his resignation on the ground aforesaid, when he was placed under arrest and dismissed from the service in disgrace, and his bondsmen of office arrested from him in the presence of the whole regiment.

General Rosecrans's orders on this subject were read at the head of the regiment. Johnson then said bonds of our bonds to report to General Boyle, and declared not to be under the flag. The Southern flag was working in Nashville. Johnson came home to-day and five his afternoon. At the latest advices he was still at home, and in no way molested by the guerrillas scouts of Colonels, Jones, to which place it is now in operation.

Removal of General McClellan.

The Washington *Intelligencer* of the 14th instant, under this heading, publishes the following:

The subjoined letter has been given to the public as containing some of the reasons why the President has concurred with his military advisers in making the most important change in the command of the Army of the Potomac:

It will be observed, however, from the date of the letter of Gen. Halleck, that it gives reasons which might have been urged in explanation of the removal of Gen. McClellan a year or three weeks ago, if that step had then been taken by the Administration. As he was withheld by command of the latter representations by Gen. Halleck, urged on him by the then chief of staff, and which are now judiciously exhumed and laid at his door relieved for reasons which may seem to him sufficient, or which he may have previously received upon by the President, (as was hinted by several journals supposed to be in the confidence of the Administration) may hold in suspense for some undisclosed reason of State policy. The former of these supositions is strengthened by the statement made in the *Morning Chronicle*, from which we copy the letter, and which says, in introducing the communication, that the removal of Gen. McClellan was made for reasons which appeared "conclusive" to the Administration; and it adds that "these reasons will doubtless be made public, *should the interests of the country demand their disclosure.*" The "conclusive reasons," therefore, are something other than those contained in the subjoined letter, and have not yet been "disclosed."

Headquarters of the Army,
Washington, October 28, 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War.

Sir—In reply to the general interrogatories contained in your letter of yesterday, I have to respond as follows:

1st. That requisitions for supplies in the army under Gen. McClellan are made by his staff on duties of the chiefs of bureaus here; that is, for quartermasters' supplies, by his chief quartermaster, to the Quartermaster-General; for commissary supplies, by his chief commissary on the Commissary General, &c. No such requisitions have been, to my knowledge, made upon the Secretary of War, and none upon the General-in-Chief.

2d. On several occasions Gen McClellan has telegraphed to me that his army was deficient in certain supplies. All these telegrams were immediately referred to the heads of bureaus, whose duty it is to supply them. It was ascertained that, in every instance, the requisitions had been immediately complied with, save in the Quartermaster General's department. He was obliged to send from Philadelphia certain articles of clothing, tents, &c., not having a full supply here. There has not been, to her to Gen. McClellan, any necessary or delay, in any department or bureau, in having all supplies asked for by Gen. McClellan, or by the officers of his staff. Delays have occasionally occurred in forwarding supplies by rail, on account of the crowded condition of the depots, or of a want of cars, but whenever notified of this, agents have been sent out to remove the difficulty. Under the excellent superintendence of Gen. Haupt, I think these delays have been less frequent and of shorter duration than is usual with freight trains. As army of the size of that under General McClellan will frequently be for some days without the supplies asked for, on account of neglect in making timely requisitions and unavoidable delays in forwarding them and in distributing them to the different brigades and regiments. From all the information I can obtain, I am of opinion that the requisitions from that army have been filled more promptly, and they the more, as a general rule, have been better supplied than corps in any operating in the West. The latter have operated at much greater distances from the sources of supply, and have had less facilities for transportation. In fine, I believe that no army in the world, while in campaign, have been more promptly or better supplied than ours.

3d. Soon after the battle of Antietam General McClellan was urged to give me information of his intended movements, in order that, if he moved between the enemy and Washington, reinforcements could be sent from this place. On the first of October, finding that he did not intend to operate from Harper's Ferry, I urged him to cross the river at once and give battle to the enemy, pointing out to him the disadvantages of delaying till the autumn rains had swollen the Potomac and impaired the roads. On the 5th of October, he was peremptorily ordered to "cross the Potomac and give battle to the enemy or drive him." Your army will move now, while the roads are good." It will be observed that three weeks have elapsed since this order was given.

4th. In my opinion there has been no such want of supplies in the army under General McClellan as to prevent his compliance with the order to advance against the enemy. Had he moved to the south side of the Potomac when he could have received his supplies almost as readily as by remaining inactive on the north side.

5th. On the 7th of October, in a telegram in regard to his intended movements, General McClellan stated that it would require at least three days to supply the first, 25th and 45th corps; that they need shoes and other indispensable articles of clothing, as well as ammunition. No complaint was made that any requisitions had not been filled, and it was inferred from his language that he was only waiting for the distribution of his supplies.

On the 13th he telegraphed that a portion of his supplies, sent by rail, had been delayed. As already stated, agents were immediately sent from here to investigate this complaint, and it was expected that everything had gone forward. On the same date (13th) he spoke of many of his horses being broken down by fatigue. On the 25th his demand had risen to eighty mules per company, and required also fifty horses per week to keep the artillery and cavalry in front of Washington.

I immediately directed the Quartermaster-General to inquire into this matter and report why a larger supply was not furnished. Gen. Meigs reported on the 14th that the average issues of horses to Gen. McClellan's army in the field and in front of Washington for the previous six weeks had been 1,209 per week, or 8754 in all. In addition, that large numbers of mules had been supplied, and that the number of animals with Gen. McClellan's army on the upper Potomac was over thirty-one thousand. He also reported that he was then sending to that army all the horses he could procure.

On the 18th Gen. McClellan stated in regard to Gen. Meigs's report, that he had filled every requisition for shoes and clothing, "Gen. Meigs must have overlooked the requisitions to be forwarded, but they have not been sent our depots, and, unless greater efforts to insure prompt transportation is made by the department of which Gen. Meigs is the head, they might as well remain in New York or Philadelphia, so far as this army is concerned." I immediately called Gen. Meigs's attention to the apparent neglect of his department. On the 25th he reported, as the result of his investigation, that 48,000 pairs of boots and shoes had been received by the quartermaster of the department at Washington, Alexandria, Harper's Ferry, Frederick, and Hagerstown; 30,000 pairs were at Harper's Ferry depot on the 22d; that 16,000 more were on their way, and 14,000 manufactured. The chief commissary and Chief Quartermaster to Gen. McClellan, telegraphed, on the 23d, "The suffering for want of clothing is exaggerated, I think, and certainly might have been avoided by timely requisitions of regimental and brigade commanders." On the 24th he telegraphed to the Quartermaster-General that the clothing not detained in cars at the depots, "with exceptions are in excellent condition. The last in the clothing arrived and is issued, but more is still wanted." I have ordered more than would seem necessary from day to day furnished me, and I beg to remind you that you have not yet fully complied with my requisitions, so far as clothing is concerned. Our depots are now [illegible] provides as soon as possible, and at the same time no time when clothing is [illegible] 200,000 men will call for clothing [illegible]

In reply to Gen. McClellan's means of [illegible] the waste of his army [illegible] the organization of the War Department, I report that, in addition to the ordinary mails, he has been in hourly communication with Washington by telegraph.

It is due to Gen. Meigs that I should submit herewith a copy of a telegram received by him from Gen. McClellan.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
H. W. HALLECK, General-in-Chief.

United States Military Telegraph.
Received October 22, 1862—4.45 P. M.

FROM MCCLELLAN'S HEADQUARTERS.

To Brig.-Gen. Meigs: Your dispatch of this date is received. I have never hesitated, in my letter or dispatch, to make any accusation against yourself or your department for not furnishing or forwarding clothing as rapidly as it was possible for you to do. I believe that every thing has been done that could be done in this respect. The idea that I have tried to convey was, that certain portions of the command were without clothing, and the only supply that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

GEO. B. McCLELLAN, Major General.

A LOUISIANIAN SENT TO THE "OLD CAPITOL PRISON."—A Washington dispatch of the 11th says:

A man named H. W. Skinner, an agent of the rebel Government, who was connected with Warrenton, was sent to the Old Capitol Prison yesterday. Skinner is a Louisianian, and was in Texas only a short time. Only the men in charge from that State.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT EXPEDITION.—We learn that Major-General David Hunter has been appointed to the command of an important military expedition now being prepared for operations against the rebels. Its destination is, of course, a secret.—*New York Herald*.

McClellan's Farewell Order to the Army of the Potomac—His Movements.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *World* writes to that paper, under date of the 16th, as follows:

Washington, November 11.—Major General McClellan and personal staff left Warrenton at 11 o'clock to-day.

On reaching Warrenton Junction a salute was fired. The troops, which had been drawn up in line, afterward broke ranks, when the soldiers crowded round him, and many eagerly called for a few parting words. He said in reply, "I wish you all good by. Remain as you have stood by me, and all will be well. Good by."

On the journey to Washington, at Manassas Junction, where the railroad depot was destroyed by the rebels, he made a speech upon the platform, and after the subsidence of the cheers said:

Fellow Citizens of Philadelphia: I thank you for your kindness. I have just parted with your brothers and sons in the army of the Potomac too recently to make a speech. Our parting was too sad. I can say nothing more to you, and I do not think you ought to expect a speech from me.

The train then proceeded along Washington avenue to the wharf. Its progress was hailed with cheers by the crowd. He was attended by his personal staff.

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[From the Washington *Star*, Nov. 18.]

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Now still the country may unqualifiedly accept the theory we enunciated yesterday by the *Chronicle*, that he was removed on account of astounding developments resulting from recent investigations, &c., which, if sustaining anything said in General McClellan, apparently merit an abnormal spot his loyalty, which that journal has long labored to perform, promptly retracts.

While it is very true that there have been several over since he was called to the command of the scattered, broken and dispirited forces of Pope, no one believes General McClellan and the military authorities here, with reference to the sufficiency of his supplies (especially for horses to go actively and artillery service,) we have heretofore published that true reason for his delay in obeying the order to fight the battle which probably to decide the result of the war, when and where he was ordered so to do by General Halleck. In a very different one. Read order directed that he put it to the test, or, while, as he evidently believed, he would be deprived of the assistance of perhaps fifty thousand of his troops, regarded by him as necessary to be kept on the Maryland side, at the forts, to save his rear and Maryland and Pennsylvania from disastrous consequences of another raid of Stuart's cavalry, which would almost surely bring about his defeat when the enemy accepted battle in the valley, if by that time Stuart had succeeded in cutting off his communication with Washington and Baltimore, and destroying it so completely necessitated and left on this side of the river. He must also have been influenced by the fact that if permitted to follow his own plan of campaign, he could not move his army across the river before the 25th of October, by which time the early rains would have swollen the streams, and many regard forward to shake hands with him. He received the demonstration with his wonted calmness, and acknowledged the compliment by simply bowing to the people.

The party then passed to the Camden Station, where another great crowd was in waiting, who cheered as Mr. McClellan made his appearance. He acknowledged the compliment as before, and stepped into the cars. At seven o'clock the train left for Philadelphia, amid the hearty and repeated cheers of the assembled multitude.

RECEPTION AT PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, November 11.—A crowd assembled at the Continental early this evening in anticipation of the arrival of Gen. McClellan. But the announcement was made that he would not arrive there, but proceed from the depot directly for Trenton. This caused the crowd to disperse, where a large multitude was assembled. The train arrived shortly after midnight and was hailed with most boisterous cheers and music from the band. In response to the calls of the people he appeared upon the platform, and after the subsidence of the cheers said:

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Arrival of the Steamship Creole.

LATER NORTHERN NEWS.

The U. S. mail steamship Creole, George W. Couch, commander, from New York November 15th, 7 days 19 hours to the Passes, with full freight, mail and passengers, to Wormston & Co., arrived here last night, bringing dates to the 15th. She made the passage from New York to the light on Tortugas in 5 days and 2 hours. She experienced a severe norther, with heavy rainfall of rain, during the whole of the passage. Passed 19th instant, steamship Union, from New York 15th, bound to Havana; 21st, at sunset, saw U. S. gunboat McClellan chasing a steamer burning salt cod.

From the New York *Times* of the 17th, we make the following extracts:

Army Operations in Virginia—Probable Evacuation of Culpeppper by the Rebels—Commencement of Reported Movement on Richmond—To be at Chester Gap with Forty Thousand Men—He is also said to be between Winchester and Harper's Ferry—Gen Gloucester Ready for him at Hither Point.

Headquarters Army of the Potomac,
Warrenton, Friday, November 14

A rebel brigade, which has for several days been reconnoitering our positions on the Rappahannock, left Jefferson this morning for Culpeppper. Pleasanton's cavalry drove their rear guard from Jefferson.

There are indications that the rebels are about evacuating Culpeppper.

Jackson is said to be still hovering about Chester Gap, with not over 40,000 men under his command. We have a force in his front which prevents his coming down on this side.

All is quiet here to night.

REPORTS FROM MANASSAS.

Philadelphia, Friday, November 14.—The Washington *Star* of this evening contains the following:

Manassas Junction, Friday, November 14.—Latest information from Warrenton relative to the time since Burnside assumed command that time since Burnside assumed command has been most profitably spent in perfecting army arrangement to worst the enemy when the grand attack of arms takes place.

REPORTS FROM HARPER'S FERRY.

Baltimore, Friday, Nov. 14.—A special correspondent of the *American*, dated Harper's Ferry, to-day, says it is believed there that Jackson is between Winchester and Harper's Ferry. Fearing from Winchester and our scouts report that Jackson passed through Winchester on Monday, and that Gen. Hill followed him on Tuesday. Skirmishing between our pickets and those of the rebels. It was intended that his arrival should not be generally known, but a large crowd was at the depot waiting for the train in which he was a passenger. The General was most cordially greeted by the assemblage, and many rushed forward to shake hands with him. He received the demonstration with his wonted calmness, and acknowledged the compliment by simply bowing to the people.

THE PLANS OF THE REBELS.

Harper's Ferry, Friday, November 14.—A contraband has made his way here, who states that he has heard high officers in the rebel service still remaining in the valley, expressing concerning the plan of operations they propose to undertake shortly. According to this negro's statement, they are to send a strong body of cavalry to make a raid between this point of Barnside's army and Washington, and, if possible, to destroy the railroad bridges. This cavalry will be followed by a large force of infantry and artillery to hold the passes and engage him to prevent him from interfering with this purpose said.

JACKSON MARCHING ON CUMBERLAND.

Washington, Friday, November 14.—Lieut. Rogers, of the staff of the rebel Gen. A. P. Hill, arrived to-day by Col. Price's cavalry while visiting his family near Leesburg. He says Jackson will be in Cumberland within twenty-four hours. Similar rumors of Jackson's movements are received from Harper's Ferry.

Important Arrests—Two of General McClellan's Staff Officers Taken to Washington—Other Arrests Probable.

Trenton, N. J. Friday, November 14.—Lieutenant-Colonels A. P. Cowles and J. D. Bates, of the Engineer Corps, both belonging to the staff of Gen. McClellan, were sent to Washington this morning, under arrest.

It is said that the orders were received by an officer of the United States army in this city, and that the persons named repaired at once to Washington to place themselves at the disposal of the authorities.

A report prevails here that other members of Gen. McClellan's staff are to be put under arrest.

The charges against them are unknown.

A large number of the citizens of Trenton and others are paying their respects, this morning, to the recent Commander of the Army of the Potomac.

The State street House is thronged with persons anxious to greet him, despite his wish to remain perfectly quiet.

Gen. McClellan left on his way from Philadelphia to pay him their respects.

From the headquarters of the army of the Potomac we learn that a rebel brigade, which has for several days been reconnoitering in position on the Rappahannock, left the vicinity yesterday morning for Culpepper, harrassed on their retreat by Gen. Pleasanton's cavalry. There are indications that the rebels intend to evacuate Culpepper, probably with a view to concentrate at Gordonsville. The reports as to the whereabouts of Jackson and his movements are contradictory. At headquarters he is reported to be still hovering about Chester Gap, with not more than forty thousand men under his command, while at Harper's Ferry it is believed that he is again approaching that point.

The same paper of the 14th has the following:

Important from the Southwest—Occupation of Holly Springs by General Grant—His Pickets Two Miles Westward—A Rush of Cavalry at Lagrange's Mills.

La Grange, Tenn., Thursday, November 13.—Gen. Grant's advance occupied Holly Springs to-day, and our pickets are two miles south of that place.

A second dispatch says that Col. Lee, of the Seventh Iowa Cavalry, had driven in the rebel pickets at Lamkin's Mills, on the Talahatchie river, four miles south of Holly Springs, and captured one hundred prisoners, among whom were several officers and a captain on Van Dorn's staff. A brisk skirmish is now going on at Lamkin's Mills, and the rebels all retreating.

General Grant is determined to drive the rebels to the wall, and to pin them there.

By command of Maj. Gen. U. S. GRANT.
A. DAVIS, P. M. General.

THE DRAFT AND ITS DIFFICULTIES.—*Harrisburg*, November 10.—The difficulty among the drafted men, which threatened serious results, has been satisfactorily adjusted. The late order of the War Department, preventing them from organizing into companies and regiments, according to the laws of the State, has been revoked. Thousands are now returning to the various rendezvous, who had shirked desertion or refused to assemble, while under the impression that they were to be forced into old regiments, and who refused to serve longer than the time for which they were drafted.

Richmond, November 10.—The draft in this State commenced to-day. In some localities it passed off quietly and in order. In Orable county, the men were seized by a mob and destroyed; the Commissioner was severely handled and fled to this city. In Milwaukie the conscripts were strong indications of trouble, complaints being made that injustice had been done in the cases of the wards, in not giving proper credit for volunteers. A draft of 9th ward is accomplished and marched through the city, to the number of 300 or 400 in procession. The result of the matter was, that the draft was postponed for the present.

[From the N. Y. Tribune of the 12th.]

Gov. Seward and President Buchanan

The Boston *Transcript* has the following bit of gossip in respect of the absence story that Governor Seward was President Buchanan's confidential adviser during the last days of his ill-starred rule:

Just at the close of Mr. Buchanan's Administration, the Hon. Francis Adams said to one of his colleagues: "I am going to tell you a secret Gov. Seward has been President of the United States for the last six weeks." "

There is a very short answer to all these stories. There are just two men with whom we habitually [illegible] that. If it were as alleged. One of these is James Buchanan, who has recently addressed the public in reply to Gen. Scott on this very question of his rule, and he does not hint that Governor Seward had any thing to do with it: the other is Governor Seward himself, who most emphatically contradicts it. How, then, can other persons of intimate and sometimes confidential, what is so positively denied?

YELLOW DEPUTY A PROPHET.—The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* writes on the 10th:

Among a number of Confederate prisoners who arrived here to day from the front, is a son of the Hon. [illegible] Secretary of Legation to the United States, Minister to Nicaragua, and long in public employment here. He was not long since dismissed under Buchanan, while [illegible]

We find in the *Journal of Commerce* of the 12th the subjoined correspondence, which explains the circumstances of the arrest and late imprisonment in New York of Mrs. Brinsmade, a lady of this city, the daughter of one of our most esteemed fellow-citizens, Mr. Thos. A. James:

A Mystery of New York.

The following correspondence between the counsel of Mrs. Brinsmade and Simeon Draper, Esq., Provost Marshal General, is published by request of her friends:—

OFFICE OF BOWDOIN, LANGCOURSE & BARLOW,
No. 35 William street.
New York, Nov. 8th, 1862.

Simeon Draper, Esq.,

DEAR SIR:—The friends of Mrs. Brinsmade, late of New Orleans, has requested me to ascertain the facts connected with her arrest and imprisonment. I believe they are substantially as follows:

About two months since Mrs. Brinsmade, the wife of Dr Brinsmade, a young lady of about twenty years of age, having a pass from General Butler, arrived in this city from New Orleans, having been passed by her father, Theodore A. James, Esq., a highly respectable merchant of that city, in the charge of Dr. Phelps, one of the surgeons of the steamer upon which he had passed her passage.

She brought letters from her father to Messrs. J. D. Sheet & Co., and other gentlemen of this city. Upon her arrival here she was accompanied to the Everett House by an naval officer, who had been requested by Commodore Morris, at New Orleans, to protect and assist her.

Mrs. Brinsmade's object in visiting the North was to reside with her uncles, one of them in Washington, the other in Troy. She remained a few days in this city and Brooklyn, and then went to Washington, where, after remaining four days, she was arrested by Marshal Baker, who kept her a close prisoner for four days, carefully guarded.

Some ten days after she left this city for Washington, a hackman called on one of her friends in New York, and said that a lady was detained on the train of the previous night by a detective from Washington, and conveyed to the Forty seventh street police station, and that her name was Mrs. Brinsmade.

An immediate application was made to Mr. Kennedy for the cause of her arrest and for permission to see her. This was rudely refused by Mr. Kennedy, who threatened to lock up the gentleman if the inquiry was repeated.

Another friend of Mrs. Brinsmade then saw a Deputy Marshal, and was informed that she could only be seen by permission of Mr. Keenan. He stated that she was confined in the Forty-seventh street Station house; that she was a giddy, foolish secesh woman, who had been singing secesh songs; that it was thought best to send her home to her father, at New Orleans, and that she would start in a day or two, but that no one would be allowed to see her.

With this assurance her friends were forced to be contented.

Thirty five days afterwards a letter was received by one of her friends stating that she was still a close prisoner in Forty-seventh street Station house.

Application was at once made to you. Her friends were informed that you have nothing of her case; that you could not even address the proper authority at Washington for her permission, and if in your power would release her.

Pending this correspondence, two ladies, the wives of our most reputable merchants, who had been for many years friends of Mr. and Mrs Brinsmade, called on Mr. Kennedy for permission to see her.

They asked, What were the charges against her, and who were her accusers?

Mr. Kennedy in his usual manner answered, I, Madam, am her accuser. She is a general spy. From the moment she set her foot in this city my presence overlooked her. I did not leave for a moment. She went to Brooklyn to visit her friends. I watched her, and when she returned to the Everett House, I watched her there. She went to Washington, and when I got her in the right place I arrested her and brought her back here and put her where she is.

In reply to the inquiry if there was no more proper place for the confinement of the lady than a police station he said, "No, that was the place for her. That her whole conduct on board the ship indicated that she was a spy, and that she ought to be hung—that a delicately built *giddy thing* like her and the one who was arrested a few days since in Washington, who was found making a purse of herself, carrying gold slips to the rebels, were the very ones to be employed as spies, and that they all ought to be hung."

In reply to the inquiry as to whether she was to be kept shut up where she then was and had been for five weeks, and her friends unable to see her or know where she was, he replied, "That is with the Department."

Through your kind intervention, after this long confinement, this lady was on Monday released to her friends.

I learn that she was arrested without the authority of any one in Washington; that the first of her arrest was never reported by Mr. Keenan to any Department of the Government; that the charges had never been filed, and that even her name was unknown at the War Department, that so soon as you were enabled to learn the facts you obtained from Mr. Kennedy her release.

Will you be so kind as to examine the facts as I have related them, and inform me whether or not they are correctly stated, so far as they have come to your knowledge?

Yours, very truly,
SAMUEL L. M. BARLOW.

Office of the Provost Marshal General of the War Department,
New York, Nov. 10th, 1862.

Samuel L. M. Barlow, Esq., New York:

Dear Sir:—In reply to yours of the 8th inst. I can only state that up to the 25th ult. I had no knowledge whatever with regard to Mrs. Brinsmade's case. On that day Mrs. Elliott called and informed me that she was under arrest and inquired what was the cause.

I sa the same day to Mr. Washington di recting inquiry to be made of the Judge Advocate General.

On the 1st instant I was informed that the Judge Advocate-General knew nothing about the case.

Upon this, I asked Mr. Kennedy by what authority he held her as a prisoner; he replied she was arrested and held by order of Colonel Key, of the Provost Marshal's office, Washington. This I forwarded to Washington, and on the 3d inst. received from Col. Baker and the Assistant Secretary of War information by telegraph to the effect that the arrest had been made by one of Mr. Kennedy's officers, and Mrs. Brinsmade was detained by him without authority from the War Department.

I then called on Mr. Kennedy, received from him an order directing Mrs Brinsmade's release, and went with it to the Station house, took her from it and placed her in charge of her friends.

The foregoing is all the information that I can give bearing on the subject.

Your obedient servant,
A. DIXER, P. M. General.

THE WAR IN THE SOUTHWEST.—*St. Louis, Mo., November* 10.—The *Bulletin Rebel* has obtained a private letter from Spring field, which Gen. Schofield is moving back to that point. The body of forces in Arkansas is said to be the same.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Military Commission—Murder Trial Continued.—The trial of the four negroes for the murder of Mr. McKay, overseer of the Estrella plantation, was resumed on Saturday. Several witnesses were examined. The testimony has been published in full in the Sunday papers. After the evidence had been closed, the Court took a recess. On resuming, additional evidence was taken, but it was not of importance.

Inquests—Coroner Bench, on Saturday, held an inquest on the body of an unknown white man, found at the Lake end of the New Canal. He appeared to be about 30 years of age, was five feet ten inches in height, had black hair, red moustache, slight beard, was dressed in a heavy overcoat with long cape, two check shirts, dark cassinet pants, and high laced shoes of leather; and he wore a brass on the right side. He is supposed to be one of a party of five who were trying to make their way across the Lake, when the skiff in which they were was upset, and they were all drowned. The verdict was, "Found drowned."

Another inquest was held on the body of Arthur, slave of an unknown master, found lying in the house No. 149 Lemoine street, in the Third District. Verdict, "Dysentery."

Accident—Mrs. Frances De Young, a native of Ireland, about 74 years of age, was taken to the Charity Hospital on Saturday, seriously hurt by a fall. She resides at the corner of Columbus and Claiborne streets, and went out for the purpose of feeding a starving dog, and having to pass a plank which a bench had formerly occupied, she met with the accident, by which the thigh bone was fractured.

Run Over—A boy named James O'Hara, about nine or ten years of age, was run over on Saturday by a Lafayette horse-car, on Baronne street, near Gravier street, and frightfully hurt. He had one arm and one leg broken. He was taken to his home on Carondelet street, near Poydras street.

Provost Court—Judge Bell.—August Ryder, as his name was given on the police books, or Reuter, as it seems it should have been given, was examined.

Wm Burke and James Alexander were sent to the Parish Prison for three months, for stealing chickens. They gave particular accounts of the thieving and places from whom and where they had honestly got the fowls, but only to prove themselves as untruthful as dishonest.

Charge of Store Robbery.—Washington, a darkey, who claims to be free, because he affirms his master told him to go away from him