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Sales at Auction To-Day.

By the Sheriff, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, four lots of ground.

By J. B. Crozat, at 11 o'clock, at his auction store, No 36 Royal street, furniture, books, &c.

By E. T. Montgomery, at 10 o'clock, at the foot of Poydras street, apples; at 11 o'clock, at sales room No. 93 Camp street, India bagging, rope, tobacco, hams, flour, &c.; at one o'clock, at same place, notions.

The Columbia has been detained until to-morrow, (Saturday.) See advertisement.

Dealers in cotton and cotton brokers should attend R. T. Montgomery's sale of 240 bales or more this day, Friday, the 6th inst., at 10 o'clock, at salesroom 93 Camp street. The largest portion of the above lot are in original packages and in good shipping order.

E. D. Morphy, auctioneer, calls the attention of speculators and dealers in tobacco, to his sale of two hundred boxes, advertised to be sold for account of whom it may concern, at 10 o'clock A M., this day, at No. 43 Magazine street.

Valuable Lots on Jackson Street, at Auction by the Sheriff.—We are requested to call attention to the sale to be made this day, at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, Second District, of valuable building lots, situated on Jackson (near Dauphin) street, First District. See advertisement.

The Varieties Theatre.—Ashe has been previously announced, the play of Hamlet, which was produced on Tuesday evening, with such fine effect, will be put on the stage the second time this evening. Those who love the drama in its highest range of thought and feeling, will not be disposed to let this opportunity pass, of witnessing the impersonation of Hamlet by the young tragedian, Mr. Barrett, who, with some denial, and doubtless not invincible imperfections, evinces many eminent and brilliant tragic qualities.

Academy of Music.—The Ghost has not yet made his début on the boards of the Academy; but when he comes will no doubt make a first class sensation. Meantime the Sanford Troupe continue their characteristic entertainments. On Saturday they will give their usual matinée at noon.

Late intelligence from all quarters is generally warlike, but from San Francisco we have Pacific news.

It is said coal will soon be coming down rapidly from Pittsburg. It certainly ought, if it comes down half as fast as it went up.

Official Results of Conscription.

We had in a New York journal the report of Provost Marshal General Fry to the Secretary of War, upon the results of conscription as far as they had been officially brought to his knowledge. The document is dated the 19th October. We extract its most salient and noteworthy facts:

Of those drawn in the present draft, including the 40 per cent additional, over 80 per cent have reported in accordance with the orders of the board. Of the 20 per cent who have not reported, many are not wilful deserters, being merely accidentally absent, at sea, and the like. The deserters are being arrested.

Of all examined about 30 per cent have been rejected, or on account of physical disability, about 50 per cent have been exempted under the provisions of the second section of the act, or found not liable to military duty on account of alienage, unsuitableness of age, non-residence, &c.

About forty per cent of the men examined have been held to service, and have either entered the army in person, furnished substitutes, or paid commutation.

About one-half of those held to service have paid commutation; of the remainder about one-third have gone in person, and two-thirds have furnished substitutes, and all but a few, except a few in transit and a small proportion of deserters from the earlier sub-drafts accepted, are in the ranks of their regiments, in front of the enemy.

The original number of persons drawn does not appear in the above figures, which show however, that two thirds of the 80 per cent that reported, or 53⅓ per cent, were exempted for cause. This left in the draft not but 46⅔ per cent, the half of whom got out of its meshes by paying the $300 commutation. Of the 13 per cent who furnished substitutes, and 4½ per cent who went in person, a large proportion of conscripts actually reported, and some of these deserted, or were [illegible] substitutes, if not difficult to [illegible] what excess conscription has [illegible] amounted to.

We append the following interesting statistics taken from the same document:

Since the present rebellion began, about two hundred thousand soldiers, after examination, have been discharged on account of certificates of disability. It is probable that at least one-half of them were unfit for service when received. It may be safely said that over two millions of money were unwisely expended in bringing them into the field, to say nothing of their subsequent expense to the government.

In Great Britain, under the system of voluntary enlistment, the rejections average over 27 per cent, and in France, from 1831 to 1842, the per cent of exemptions annually was average number of exemptions annually was 24.860; so that, to secure the contingent of 80,000 men, 174,989 conscripts were annually examined.

Of the recruits who presented themselves for enlistment in our regular army in 1862, 40 per cent were rejected for physical infirmities, except want of stature. Between the January draft and last July inst., more than one half were rejected. These were men we desired to be accepted. These proportions are of interest in connection with the fact that less than one third of the drafted men who desire not to be accepted have been exempted on account of physical unfitness.

Increase of the Quota of New York.

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The *Journal of Commerce*, after recapitulating the figures, says:

Is that all? Is this the true and final solution of the great puzzle of the age? May it not prove to be all, that the above estimate is 100,000 short, and that the real quota and deficiency are somewhere about 200,000?

The Albany *Argus* thus remarks on the subject:

There seems to be no end to the mistakes and misapprehensions of the War Bureau at Washington. So long as the supplying of soldiers was left to the States, the work was done with promptness and efficiency. The officials at Washington, however, were not content to let a State sort, and assumed the whole charge of raising State volunteers, for the purpose of playing their favorites in their own hands. We have seen the result in the long, irritating and perplexing exhibition of incapacity which the War Bureau has presented for the last six months. We have occasions and counter decisions, statements and counter statements, and explanations and rerruptions—pledges and repudiations—a confused chaos in which all else is unable to unravel, and which is one of the principal causes of the unpopularity of the draft.

The last exhibition is the official notification to the Governor of the State, a few days ago, that the quota of New York was to be 38,000! This is followed up now by the following order, received by telegraph yesterday:

Washington, Monday, October 26, 1863.

Governor Seymour: Sixty thousand three hundred and seventy-eight (60,378) is the correct quota of New York under the proclamation of October 17th. The quota was also divided for different divisions, and perhaps the mistake originated in that way.

Yours, E. Fry, P. M. Gen.

But this is not all! There is an alleged deficiency to this present time of 47,857, which it is also to be made up by making the whole number of volunteers to be raised by January next, in order to avoid a new draft, 106,035.

The number credited this State on the preceding draft is about 21,000. If more are credited they will be credited. The quota of each Congressional District is about the same as under the present draft, and it is noticeable that the allotments to the New York District (which the President caressed as evidently disproportionate and apparently fraudulent) are repeated without the slightest variation. Thus, certain Congressional Districts are made to constitute forever the number of others!

We had hopes that the people of all parties would unite in, as they did in 1862, and help repress the contingent of New York without recourse to a draft and by simple voluntary action. The manifest unwillingness of the Council of the Cabal at Washington seems to render this unnecessarily discouraging. We have two months to do what we can to raise volunteers, and we expect for that purpose before the time to be credited on our quota. Before the time has expired Congress will meet, and the whole question of drafting be reviewed and remodeled.

A piece of Mahomet's shirt was burned at the late fire in Constantinople.—*Exchange.*

What was he burning about at the fire for, at that time of night, in such a style of *dishabille?*—*Troy Whig.*

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[From the New York Sun, 28th October.]

Naval Intelligence.

Our naval reporter has recently visited the various men-of-war in course of construction at and near this port, with the view of marking the progress made. Eleven vessels are now being built. The condition of the Idaho, Wamsutta, Dictator, and Cohoes we stated last week. The latter vessel, contracted for by Mr. J. M. Merritt, is considered the most advanced. The Puritan is being armor-coated, as fast as circumstances will permit.

The iron-clad double ender, Algonquin and Tallahoma, are at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and almost ready for launching. They are 840 tons burthen, 200 feet long, 26 feet wide, 12 feet deep.

The iron-clad double ender Monque is being built at Greenpoint, by Mr. J. S. Underhill, of this city. Her keel was laid a few weeks ago. Dimensions, 222 feet long, 40 feet wide, 9 feet deep. She will probably be ready for launching in 6 or 8 months.

The iron clad Nashua, contracted for by Captain Parine, will be completed early in the coming year. She is of very light draught, and when in full fighting trim, is not expected to draw more than 6 or 7 feet of water.

The steam ram Dunderberg, Mr. Webb's, is being pushed forward with all speed. Dimensions, 378 feet long, 68 feet wide, 32 feet deep. The iron armor on her sides is 4½ inches thick, over timber 6½ feet thick. She will have two turrets, with two heavy guns each; six broadsides and two pivot guns on the casemate. The engines are 6000 horse power, and her speed will probably attain 16 miles an hour. The Dunderberg will probably not be ready for service for twelve months.

The iron-clad Mahopac is in progress at Messrs. Secor's yard, Jersey city. Dimensions, 225 feet long and 35 feet wide. Will be ready to be launched in a fortnight.

The United States steamer Crocus, was a small steamer purchased here some time since, to be used as a tow-boat in the South Atlantic squadron. After receiving her battery she was dispatched to join Admiral Dahlgren's squadron. When near Charleston she fell in with a gale and sank. All her officers and crew were saved.

The Crops of 1862-'63.

The following summary statement has been furnished to the press by the Commissioner of Agriculture at Washington, in advance of his monthly report for September:

The following is a summary statement of the amount of the crops of 1862 and 1863, both summed and full, of the loyal States, as returned and estimated by the Agricultural Department. The yields of wheat, rye, barley and oats for 1862 and 1863:

	Wheat bu.	Rye, bu.	Barley bu.	Oats, bu.
1863	191,369,287	16,700,597	17,838,627	174,838,767
1862	159,903,506	21,264,906	17,781,664	172,630,907
Increase.	31,474,739	1,456,669	11,020,957	*2,3,7,170
Decrease.				

The fall crops of corn, buckwheat and potatoes for 1862 and 1863 were as follows:

	Buckwheat bu.	Potatoes bu.
1863	18,772,065	113,539,118
1862	17,193,233	97,370,653
Decrease	1,578,832	15,863,085

The monthly report for September shows that the amount of wheat and flour exported to all countries for the year ending September 1, 1863, is 40,696,308 bushels, and of corn, 11,680,343 bushels. The domestic consumption is:

	Bushels
Wheat crop for 1862	191,369,287
Exported	40,696,3 3
Domestic consumption	150,2 7 192
Corn crop for 1862	586,974,474
Exported	11,680,343
Domestic consumption	575,624,132

The report examines the probable foreign demand for breadstuffs during 1864, and finds that the principal portion of our exports of breadstuffs is purchased in the English markets; that the average annual importations of all grain with Great Britain and Ireland are 94,273,940 of American bushels; but in 1860 the importation was 135,386,434 bushels; and in 1861, 142,529,106 bushels; that it was as great in 1862, but not so large in 1863 that from the present condition of the crops in England, the demand for 1864 would return to the general average, rather than to the great amounts of 1860; that the home demand for 1864 would be at least equal to that for 1863; and that the condition of the currency would remain as favorable as it now is. The amount of exports of wheat and corn for 1864 would be as follows:

	Bushels
Wheat crop of 1863	191,369,287
Domestic consumption	149,307,712
Leaving for export	41,761,567
Corn crop for 1863	586,974,474
Domestic consumption	575,624,132
Leaving a deficiency of	135,850,338

Which must be provided for by greater economy and a greater proportional consumption of wheat. The number of stock hogs is about the same as in 1862, and about five per cent, below a general average of years. The corn, below a general average of years. The corn, below a general average of years. The corn