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TUESDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

On our second page will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

Auction Sales this Day.

By S. Guinault, at 11 o'clock, corner Bread and Dumaine streets, a dairy.

By Reed Gutherie, at 10 o'clock, at 200 Sauspot street, furniture.

By the enterprising firm of Bielock & Co., we are again favored with copies of the most recent papers received by steamer.

We are under special obligations to Capt. Taber, of the fine steamer Olive Branch, for the latest Western dates.

HOOK & LADDER FIRE CO No. 4—An election for officers of this excellent organization for the ensuing year took place last evening, and resulted as officially announced by the Secretary in another column.

DWELLING HOUSE ON ESPLANADE STREET, AT AUCTION BY THE SHERIFF.—We call the attention to the sale at auction to be made this day at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by the Sheriff of this Parish, of a comfortable dwelling house on Esplanade street, between Victory or Levee and Moreau (now Chartres) streets.

For particulars see advertisement.

CHARITY CONCERT.—We are requested to state that the charity concert which was to take place this evening at St. Alphonsus' Hall, in St. Andrew street, is postponed to the 10th of January.

S. B. HOWES' CIRCUS.—This popular establishment which has given more pleasure to more people, during the two weeks it remained in Congo Square, than any circus which ever came to New Orleans, was yesterday removed to Tivoli Circle, where all the riders and the whole troupe of performers received a most cordial greeting last night. It will remain in Tivoli Circle all this week and we can assure the inhabitants of the upper portion of the city that they will find it worthy of their most liberal patronage.

It combines more good riders, both male and female, and more attractive and pleasing features, than were ever before offered by any establishment of the kind, and we presume none who are fond of amusement, will let the opportunity pass of visiting it.

CREW OF THE STEAMER IKE DAVIS.—By the arrival of the schooner Neptune from Matamoros, we learn that the crew of the steamer Ike Davis, recently captured by the Confederates, left Matagorda Bay, for Tampico or some other port, was caught in a heavy gale and foundered at sea, on the 10th inst.; six lives were lost and the balance of the crew, ten or twelve in number, were picked up by a French transport and taken to Matamoros.

The Legislature.

MONDAY, December 26, 1864.

The *Senate* was called to order at the usual hour.

On motion the Senate adjourned until Wednesday next.

The House met at the usual hour; after adopting as a third reading a bill to define the duties and fixing the compensation.

The House adjourned until to-morrow.

From the Western Papers of the Olive Branch.

The arrival of the steamer Olive Branch last afternoon brought us Western papers to the 20th inclusive, and Memphis papers of the 22d, from which we extract a variety of military, foreign and other news not anticipated by telegraph.

The Proclamation of President Lincoln for 300,000 Troops—Draft for Balance of Quotas to be Made after the 15th of February, 1865.

Whereas, by act of July 4th, 1864, entitled an act further to regulate and provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces and for other purposes, it is provided that the President of the United States may, at his discretion, at any time hereafter call for any number of men as volunteers, for the respective terms of one, two or three years for military service. In case the quota or any part thereof of any town, ship, ward of city, precinct, or election district, or of county not so subdivided, shall not be filled within fifty days after such call, then the President shall immediately order a draft for one year to fill such quota, or any part thereof, which may be unfilled, and whereas by the credits allowed in accordance with the act of Congress, in the call for 500,000 men made July 18 1864, the number of men to be obtained under that call was reduced to twenty thousand, whereas the operations of the enemy in certain States have rendered it impracticable to procure from them their full quotas of troops under said call, whereas from the foregoing causes but 250,000 men have been put into the army, navy and marine corps, under said call of July 18, 1864, leaving a deficiency on that call of 260,000 men. Now, therefore, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, in order to supply the aforesaid deficiency and provide for casualties in the military and naval service of the United States do, issue this my call for 300,000 volunteers to serve for one, two or three years, the quotas of the States, districts and sub-districts assigned the same will be assigned by the War Department, through the bureau of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, and in case any draft will be ordered by the War Department, through the bureau of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, and in case any draft will be ordered by the War Department, through the bureau of the Provost Marshal General of the United States, and in case any draft will be ordered in any town, township, ward of a city, or election district, or of any county not so subdivided, shall not be filled before the 15th day of February, 1865, then a draft shall be made to fill such quota or any part thereunto this call which may not be filled on the said day of February, 1865.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington this 19th day of December, in the year of our Lord, 1864, and of the Independence of the United States the 89th.

(Signed) A. LINCOLN,
By the President.
W. H. SEWARD, Sec'y of State.

NEWS AT RICHMOND OF THE CAPTURE OF FORT MCALLISTER.

New York, Dec. 19—The Richmond *Dispatch* of the 17th, says official intelligence was received yesterday, that the enemy on Wednesday, captured Fort McAllister by storm. Fort McAllister is on Ogeechee river, fifteen miles south-west of Savannah, at the point where the river is crossed by the Savannah, Albany and Gulf Railroad, and about six miles from the Ogeechee shoals. The capture of this position puts Sherman in communication with the Yankee fleet.

THE SITUATION BEFORE RICHMOND—GEN. LEE SAID TO FAVOR THE ARMING OF SLAVES, &c.

New York, Dec. 19—The *World's* Army of the Potomac special says, Pegram and Johnson's division, of Early's army, are in the rebel works in the immediate front. Early is declared to be in Richmond. The rebels may be plainly seen from some points on our line preparing winter quarters, drawing timber to build huts, &c.

New York, Dec. 19.—The *Herald's* correspondent at Butler's headquarters; dated the 17th says last evening about 9 o'clock the lines of Brevet Maj'r Gen. Ferrero, commanding the Bermuda Hundred front, were attacked by rebels. The firing, which was both heavy and incessant for an hour, was mostly confined to the pickets, though there was sufficient artillery used on our side to repulse the rebels.

A gunboat and two rams, the Virginia and Richmond, were distinctly observed lying under the guns of Fort Darling yesterday, towards evening. They are dumbions there for a purpose.

The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 15th has a semi-official editorial in favor of arming the slaves, and says General Lee is in favor of the proposition. The *Enquirer* says: "When we suppress European insinces for help we must be prepared to receive it on their conditions, without will be the abolishing of slavery." It also says: "Shall we prolong the war, sacrifice our children, and bankrupt our country for the sake of negroes?" It continues: "We hate, detest, despise the enemy far more than we love slavery."

FROM NASHVILLE.

Nashville, Dec. 20.—Our total captured artillery captured from Hood amounts to 41 pieces. The time of Forrest in his attack on Murfreesboro on Tuesday last and Friday was 1200 killed and wounded, which fell into our hands. The rebel army, from all accounts, has become demoralized and unable to make stand with scarcely any artillery. The telegraph is working to Spring Hill. The trains will run to Franklin in the morning. Our total wounded in the battles of Thursday and Friday will reach but very few over 3000. The river is rising rapidly with 15 feet of water on the shoals.

OFFICIAL REPORT FROM GENERAL THOMAS.

War Department, December 19—To Major General Dix: The following report of his operations yesterday, has been received from Major General Thomas:

Headquarters Department of the Cumberland, Near Spring Hill, December 18, 1864.—The enemy has been vigorously pursued to-day, but has stubbornly avoided any attack by my troops. I have succeeded in taking a few prisoners (we have 200 or 300) but our captures are light in comparison with the success of the last day. Forrest will be confronted in the morning at as early an hour as troops can march. The following are copies of orders found in Brecklidge's camp, in East Tennessee, and are transmitted for information:

Headquarters West Virginia and East Tennessee, Wytheville, Va., Dec. 15, 1864—In accordance with instructions received from the Ordnance Department that it has become of vital importance to husband small arms, ammunition and lead.' The following order is published:

All lead, which may be gleaned from battlefields, will be collected by the brigade ordnance officer, and be sent to the nearest arsenal. All arms to be retained for cleaning. The balls should be drawn, if practicable, otherwise they should be discharged into sand or dirt, so the lead be recovered and turned into the Ordnance Department. The attention of commanding officers is called to the necessity that grave rise to the order, and its rigid enforcement strictly enjoined by commanding officers.

JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE,
Major General.

J. Stoddard Johnson, A. A. G.

Headquarters Department of West Virginia and East Tennessee,
Wytheville, December 3, 1864

Circular—The attention of commanding officers is called to the scarcity of forage in this Department, and the necessity of using economy in its consumption. The evidence of waste have been observed heretofore, and the proper officers must in all cases superintend the issue of forage, and commanding officers and every company officer must give strict attention.

T. MYERS, A. A. G.

I have found the railroad thus far but little disturbed, and my trains will be up by railroad in a day or two at furthest. The telegraph is up, while now. I find upon receiving more correct reports of the operations of the 15th instant, that Major General E. D. Johnson's entire division, with all the brigade commanders were captured in the works which were captured by assault, besides destroying a brigade of cavalry and capturing its commander, Brigadier-General Rucker. Among the captured made to-day are the rebel Brigadier-General Cearles, wounded, and a number of rebels also wounded, lying in houses by the roadside unable to go away. GEO. H. THOMAS,
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A GENERAL ASSAULT.

About 3 o'clock, a general assault commenced along the line. Our troops advanced on the enemy's works with a cheer, and delivered a most telling fire on them. All our batteries now opened in one grand concert.

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"That hill must be taken!" exclaimed Wood, and ordered the line to be reformed, which was speedily done.

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This was too much; they could not stand it, but soon gave way on all sides, abandoning their artillery and piles of small arms. Our artillery, now shelled to the front, and swept the retreating lines until dust compelled us to desist.

RELATIVE LOSSES IN KILLED AND WOUNDED—PRISONERS CAPTURED, &c.

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On Board Dandelion,
December 15, 1864, 11:30 P. M.

To day at 5 P. M., General Haynes' division of the 15th corps carried Fort McAllister by assault, capturing the entire garrison and stores. This opened to us the Ogeechee and I passed down to the gunboat to communicate with the fleet. Before opening communication we had completely destroyed all the railroads leading into Savannah and invested the city. The left is on the Savannah river, 10 miles above the city, on the Ogeechee at King's Bridge. The army is in splendid order, the weather fine and supplies abundant.

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REVOCATION OF GEN. DIX'S ORDER RELATIVE TO THE ST. ALBANS RAIDERS.

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General Orders No. 100)

The President of the United States having disapproved of that portion of the departmental general order No. 99, current series, which incertain cases therein specified, to cross the border line between the United States and Canada, and directs pursuit into neutral territory, the said instruction is hereby revoked. In case, therefore, of any future marauding expedition into our territory from Canada, military commanders on the frontier will report to those headquarters for orders before crossing the boundary line in pursuit of the guilty parties.

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DETAILS OF THE GREAT BATTLE OF THE 15TH IN FRONT OF NASHVILLE.

(From the Cincinnati Commercial, Dember 21)

Nashville, December 16

THE SITUATION IN THE MORNING.

The morning of the second day of operations found the two armies in the same positions occupied by the two armies in the night succeeding. The night before the rebels had been hurled back in front of Wood and Smith, before which they took up a new strong, entrenched position, while in front of Schofield and Smith they had been swung around to a parallel with the Franklin Pike, and about half a mile east of it. Schofield had his corps thrown out along a deep valley, Cox on the extreme right, extending his flank well into the head of the valley, and facing the rebel line, which was drawn along near the crest of the opposing slope, while the 3d Division, under Conch, was placed at an angle with the 3d, and running diagonally across the spur of a hill, connected with Smith's command. Smith's right also reached two-thirds of the distance up one of the detached hills of the range. On the right of Schofield, and extending, no one knows accurately how or how far into the rebel flank, was the whole cavalry command of General Wilson.

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