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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, FEB'Y. 6, 1864.

Sales at Auction To-day.

By D. E. Murphy, at 10 o'clock, at No. 47 Magazine street, between. At Post 28, Second District, four.

By McCarren & Landry, at 11 o'clock, at their store, Masonic Hall, furniture.

By E. M. Jacobs, at Auctioneers' Exchange, at 12 o'clock, the cheap Sarah Carnelia. At same place per hour, a lot of ground.

By the Sheriff, at 12 o'clock, at the corner of Congress and Levee, a one-story frame house.

By R. T. Montgomery, at Post 28, First District, by.

The Sheriff sells at auction this day, at half past 4 o'clock, P. M., on the premises, the buildings erected on a lot situated at the corner of Levee and Congress streets, Third District. See advertisement.

At the Masonic Hall, will be sold, at 11 o'clock, furniture, &c., by McCarren & Landry.

R. T. Montgomery will sell this day, at 10 o'clock, at Post 28, First District, 50 bales hay; and at 11 o'clock, at auction, 89 Chimp street, 147 bales cotton. See advertisements.

We call the attention of our friends to the sale of ten lots of ground in the Fourth District, to be sold at auction this day, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, by McCarren & Landry. See their advertisement.

We are requested to call the attention of dealers to the sale of flour, advertised for this day, at 11 o'clock A. M., by D. E. Murphy, auctioneer.

New Lusitano Mardi Gras.—We have been favored by our old and esteemed friend, President Nora, of the New Lusitanos Benevolent Association, with an invitation to a grand fancy dress ball, to be given by the Association on Tuesday, Feb 9th, at their Hall, corner of Greatmans and Elysium streets.

Opening Night of the St. Charles.—A preciously announced, the St. Charles Theatre will be opened to-night for a dramatic season. We refer to the programme in the proper place.

The Academy of Music.—Owing to the detention of the steamer, Robert Nicolo remains one day longer to delight the audiences of the Academy with his brilliant performances on the trapeze.

The noon entertainment to-day for the accommodation of ladies and children holds out unusual inducements—including, as it will, the feats of Robert Nicolo, in addition to the full catalogue of other attractions.

Detention of the Morning Star.—The Morning Star having been detained, will not leave for New York until Sunday morning.

From Tampico.—Captain Hayes, of the steamer Sachem, from Tampico has obliged us with a file of late papers from that city. They contain some interesting accounts of military and political events in Mexico, but the news has been anticipated by that received by way of Havana and Matamoras.

A Curious and Interesting Book.

We have received from the publisher in New York a copy of the following recent publication:

Rambles Among Words: Their Poetry, History and Wisdom. By William Swinton. Revised edition. New York: Dion Thomas, 162 Nassau street, 1864.

This book is clearly and neatly printed, and handsomely bound in one volume duodecimo. We learn from the publisher's circular accompanying the volume, that its price is $1 50, on the receipt of which it will be sent by mail, free of postage.

The work has already met with high critical commendation in England as well as America. The author has proceeded on the theory that language is not merely a dry assemblage of arbitrary signs, but a living organism, a grand spiritual fact of humanity. Hastily glancing over its pages, we conclude that it is the offspring of a happy conception, and admirably adapted to impart interest and freshness to the usually arid study of philology. Its verbal analysis it is not so severe as Cooke's Diversions of Purley; but in etymological illustration it is remarkably rich and entertaining, while in what may be called the psychology of speech it is not lacking in depth and subtlety. In short, it is a work which the intelligent general reader, once having taken up, will not readily lay down and one which the literary man and the scholar can not fail to welcome to the most convenient place on the book shelf.

The Old Guard.—We have received from the publishers, Van Evarie, Horton & Co., 162 Nassau street, New York, the number of this monthly for January. The price of the *Old Guard* is $5 cents. In politics the periodical is intensely anti-Radical on both the war and slavery questions. The present number is embellished with a fine engraved likeness of Mayor Gunther, of New York.

Another Heir to the British Crown.—The Canada's advices report that Her Highness the Princess of Wales gave birth to a fine boy at Frogmore, on the 8th ultimo. The mother and her child were progressing most favorably.

Hernando Wood on the Confiscation Act.

Washington, January 26.—The House resumed the consideration of the joint resolution amendatory of a joint resolution explanatory of the Confiscation act.

Mr. Fernando Wood, of New York, argued against the constitutionality of confiscation, so far as the joint resolution pending attempted to deprive the heirs of persons implicated of the use of the fee of their real property. He said that the Southern States were either within or without the Union. If within, then the property of the revolting States were not deprived of the protection nor exempt from the operation of the Constitution; but, if without, then, as they were belligerents—a foreign power at war with the United States—and were entitled to all the immunities which the laws of nations impose. Whilst pretending to be for the Union, the Government was against the Union, admitting its dissolution, and secretly preparing for eternal separation. Practically there was no difference between our Government and the Confederate Government. The latter considered that in war an independent power, and the former, as one, made old the Federal Administration. Mr. Wood said that early in the session he had proposed the appointment of Commissioners, to treat with the Confederate Government, which had always been the practice of this country. He had done so with the Barbary Powers, with England in 1783, and with France in 1818. But if it be said that this war is a rebellion, and should not be recognized by the appointment of Commissioners, he referred to the appointment of Commissioners by the leaders of the Shay rebellion in 1786; in the Whisky rebellion in 1795, when Washington and Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury proceeded to Carlisle, in Pennsylvania, to treat in person with the rebels; and to the Mormon rebellion in 1857, when the President appointed Governor Powell, of Kentucky, and Colonel McCulloch, of Texas, commissioners to effect a pacification of those profligate outcasts. But the administration, and the party in power were opposed to the restoration of the Union. Under the plea of patriotism the most damnable deeds were being perpetrated. This war must cease. It was not commenced without cause, has been prosecuted without glory. Those who favored this war favored disunion. Peace is the only basis of restoration. He would not be considered as a sympathizer with the South, but was equally opposed to the conduct of the North under the Republican policy. Peace must come, sooner or later. Why not precipitate it before the country is more harassed and all their material interests destroyed. Mr. Wood then referred to what he designated "this heathenish" custom of the day—the scene the most revolting and exhibited in these the most enlightened times. He appealed, earnestly appealed to the boasted spirit of Christian civilization, of progress, and of common humanity, to shield itself into the arena, and save the American people. Peace! peace! God of sweetness, bless us peace. Hosts in countless hosts, at Thine altars, peace! Peace on the red waters and their blighted shores! Peace for the beleaguered cities and the homes that which used their bread them, and while! Peace for the homeless and the fatherless! Peace for the captives on his weary way, and the rude crowd who jeer him! Peace to them and to us all—then that do the wrong—sinning, and sinned against. O, God for all! for a distracted, torn and bleeding land, spend the glad tidings! Give us—give us peace!

Postmaster General Blair on Slavery and the War.

It is stated by Northern journals that the speech made at Annapolis on the 22d ultimo, by Postmaster General Blair is to be regarded as a reflection of Administration policy and an indication that the Blair family intend to support the claims of Mr. Lincoln for re-election to the Presidency. After condemning slavery and abusing the emancipationists, he diverged slavery with being the cause of the war, and impugned this train government and the Union.

Here is a passage from the speech:

"Our hands-to nobility slave aristocracy" the margin has thrown the gage of battle for the slaveholding oligarchy against the free system of government. When the bayonets at Charleston pointed their hot shot into the fortress built and owned and manned by the nation, it protested that duty from highest to lowest, under which it held terms of allegiance, was one of fire and sword against the nation. Every man who did not refuse to secure the liberties for which our country fought and conquered. The Democracy of the North rose as one man with the Republicans, in whose hands the nation then placed the Administration, to defend the cause of the Union and the Constitution. The Democracy stood under the conflict in which the nation involved in its true aspect. Every step in the progress of the war was voted for by the Democracy on the side of the patriots of the country and against the enemies of the Union. Foreign Kings and Emperors looked to join with the enemy in making a wreck of the republic, and came to the determination to be carved from its remains. Everything like the flag of the rebellion had its origin under the auspices of wealthy slaveholders, looking for remuneration in the plunder of our country. Everywhere the civilization of the age by subscriptions and confiscations on the high seas. In such a war—a warfare for freedom on one side and slavery on the other—no permanent peace can be established. To endure, there must be submission to the Government, as constituted by our fathers, or it would be continued by Mr. Davis and his adherents. Any compromise or partition treaty would give but a breathing spell for fresh preparations for a renewed struggle."

In conclusion he exhorted the people of the United States to become united upon the question of putting down the rebellion, and await more favorable opportunities for displacing the partisanship exhibited in spite of our political struggles.

Escaped Rebel Officers at Quebec.—A dispatch from Quebec on the 25th ult. says:

Marshal Kane, of Baltimore, and thirteen Confederates, mostly escaped officers from Johnson's Island and Camp Douglas, left here this morning, by the Grand Trunk Railway, for Rivere du Loup, to take the overland route to Halifax.

Gen. Grant and the Presidency.—The Chicago *Tribune* of the 21st ult. warmly protests against the *Herald's* advocacy of Gen. Grant as a conservative candidate for the Presidency. The *Tribune* says:

Whatever his original opinions were, he has discarded them, experienced and observation having convinced him that the President was right, and that slavery must die if the Union would live. Hence, he cordially endorses the Proclamation of Emancipation, the confiscation of rebel property, and the employment of negroes as soldiers to help crush the rebellion. He also endorses the President's Amnesty, and his plan of reconstruction. He wants the insurgent States well conquered, and then brought in as *free States*; he openly avows his belief that there can be no future peace or reunion save on the platform of universal freedom; and he declines to restore to the hand of his conquering army of "Western border ruffians," as the *Herald* calls our radical Union soldiers, until the "last Shot" is found and the last rebel surrender is inherited in it.

In view of these facts, for the New York *Herald* to bring out Gen. Grant as the candidate of the "Independent Conservatives" is as it terms the acceptance, is a great libel on him, and is an insult to his friends. And unless it keeps its unclean and treacherous hands off Gen. Grant, he will assuredly be rejected. Why should he not be the fortunate leader and crowned and honored by the nation? He has been tried and found by them invariably, under which it held terms against the rebellion, and he has proved himself a statesman as well as a brave and successful soldier. Whilst pretending to be for the Union, the Government was against the Union, admitting its dissolution, and secretly preparing for eternal separation. Practically there was no difference between our Government and the Confederate Government. The latter considered that in war an independent power, and the former, as one, made old the Federal Administration. Mr. Wood said that early in the session he had proposed the appointment of Commissioners, to treat with the Confederate Government, which had always been the practice of this country. He had done so with the Barbary Powers, with England in 1783, and with France in 1818. But if it be said that this war is a rebellion, and should not be recognized by the appointment of Commissioners, he referred to the appointment of Commissioners by the leaders of the Shay rebellion in 1786; in the Whisky rebellion in 1795, when Washington and Alexander Hamilton, the Secretary of the Treasury proceeded to Carlisle, in Pennsylvania, to treat in person with the rebels; and to the Mormon rebellion in 1857, when the President appointed Governor Powell, of Kentucky, and Colonel McCulloch, of Texas, commissioners to effect a pacification of those profligate outcasts. But the administration, and the party in power were opposed to the restoration of the Union. Under the plea of patriotism the most damnable deeds were being perpetrated. This war must cease. It was not commenced without cause, has been prosecuted without glory. Those who favored this war favored disunion. Peace is the only basis of restoration. He would not be considered as a sympathizer with the South, but was equally opposed to the conduct of the North under the Republican policy. Peace must come, sooner or later. Why not precipitate it before the country is more harassed and all their material interests destroyed. Mr. Wood then referred to what he designated "this heathenish" custom of the day—the scene the most revolting and exhibited in these the most enlightened times. He appealed, earnestly appealed to the boasted spirit of Christian civilization, of progress, and of common humanity, to shield itself into the arena, and save the American people. Peace! peace! God of sweetness, bless us peace. Hosts in countless hosts, at Thine altars, peace! Peace on the red waters and their blighted shores! Peace for the beleaguered cities and the homes that which used their bread them, and while! Peace for the homeless and the fatherless! Peace for the captives on his weary way, and the rude crowd who jeer him! Peace to them and to us all—then that do the wrong—sinning, and sinned against. O, God for all! for a distracted, torn and bleeding land, spend the glad tidings! Give us—give us peace!

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[From the New York Journal of Commerce.]

Brooding Soldiers.—Our citizens are frequently shocked by the appearance of beggars wearing the United States uniform. They hang around hotels, lie through ferry boats, and sometimes stand in many places about the streets, asking alms. They are usually dressed in the complete garb of the soldier, huge overcoat, cap, striped trowsers and all. Some of them have actually lost a leg, and are trying to collect funds to procure wooden ones. But the majority of them seem to be only sick and haggly, or rather they say that they are. The appearance of poor fellows like these touches the compassion of all spectators, and their sorrowful appeal for aid always draws out the postage currency in liberal quantities. Now, there is not the least objection to this, provided the mendicants are really soldiers, and also provided the Government turns them loose to beg their way through the world because they happen to be disabled for active service. It is understood that the Government supplies wooden limbs to all soldiers who are in need of them. If this be true, a large number of beggars who profess to be soldiers are impostors. But it is not improbable that there are some men honorably discharged from the army, who have not strength enough to earn a living legitimately, and who have not yet received the first penny of their pension, and are compelled to beg to prevent starvation. If this be so it is a melancholy comment upon the justice and gratitude of the Government to its brave defenders.

But, whatever the case, the spectacle of the United States uniform borne through the streets by a hobbling beggar is a sad one, and should be terminated.

Tax and Copper Culture in California.—The people of California are said to have become as important business in California. One nursery at Sacramento has five thousand coffee plants on hand, and it is believed that there will be no difficulty in bringing up the plant to a standard of hardiness to weather the mild winter of that climate. Near the Mission Dolores several thousand mulberry plants have been raised during the last year. The tea plant is grown in China and Japan very extensively in the same parallels of latitude. It was the envy of the San Francisco journals think there can be little doubt that it will be cultivated hereafter for household purposes at least, on every farm in that State.

The only child of General Kilpatrick died at West Point on the 16th instant, thus leaving the General childless, his wife having died a few weeks since.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Provost Court—Judge Abecha presiding.—Pat. Welsh, of the Nineteenth Iowa Volunteers, was up for entering the house of Mr. Day in a state of intoxication and asking improper questions. He forfeits one month's pay and loses of absence for sixty days.

Pat. McAllister (of the First New Orleans Volunteers), Pat. Kine, Mrs. Kine and Mary O'Donnell were arrested on a charge of robbing a man who came in from Fort Pike with $180 in his pocket. Mr. McAllister was in the company of the robbed man, and part of the money was found hid on his person and the other prisoners. The men were sent for one year to Tortugas and the women to the workhouse for one month.

Joaquin Batiste was seditious and drunk singing the bonnie blue flag. He denied having been drunk and was sent to the workhouse for thirty days.

Tom Marks, of the First Indiana Artillery, tried to thrash his wife for a commissioned officer, and threatened a barkeeper who refused him liquor for himself and his comrades. He had pinned a sergeant's badge on his new uniform, and sought to inform every one that he was. He was ordered to his regiment, with forfeiture of one month's pay.

John Smith, of the Fifteenth Mass. Battery, was arrested for insulting and abusive language to his superior officers. He was sent to Ship Island for six months.

Mr. Dby obtained a Custom-house permit to take a list of goods up to Baton Rouge, including 12 dozen cotton cards, &c., which the permit stated that the goods were for the use of the officers of the army. The Judge held that the paper showed the fraud on the face, and condemned the goods.

August Freudich, a soldier, rented some furniture for $5 per month. In place of paying the rent he injured some of the pieces. He owes $15, and was ordered to make the property.

Second District Recorder's Court—Chas. Lemonnier Presiding—Octave Adams and Joseph Feary were arrested, charged with stealing sugar on the Levee. The latter is a white boy and was sent to the House of Refuge. The other was returned to prison for a term.

Ellen Boone, who frequently goes inebriated, got the objectionable fact that she was a great nuisance. The watchman arrested her under these circumstances. She promised to move away, and was permitted to go on that condition.

Ellen Mahoney, who had sundry company in her room, was ordered to pay a fine of $10 for improper hospitality.

Mary Gabriel, of the colored *demi-monde*, was set up yesterday as an example for punishment, before she could get an invitation to take a glass of wine or rot-gut in a coffee-house on Toland street. She paid $5.

Antonio Travigliato had a mattress filled with straw. It was insinuated that the Recorder simple had been stolen. The Recorder dismissed the prisoner and confirmed the property.

First District Court—Judge Hozland.—The negro who was arrested on the charge of Saffin, found guilty of murder, he paid $2 per day, for scouring down from Bonaldonville, was not granted by the Court.

The Grand Jury was in session yesterday, and found a true bill against J. E. P. Dardignac for arson, charging him with having feloniously set fire on the corner of St. Peter and Chartres streets; against Jos Pallidar, alias Twisbel, charged with rape and murder; and against Hanky Young, for committing a murder in the fourth ward.

Flag Presentation.—The ladies of Mandeville, residents in New Orleans, will present to-day, at one o'clock, P. M., a flag to Colonel Dudley's Cavalry Brigade. The ceremony will take place at the City Garden, on Canal street.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

Mr. Rosellus at the Conservative Union Meeting.—According to announcement, Mr. Rosellus addressed a large assemblage last night in the St. Charles Theatre. The tenor of his remarks was to prove the indispensable connection existing between the Union and the Constitution. He regarded the secession of a State as a constitutional impossibility. For the same reason, the extension of a State from the Union was a constitutional impossibility. The State of Louisiana had never ceased to be in the Union; it was only by successful revolution that any State could go out.

Rebellion, when suppressed, must be regarded as a nullity, and the Constitution extended over those who were again under Federal authority. There was but one other alternative; if the Constitution were not cherished as the indispensable basis of Union, without distinction as to States, sections, or classes of citizens, life or establishment of a military despotism would be the inevitable and only result.

Mr. Rosellus said of Unconditional Unionism, meant a readiness to trample upon the Constitution, then there could be no Union men. "You might as well attempt to separate soul from body and preserve life, as to separate the Constitution from the Union." The Constitution made the States and the Federal Government independent in their spheres." If Congress encroached upon reserved rights of the States in the regulation of their domestic institutions, its acts would be a mere nullity. According to the report of the *Times*, Mr. Rosellus added:

Between military despotism and a republican government we can only decide by the Constitution and the supreme law of the land. Let me not be misunderstood, the Constitution, the laws and statutes of the United States Government are the supreme law of the land.

From Thibodeaux.

The Thibodeaux *Sentinel* of the 30th ult. announces the existence of the small pox in that neighborhood, but states that there is plenty of antidote to it in the shape of vaccine matter spread in the vicinity by Dr. R. O. Butler.

The *Sentinel* says the mail to that place is now very regular.

The same paper relates the occurrence of two fires in Thibodeaux within a fortnight—the church and the court house. No arrests are said to have been made.

The Union Convention at Little Rock, Ark., had chosen Judge Clayton as provisional Governor.

The Federal troops left Fort Pillow a few days ago. Shortly after their departure a small force of guerrillas entered the fort and fired at a passing steamer. No damage resulted. Guerrilla gangs are prowling about in various parts of West Tennessee and West Kentucky.

Another ballot for U. S Senator was taken in the Kentucky Legislature on the 27th January, but no choice was effected. George D. Prentice was chosen State Printer.

Gen. Lee's Army—The Rumored Mutiny Contradicted.

[Special to the New York Herald.]

Army of the Potomac, Jan 26.—I had a long interview with to-day with an officer of high military rank in the Army of the Potomac, who has had opportunities for frequent conversations with deserters from the rebel army. He does not believe any part of Lee's army has been sent out of Virginia; he does not believe there has been a fight among the rebels on the south side of the Rapidan; that there is a general lack of the fidelity of the rebel pickets; that the soldiers in Lee's army are ashious to fight; that the earliest possible period that they can be got will be sold out to them by the Confederate administration; that the spirit of allegiance is again good with citizens that there is no opposition in the rebel army; that the "spirit of rebion is extremely short, and it is to the greatest difficulty that enough reaches the army to make the small daily issues. The supply of forage is very short. All the picketing is done by rebel infantry, the object being to keep their horses in condition for service when the spring campaign opens.

Campaign Against Richmond.

[From the Missouri Republican.]

The New York *Times* a few days ago conspicuously printed an article from a military correspondent in Washington, with relation to the spring campaign against Richmond, which article is interesting enough to be quoted. The *Times* writer seems to be so well informed and develops the plan so elaborately as to suggest the thought that he has not written entirely upon his own fancy. We find it stated that *four* armies are to advance upon the rebel capital, each one of which by itself is to be sufficiently strong to cope with General Lee's army. One army is to take an overland route, either by Culpeper or by Fredericksburg, while the other is to take on the James river, and transport its command by the way of the Peninsula. Some confirmation of this is to be seen in the detailing by the War Department of General Hancock to recruit the Second corps of the army of the Potomac to fifty thousand men, for special service, under his command. General H. has issued a stirring appeal to the gallant Pennsylvanians, his native State, to fill up the ten regiments and four batteries in his corps, that awaits their organization in that State. The recognition appears to be meeting with considerable favor in the Keystone State, and is accordingly progressing most prosperously.

General Hancock, we need not tell our readers, is one of the very best officers in the service. He served with McClellan in the Peninsular campaign of 1862. He was the hero of the battle of Williamsburg, for his skill and gallantry in which he was warmly complimented by his commanding General, and throughout the whole campaign exhibited military abilities of a very high order. It is understood that he was the author of the plan of battle at Gettysburg, in which he was wounded, and several times he has been a spoken of as a probable successor to General Meade. The battle in that the special duty of General Hancock, contemplated in Secretary Stanton's order, is the command of the force designed to operate against Richmond by the direct approach in the Peninsula, but we know he has no ways favored since it was first proposed by General McClellan.

It requires no astuteness to discern the fact that if the *Times* correspondent is correct in reference to the plan for the coming spring for advancing on the Confederate capital, it means to return to the course advised, and, so far as permitted, acted upon by the latter officer, and the difference that the Federal force is to be divided, whereas McClellan always counseled concentration. The administration will refuse to adopt the Peninsular route, pure and simple, as recommended by the former commander of the Potomac army, because they would consider themselves stultified by so doing; hence the blind of two armies is resorted to, but with the expectation that the real work, if, indeed, any difficult work is to be done in Virginia, will be performed by but one, and that the one operating on McClellan's line. It will be said, of course, that the plan of uniting overland is necessary to cover the Washington Capital, and thus the people are to be deceived into the belief that the War Department has been consistent all along.

But it will not be forgotten that this, or substantially this, has been tried once before. McDowell was kept at Fredericksburg with nearly fifty thousand men, when McClellan was thundering with an inadequate force at the gates of Richmond, always representing his need of reinforcements. Yet McDowell, it would seem, did not, for all that, cover the Federal capital; for when Stonewall Jackson got into the Shenandoah Valley, Secretary Stanton telegraphed to several State Governors that Washington was in danger, and immediately ordered McDowell to a point where he could give chase. Jackson's raid was made expressly to prevent reinforcements being sent to the Peninsula, as was afterwards shown by intercepted dispatches.

Our belief still is, that the blundering of the Administration in respect to their hesitation about indorsing McClellan by a return to the Peninsular route, will be relieved by the evacuation of Richmond, rendered compulsory by the setbacks of Grant in Georgia; but, if the latter's star is not in the former place, we are steadedly of the opinion that the next move, and one only, should be sent to reduce his position there. If it is twice as big as Lee's so much the better, and no more than the probability of any attempt on the part of the rebels to renew the offensive and threaten Washington.

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Life in New York City.

[From the New York Correspondence of the Boston Journal.]

The question is often asked, "How do all the people in New York live?" The most satisfactory answer is, that they do not live. At least, there is little left in the life of happiness for which mankind were created. Gradually "up town" is pushed along till the up-town of yesterday is down-town to-day and to-day. Rents are everywhere advancing, so that what a few years ago was considered a handsome income is considered eaten, and is scarcely enough to pay the bare privilege of existence. If this be so it is a melancholy comment upon the justice and gratitude of the Government to its brave defenders.

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News Items.

Senator Bayard, of Delaware, took the new oath of allegiance on the 26th January, and then announced his intention to resign his seat.

General Halleck is said to be of the opinion that the Confederate will make desperate efforts to transfer the war to the North in the spring.

It is reported in the North that Longstreet is to be relieved in East Tennessee by Kirby Smith, and that he is to have charge of a new army, near Suffolk, on the James River.

Senator H. Winter Davis, it is said, is about to introduce into the Senate a series of resolutions, condemning Gen. Banks for his course in ordering an election in Louisiana.

Gen. Grant arrived in St. Louis on the 26th of January, and immediately proceeded to visit his son, who lies sick there. Gen. Rosecrans was expected there to-day.

A Washington dispatch of the 28th of January says: The President to-day restored Gen. McClernand to the rank, and ordered him to report to Gen. Banks.

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Gen. Lee's Army—The Rumored Mutiny Contradicted.

[Special to the New York Herald.]

Army of the Potomac, Jan 26.—I had a long interview with to-day with an officer of high military rank in the Army of the Potomac, who has had opportunities for frequent conversations with deserters from the rebel army. He does not believe any part of Lee's army has been sent out of Virginia; he does not believe there has been a fight among the rebels on the south side of the Rapidan; that there is a general lack of the fidelity of the rebel pickets; that the soldiers in Lee's army are ashious to fight; that the earliest possible period that they can be got will be sold out to them by the Confederate administration; that the spirit of allegiance is again good with citizens that there is no opposition in the rebel army; that the "spirit of rebion is extremely short, and it is to the greatest difficulty that enough reaches the army to make the small daily issues. The supply of forage is very short. All the picketing is done by rebel infantry, the object being to keep their horses in condition for service when the spring campaign opens.

Campaign Against Richmond.

[From the Missouri Republican.]

The New York *Times* a few days ago conspicuously printed an article from a military correspondent in Washington, with relation to the spring campaign against Richmond, which article is interesting enough to be quoted. The *Times* writer seems to be so well informed and develops the plan so elaborately as to suggest the thought that he has not written entirely upon his own fancy. We find it stated that *four* armies are to advance upon the rebel capital, each one of which by itself is to be sufficiently strong to cope with General Lee's army. One army is to take an overland route, either by Culpeper or by Fredericksburg, while the other is to take on the James river, and transport its command by the way of the Peninsula. Some confirmation of this is to be seen in the detailing by the War Department of General Hancock to recruit the Second corps of the army of the Potomac to fifty thousand men, for special service, under his command. General H. has issued a stirring appeal to the gallant Pennsylvanians, his native State, to fill up the ten regiments and four batteries in his corps, that awaits their organization in that State. The recognition appears to be meeting with considerable favor in the Keystone State, and is accordingly progressing most prosperously.

General Hancock, we need not tell our readers, is one of the very best officers in the service. He served with McClellan in the Peninsular campaign of 1862. He was the hero of the battle of Williamsburg, for his skill and gallantry in which he was warmly complimented by his commanding General, and throughout the whole campaign exhibited military abilities of a very high order. It is understood that he was the author of the plan of battle at Gettysburg, in which he was wounded, and several times he has been a spoken of as a probable successor to General Meade. The battle in that the special duty of General Hancock, contemplated in Secretary Stanton's order, is the command of the force designed to operate against Richmond by the direct approach in the Peninsula, but we know he has no ways favored since it was first proposed by General McClellan.

It requires no astuteness to discern the fact that if the *Times* correspondent is correct in reference to the plan for the coming spring for advancing on the Confederate capital, it means to return to the course advised, and, so far as permitted, acted upon by the latter officer, and the difference that the Federal force is to be divided, whereas McClellan always counseled concentration. The administration will refuse to adopt the Peninsular route, pure and simple, as recommended by the former commander of the Potomac army, because they would consider themselves stultified by so doing; hence the blind of two armies is resorted to, but with the expectation that the real work, if, indeed, any difficult work is to be done in Virginia, will be performed by but one, and that the one operating on McClellan's line. It will be said, of course, that the plan of uniting overland is necessary to cover the Washington Capital, and thus the people are to be deceived into the belief that the War Department has been consistent all along.

But it will not be forgotten that this, or substantially this, has been tried once before. McDowell was kept at Fredericksburg with nearly fifty thousand men, when McClellan was thundering with an inadequate force at the gates of Richmond, always representing his need of reinforcements. Yet McDowell, it would seem, did not, for all that, cover the Federal capital; for when Stonewall Jackson got into the Shenandoah Valley, Secretary Stanton telegraphed to several State Governors that Washington was in danger, and immediately ordered McDowell to a point where he could give chase. Jackson's raid was made expressly to prevent reinforcements being sent to the Peninsula, as was afterwards shown by intercepted dispatches.

Our belief still is, that the blundering of the Administration in respect to their hesitation about indorsing McClellan by a return to the Peninsular route, will be relieved by the evacuation of Richmond, rendered compulsory by the setbacks of Grant in Georgia; but, if the latter's star is not in the former place, we are steadedly of the opinion that the next move, and one only, should be sent to reduce his position there. If it is twice as big as Lee's so much the better, and no more than the probability of any attempt on the part of the rebels to renew the offensive and threaten Washington.

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MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE,
FRIDAY EVENING, Feb. 5, 1864.

A moderate amount of business was done to-day in Domestic Exchange, but at still easier rates than yesterday. The Banks continued to check on New York at par @ discount, mostly the former, and dealers asked but little more rates, but on this street there was a fair supply of sterling, and rates of limited demand sellers had to make further concessions to pass their bills. We noticed sales of New York Sight at ¼, ⅜ and ½ ₱ cent. discount, mostly ½ and ⅜; one day's Sight at ⅜, and 1 to 1½ five days at 1 to 1¼, and thirty days' at 1¼ and 1½. Parties who previously sold at ⅜, were compelled to accept ½. There was very little counter demand, which may be partly attributed to the demolition of the steamer Morning Star until Sunday morning, allowing another day for remitting. In Foreign Exchange we noticed some little demand for Sterling, and sales of private bills at 172, 174, 175 and 176. The supply has been increased by some parties drawing against the proceeds of Long Island Railroad train; you will pity the thousands who, like my good German Schwabenstable boss of Union, without distinction as to States, sections, or classes of citizens, life or establishment of a military despotism would be the inevitable and only result.

Mr. Rosellus said of Unconditional Unionism, meant a readiness to trample upon the Constitution, then there could be no Union men. "You might as well attempt to separate soul from body and preserve life, as to separate the Constitution from the Union." The Constitution made the States and the Federal Government independent in their spheres." If Congress encroached upon reserved rights of the States in the regulation of their domestic institutions, its acts would be a mere nullity. According to the report of the *Times*, Mr. Rosellus added:

Between military despotism and a republican government we can only decide by the Constitution and the supreme law of the land. Let me not be misunderstood, the Constitution, the laws and statutes of the United States Government are the supreme law of the land.

From Thibodeaux.

The Thibodeaux *Sentinel* of the 30th ult. announces the existence of the small pox in that neighborhood, but states that there is plenty of antidote to it in the shape of vaccine matter spread in the vicinity by Dr. R. O. Butler.

The *Sentinel* says the mail to that place is now very regular.

The same paper relates the occurrence of two fires in Thibodeaux within a fortnight—the church and the court house. No arrests are said to have been made.

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