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NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 31, 1862.

Sales at Auction To-Day.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 11 o'clock, at No. 5 Front Levee street and No. 16 Fulton street, choice Goshen butter, onions, &c.; at 12 o'clock, at No. 30 Camp street, Fulton Market beef, fresh eggs, tea, oats, malt, &c.; also, at 10 o'clock, at No. 24 Common street, Fulton Market beef, pork, &c.

By D. E. Morphy, at 11 o'clock, at the corner of Gravier and New Levee streets, hair, bitters, wines and sausages.

By McCorran & Landry, at 10 o'clock, at their mart, holiday presents.

THE VARIETIES THEATRE.—"Paul Pry" and "Married Life" were given last night at the Varieties very acceptably to them present. We have already spoken of the manner in which these plays were rendered on their first presentation, and do not consider it necessary to refer to them again, further than to say, that the parts were all well cast, and that full justice was done to them by the respective performers. To-night "The Stranger" and "The Jealous Wife" are to be given.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Minstrels, with the jokes, burlesques and songs nightly amuse those who attend their performances; and, as they offer a new and varied bill for to-night, they should be greeted by a large audience.

MUSEUM.—*Matinée of the Little Men.*—Col. Ellinger announces that at the Museum may be seen Commodore Foote' and Col. Small, the two smallest men in the world. They commence their exhibition for the season to-day at the Museum.

The sales this day, (Wednesday) the 31st inst., by R. T. Montgomery, will be numerous and important to the trade, and will be made as follows: At 10 o'clock, at store No. 24 Common and 37 Canal street, will be sold a choice assortment of fine groceries, just landed from brig C. T. O'Brien, and of the best quality that could be selected; at 11 o'clock, at store No. 5 Front Levee and 16 Fulton street, 125 kegs choice Goshen butter, onions, and new dried apples; at 12 o'clock, at salesroom, 30 Camp street, a very extensive assortment of choice and fine groceries, extra choice Goshen butter, eggs, teas, wines, &c., &c. The above sales are important and worthy the attendance of the entire trade, for the reason that they are to be sold in very large lots, without any unexpressed, and will be sold without limit or reserve.

McCorran & Landry sell this day, at their mart, at 10 o'clock, silver plated, Bohemian, China and lava ware, jewelry, &c. suitable for holiday presents.

D. E. Morphy, auctioneer, calls the attention of parties to his sale advertised to take place this day, at 11 o'clock. See advertisement.

THE Latest NEWS.

FROM THE SOUTHERN SOURCES.

Our Mobile Intelligence—Latest from Richmond—Gen. Price's report of the Great Battle—Gen. Forrest from Washington, Murfreesboro, Lexington, Mobile, Chattanooga, Holly Springs, Vicksburg, Charleston, North Carolina, Corinth, &c.

The *National Advocate* has received the Mobile *Register* of the 24th and Memphis (Jackson) *Appeal* of the 24th and 25th, and gives the following:

Richmond, December 22—William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the Lincoln Cabinet, and his son, Assistant Secretary, have both resigned and retired from the Cabinet.

It is believed that the whole Cabinet will follow suit. Gen. Halleck will of course be removed.

Burnside has resigned. "P. W. A."

Richmond, December 22.—General Hampton made a circuit of the enemy's lines, and found him in heavy force on Bull Run, near Dumfries, moving slowly towards Washington.

Hampton's cavalry destroyed a number of wagons belonging to his train, and took a few prisoners.

Richmond, December 22—A proclamation appears in the papers to-morrow, from President Davis, in relation to the murder of Mitford at New Orleans by Butler. It reviews the case and correspondence concerning it between Generals Lee and Halleck. The shuffling diplomacy of the Federal Commander-in-Chief is fully exposed. The President says that Halleck promised explanations which he never made, and failed to respond to certain inquiries from Lee, which the President regards as adding the guilt of Butler.

The President pronounces Butler a felon, and says: I do order that he may be no longer considered or treated simply as a public enemy of the Confederate States, but as an outlaw and common enemy of mankind, and that in the event of his capture, the officer in command of the capturing force do cause him to be immediately executed, by hanging; and I do further order, that no commissioned officer of the United States taken captive shall be released on parole before exchange, until said Butler shall have met with due punishment for his crimes, and all officers in Butler's command be considered criminals, deserving death, and, when captured, reserved for execution.

Richmond, December 22.—Advices have been received from Gordonville that 170 Federals, escaped by Hampton's Cavalry, near Dumfries, and arrived there; 50 wagons also captured.

The Federals are believed to be falling back from Port Royal, and moving to the Potomac.

The latest Northern advices report Burnside's army as thoroughly defeated and disconfirmed.

Richmond, December 22.—Gov. Letcher has ordered 200 Federal prisoners, taken by Floyd, to be incarcerated until Zarvona, who captured the St. Nicholas, is released.

Nine hundred and fifty Federal prisoners were being paroled to-day, preparatory to being exchanged.

Richmond, December 22—Col. Henry H. Davidson telegraphs from Staunton that a dispatch from a trustworthy source in Winchester states that Burnside has been recalled and Major-Gen. Fremont appointed to the command of the army of the Potomac.

A special dispatch to the *Enquirer* brings Northern dates of the 20th inst.

The Washington *Star* gives a history of the Republican caucus, shewing that steps were taken there for a reconstruction of the Cabinet, and thinks that all of Seward's colleagues will follow his example.

The Philadelphia *Inquirer* has a report that Burnside has resigned.

Vicksburg, December 23—The enemy are fortifying their fleet above the Yazoo. Two gunboats, one ram and two transports arrived yesterday. Several boats up the Yazoo have been shelling the woods all day. A large fire was visible late in the evening. It is supposed the enemy are burning houses in revenge for the burning of the Cairo last week.

President and Gen. Johnston left this morning for Jackson.

Chattanooga, December 22—Two soldiers, whose names are unknown, were killed on Monday on Mobile and Ohio Railroad, by the turning over of a car. They belonged to a battery ordered to be transported South, and were with their guns when the accident occurred.

The Louisville *Journal* of the 19th is received. Speaking of the battle of Fredericksburg, it says: "It is painful, it is absolutely sickening to read of the horrible slaughter of our men at Fredericksburg. The carnage was appalling, frightful" And again it says: "The war must be carried on much longer ere it has exhausted the following dispatch is in the telegraph column of the *Journal*:

New York, December 18.—Gen. French went out with 7000 men, and two days after with only 1200 reported to him. The total loss is 13,055.

A writer in the Philadelphia *Inquirer* places the Federal loss at 15,000.

Richmond, December 22—The *Reporter* of this morning says passengers on last night's train from Meridian reports that five thousand cavalry under Van Dorn, dashed into Corinth on Monday, dispersed the Federals and took possession of the place.

Richmond, December 23.—In his recent dash into the enemy's lines, Gen. Hampton captured a number of aides's wagons loaded with Christmas supplies, some of which were sent by Gen. Burnside. A train of thirty-two new wagons, with six fine mules to each, was also captured and brought off.

A notorious spy, Underwood, was captured by a mother's house, in Prince William county. Gen. Hampton has rendered important service with his brigade of cavalry since the winter campaign opened. About 300 prisoners, captured by his command, will arrive here to-

Richmond, December 23.—John C. Underwood, the spy captured by Hampton, was the man to raise the Black Republican flag on Prince William soil.

Richmond, December 23—Passengers by the flag of truce report that there is no change in the condition of affairs at Fredericksburg.

The Richmond *Enquirer* has Northern dates to the 22d.

The *Herald* says Seward and Chase have virtually resigned. Seward will not remain in the Cabinet and Stanton are retained. Chase will not remain if Seward goes. Fremont is mentioned as the radical candidate for commander-in-chief, and McClellan as the conservative. The *Herald* says Sunday was the gloomiest day at Washington known in the history, and that if Fremont is appointed or Stanton resigned, the newly elected Governors of six great States will withdraw their troops and demand a change in policy.

A dispatch from Washington, on Sunday at midnight, says the President has concentrated the entire force of the conclave of his advisers at his house. It is the proper lodge of the conclave of his Cabinet, and it will not be influenced by the dictation of Senators.

Washington on Sunday, and Burnside was in telegraphed to the President's bedquarters, though, that his staff know nothing of his resignation.

Gold rose one per cent. in Monday, when news of Seward's resignation was first received.

Chattanooga, December 23.—A special dispatch to the *Rebel*, from Tuscumbia, 22d, says: A gentleman who arrived here to-day with his brother's body killed in the fight at Lexington, says Gen. Forrest attacked and routed the Federals there on the 18th, capturing a battery and horses, 40 prisoners, 300 carbines and 300 horses; also, several hundred saddles and considerable commissary stores. Citizens have reported the enemy 5000 strong, with new recruits. Our loss was very trifling. A man here says the Federals had returned from Oka-lona.

Murfreesboro', December 23.—Gen. Forrest captured Lexington, Henderson county, Tenn., on the 18th instant, together with 200 prisoners, six pieces of artillery, 200 horses and a large amount of stores and ammunition. He sustained but trifling loss.

Forrest left here with the determination to outflank Morgan's Hartsville expedition, and this is only his beginning. He has doubtless captured Jackson before this.

Nothing from the front except cavalry skirmishing which occurs daily.

The rumor that Rosecrans would retire part of his army from Nashville is not credited here by the military authorities. On the contrary, it is thought probable that he will come out and give us battle.

Gen Maxey, of Texas, has been assigned to duty in Mississippi, under Pemberton, and left yesterday for Jackson.

Richmond, December 23—Three Federal gunboats advanced up Blackwater river a few days ago, and were repulsed by Gen. Pryor's command.

The New York *World* says no further attempt will be made to reach Richmond this winter.

The steamers Phebe, Harriet, Pickney, Justitia and Merrimac, with stores and ammunition for the Confederates, have arrived at Bermuda.

Richmond, December 23.—Thomas W. Hall, late editor of the Baltimore *Stock and Exchange*, who has been incarcerated in Forts Warren and McHenry about twelve months, arrived in Richmond to-night.

Richmond, December 23.—Advices from Fauquier state that a large body of Federals are at Manassas, and appear to be moving North.

A FEDERAL ELECTION FORM ROUTED.

Petersburg, December 24.—On Monday Gen. Pryor, with a small detachment, attacked a Federal force of several hundred stationed at Isle of Wight Courthouse, to protect the election of a Representative to the Federal Congress. At the first charge Gen. Dix's protectors fled in great confusion, and were chased ten miles at full speed. Our loss was trifling. Gen. Pryor and his men afterwards visited Smithfield.

NORTHERN NEWSPAPER SPECULATIONS.

Richmond, December 24.—The *Herald* says neither the people nor the army will submit to Fremont. Most intelligent observers believe the radicals will prevail.

The *Herald* says Chase may be made Premier, and R. J. Walker Secretary of the Treasury. Fessenden and Daniel S. Dickinson are also spoken of as Speaker.

The *Herald* intimates that the troubles in the Cabinet will involve the North in civil war. If Seward quits Northern capitalists declare they will withhold their support from the administration.

The forward movement on Fredericksburg was peremptorily ordered at Washington.

The *Herald* believes the Confederate army is falling back to Richmond.

Burnside had not resigned on the 23d.

The *Herald* says this is the darkest period in the history of the nation.

The *World* exclaims, "Alas for our country; given over, it would seem, to the most lamentable that ever befell a country wrecked by imbecility. The people have named a man to hold the helm of State for years whom we must abide as he is and find in his drollery what solace we can."

BANK NOTE ROBBER ARRESTED.

Augusta, December 24.—Jessee M. Lawson, charged with bank note robbery at Columbia, broke jail at Columbia Thursday last, and was last night arrested here. The money, some noted, unsigned, were found on him. He is supposed to be one of a regular gang.

FIRE IN RICHMOND.

Richmond, December 24—A fire broke out last night in the auction room of Robinson, Adams & Co., on Main street. Several bales of cotton goods were consumed. Loss four thousand dollars.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION.

Charleston, December 22.—A special to the *Advertiser and Register*, dated 23d, says: Late Northern papers say the Committee of Ways and Means, in the Federal Congress, has reported a bill for issuing over one million dollars of United States bonds, the interest payable in legal tender notes, and the principal twenty years hence in specie. They also propose to issue six hundred millions legal tender notes. The bill aims at the virtual suppression of the Northern banks, by imposing a tax of fifty per cent. on all their circulation over one-half of their capital paid in.

Another bill introduced, authorises the organization of one hundred regiments of contrabands to serve seven years, establishes a line of steamers between New York and Liberia, and appropriates the proceeds of the confiscated property of Confederates for that purpose.

CONFEDERATE CREDIT NORTH.

The New York *Times* says parties in the North are secretly purchasing Confederate bonds at fifty cents on the dollar, and private paper of wealthy Southerners sells readily at par.

FROM NORTH MISSISSIPPI.

Canton, December 22.—Grant's army has fallen back beyond the Tallahatchie.

An important expedition under Van Dorn, which has been out several days, has not yet been reliably heard from.

The Mississippi Central road changed its schedule—trains going north leaving at 10 A. M., making southern connections at 3 P. M., thus saving twelve hours over the former schedule.

FROM NASSAU.

Charleston, December 21.—Nassau dates of the 16th report the arrival of Admiral Milne's flagship Nile, accompanied by the Nimble.

Effective steps will be taken to prevent further outrages by White's fleet.

The Bermuda *Gazette* of the 24 reports the arrival of the British ship Gallatin.

Two American ship companies arrived at St. Thomas, November 22d. They reported their vessels destroyed by the Alabama.

The Alabama is reported to have passed Allectown on the 1st instant, while the officers of the United States vessel Saratoga were feasting with their Consul on shore.

Several small vessels from the South have lately arrived at Havana.

Five hundred bags of coffee, with other supplies, have reached Southern ports by a late arrival. The schooners Rover and Time, at Nassau, were loaded, ready to sail.

RUN THE BLOCKADE.

Charleston, December 21.—Another steamer, with a valuable cargo, arrived safely at a Confederate port.

Still another steamer reached a Confederate port last night, running within pistol-shot of the blockaders. Her cargo consists of two hundred and twenty kegs of powder, forty tons of iron plating for gunboats, a lot of rifles, five hundred bags of coffee, with blankets and other valuable merchandise. She brings Nassau dates to December 19.

Wilkes's violations of neutral waters were attracting increased attention. It is rumored that Admiral Milne, who remained at Nassau with several British war steamers, would compel Wilkes to keep a marked respect from shore.

The reported evacuation of Nashville originated from the supposed departure of troops for Mississippi.

Louisville papers of the 18th contain official reports of the enemy of the battle of Fredericksburg. Their total loss is estimated at thirteen thousand and fifty-five.

The Alabama's exploits continue to excite consternation among the Federal merchantmen in the West Indies.

It is reported at Havana that the Federal steamer Montgomery had captured the Confederate steamer Arbenia, laden with arms and clothing, ninety miles south of Mobile. Also, that the steamers Carolina and Edward Bawlins, which left Havana with similar cargoes for the South, had been taken.

NASHVILLE BEING STRENGTHENED.

Mobile, December 21.—Special to the *Advertiser and Register*:

Murfreesboro', December 21.—Parties from Nashville yesterday report the enemy extending and strengthening their works.

M'CLELLAN ABOUT TO BE REINSTATED.

A report was in circulation that McClellan had been summoned to Washington, and in consultation with Lincoln and his Cabinet. It is supposed he will be restored to his command.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.

Richmond, December 22, via *Raleigh*, December 21.—The North Carolina Legislature adjourned until the 19th January. The action on the bill to raise State troops from persons liable to conscription, was postponed after a hot debate.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The following items are taken from the Memphis (Jackson) *Appeal* of the 25th:

FEDERAL MOVEMENTS ON THE RIVER.

The Federals were making immense preparations for early movements on the river last week. We have the most direct intelligence. On the 18th thirty five transports were lying at the Memphis landing and being loaded with troops, &c., and the Federal officers confidently boasted of thirty more vessels the same night. It was reported on Friday that they had arrived, but of this our informant knew nothing positively. The expedition then falling down was probably the one landed on the Yazoo yesterday morning, and some idea of its strength may be formed from the information from Memphis.

We learn that the enemy landed in force on the Yazoo yesterday, and that skirmishing continued all day, without any loss on our side. Warm work was expected to-day at Vicksburg, where, it was rumored, a number of transports reached the fleet on the Yazoo last night.

SPEECH FROM JEFF. DAVIS.

A dispatch was received this morning from the private secretary of President Davis, stating that the President would address the Legislature and people of Jackson this evening at 8 o'clock.

We learn that on capturing Colonel Morgan, Van Dorn found the lady of the house in the last headquarters—the enemy having left hurriedly the day before—and promised to preserve the city from the torch. Was ever [illegible] with [illegible] post? Was ever [illegible] have always lived in camp with him, and it is reported that this last led an ancient and grumbling Tartar of an orderly of his to say: "D—n a woman in camp anyhow. She's worse than fifty barrels of whisky and a hundred kicking mules!"

FROM NASHVILLE.

The Chattanooga *Rebel*, of Saturday last, publishes a report from Murfreesboro', that our lines were moving toward Nashville, and our advance guard was within six miles of the city.

FROM THE YAZOO.

The Vicksburg *Whig* of the 25th says:

Advices from the Yazoo yesterday confirm the report of the burning of Capt. Wm. Henry Johnson's residence, negro quarters, &c., by the enemy on Tuesday. A number of our sharpshooters secreted themselves in the woods and went to work picking off the enemy on the boats. Several are reported to have been killed and wounded. This is what caused the heavy shelling on Tuesday. None of our men are reported to have been killed.

We clip the following from the Knoxville *Register* of the 20th:

We understand that Brigadier-General W. H. Carroll has resigned his position. The service loses a very valuable officer, who we had hoped would have the honor of placing the Confederate flag over his native city, Nashville.

GALVESTON BOMBARDED.—Galveston, says the *National Advocate*, was bombarded on the night of the 1st instant.

Mr. Lincoln, from the beginning, has made the mistake of committing the execution of his plans to half friends or to no friends, and hence has found but a weak, vacillating, ineffective service. He must seek agents worthy of his aims, both in the Cabinet and the field; must put in command of our armies, and take into his councils, men who are as earnest, as enthusiastic, as determined, as devoted to the true principles of the Union as Lee and Jackson are to the bad cause for which they fight. Such—and none others—are capable of compelling victory to perch on our banners, and to remain there.—*Evening Post.*

Which, being interpreted, means depose Burnside and appoint Fremont. There are a few people who really wish Fremont placed at the head of the army, and so that is the last folly left to be perpetrated, perhaps to scatter the plunge through the additional scene of tragedy the better.—*N. Y. Journal of Commerce.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Shocking Sudden Death.—About half-past 8 o'clock yesterday morning, as Mr. Julien Sel, of the Mercantile Insurance Company's office, was on his way to business, he was seized with an apoplectic fit, in Exchange Alley, nearly opposite Goldwaithe's book store, near Canal street, received a violent blow over the root of the nose against the edge of the curb stone, and died instantly. Officer Gallagherch, whose beat is on the upper side of Canal street, and out of the District in which the event occurred went over to the spot on being notified, ordered a hack for the deceased. Officer, sent a notice down to the Second District police station for the Coroner, and finally left the corpse in charge of officers belonging to the District, who had come up. Blood flowed very freely from the wound the deceased gentleman received in his fall.

Another Sudden Death.—Mr. Josiah Munce was found dead in his bed yesterday morning, at his residence on Carondelet street. An inquiry into the circumstances led to the conclusion that death had ensued from disease of the heart. Mr. Munce was widely known, and will be remembered as having, in years gone by, been a reporter for the *Courier* newspaper, afterwards correspondent for some country newspapers, subsequently a deputy clerk in one of the justice's courts. He was universally esteemed as a quiet worthy man.

White Rearrested.—Our readers will remember that about a month ago, George White, of the Sixth New York Volunteers, shot Senan Parker on Burgundy street, was arrested, locked up in the Lafayette station, made his escape thence a few nights since. Yesterday Philippine Lewis, of the corner of Rampart and Conti streets, got a warrant against him at the Second Court, on the charge of having robbed her of some $500 worth of silk dresses and other clothes, jewelry, &c. The warrant was put in the hands of officers Ruff and Feeney, of the Second District, and under Philippine's guidance, he was soon captured. In addition to her charge against him, he will have to answer as a fugitive from justice. It is supposed he had been concealed by Philippine since his escape from the Cambronne.

Abuse and Scandal Propagating.—Julia McDonnell and Jane Sheridan, residing on Gaiennie street, last Monday night, on the charge of having abused Ellen Sullivan, and disturbed the peaceful street her. Jane was released by order of Col. French, to appear yesterday morning. Julia was locked up.

Deserter Wounded.—Officer Carroll reports that two soldiers endeavored, Monday last, to arrest a deserter on his beat, and that upon the deserter's resistance, one of the soldiers fired at him three times, hitting him once and slightly wounding him; whereupon the officer went up arrested the deserter and delivered him over at Lieut. Colonel Andrews, to whose company he belonged.

Watchman's Club Lost.—A sleepy watchman, who has been dismissed, lost a fine club belonging to a brother officer, the other night, on Camp street, between Poydras and Girod streets. The owner will pay a suitable reward for its restoration at the Fourth District police station.

Larceny.—Edward Wilson was arrested in the Third District last Monday, on a charge of larceny. The stolen property was found in his possession.

Light Out.—Michael Ferguson was arrested in the Second District, on Monday night, on the charge of driving his cab, No. 201, with only one light.

Wholesale Larceny.—Anthony Romero and John Dennis were arrested on Front Levee street, on Monday night, on the charge of stealing sundry boxes of merchandise.

Seditious Language.—John Murray was arrested on Royal street, on Monday night, by officer Andrews, but subsequently released, by order of the Provost Marshal General, to answer a charge of making use of seditious language.

Out of Order.—Officer Friedmann, of the Fourth District police, reports the fire alarm telegraph box, at the corner of Washington and Chippewa streets, out of order.

Insane.—A poor man named John Moody, found on St. Mary street, between Rousseau and Religieux streets, in an unsound state of mind, was taken charge of, on Monday, by an officer of the Fourth District police, that he might be sent to the Insane Asylum.

Minor Arrests.—There was more than the average of arrests for minor offenses on Monday night. Many of them were sailors and soldiers absent from quarters without leave. Among the cases of drunkenness was that of Mrs Gibbons, of the Fourth District, who was so drunk under the influence, that she was unable to take care of herself.

Suspicious.—Charles, slave boy of Dr. Stone, was arrested on Monday night, on the charge of being found in a Lafayette Street Railroad car under suspicious circumstances.

Supposed Stolen Gun.—Dave, slave of Mr. Simon, was arrested on Monday night, on the charge of having in his possession a double shot-gun, supposed to have been stolen.

A Store Open.—Officer O'Connor reports the store 73 Gravier street, open late at night.

Provost Court.—J. A. Mondelli, A. Malan and W. A. Maurice were brought up on a charge of painting, photographing and exhibiting portraits of "Stonewall" Jackson and other Confederate Generals. The last named of the accused showed that he had had nothing to do with the matter, and was dismissed. Mr. Malan was fined $25, and several albums containing photographic likenesses of Confederate officers, which he had in his possession, were ordered to be confiscated.

[From the N. Y. Journal of Commerce, 20th.]

MERCHANTS AND BANKERS OF NEW YORK.

Do you more than on any other class of the people of the United States depends the course of our destiny, the future of our great nation. The responsibility is no slight one. The government indeed depends on the people; it is the people; but there are those who can more than others represent to the men in office, and have in the highest official positions the opinions and desires of the people, and represent them with a force that will be listened to. We who control the engines of the press and can speak to the magistrates, but our voice is only potential so far as it is understood to be the voice of the true men of America. Your voices, once uttered in a united expression—your action, deliberate, concerted and unanimous, will receive attention. You have furnished the government with an immense portion of the material of war. You liberally responded to its whatever policy it has chosen to adopt. You are known to be the faithful support of army and navy. Some of you have sons, brothers, that you have sent to the field. All of you, every man of you, have fortunes now in the hands of the government, entrusted to them for the purposes of this war; for whether you hold any of the promises of the government for money loaned or not, it is plain that your entire property is dependent on the results to be attained by the present war.

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Have you not seen the record of that fearful peninsular campaign, now more plain by the published orders of the Government, by which the ruin of the army of the Potomac, the slaughter of the thousands in the seven days' battles, the failure of that vast undertaking is fixed on the counsels that prevailed in Washington, led by radical men who wished to destroy slavery whether they saved the Union or not? Warm work was expected to-day at Vicksburg, where, it was rumored, a number of transports reached the fleet on the Yazoo last night.

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The agony of the story is not yet over, the sacrifice of the heads have not yet ceased to ache, the catalogue of the dead, the missing, your sons—is not yet made up.

Who are the men responsible for this waste of your money and your blood? Who urge on the radical pain to still greater errors, more terrible disaster? Who excuse the sins of the

wrong? You look around for answer, and you see the men that have fattened on the plunder! Political power and position have been given to some. Wealth in abundance has fallen into the lap of others. Mark the men and remember them when you meet them to-day. They will be rich. Shame has ceased long ago to be one of their virtues. They laugh at your questions. They enjoy the reputation of having "made money out of the Government."

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We appeal to you, merchants of New York, to do your duty, and fulfill honestly the responsibilities devolved on you by God and your country. We must have a united North, and we shall then know how to have a united country. The men who have controlled the policy of this war who have led the President into the fearful position he occupies, must not be allowed to rule all that has been so glorious.

How shall you act? Go to Mr. Lincoln. Go as the merchants of this great city. Tell him of your wasted treasures and vainly sacrificed sons. Tell him the chartesers of rotton ships, the manufacturers of shoddy blankets, the contractors who pay on our Canadian lakes of Americans, are henceforth and forever outcasts from among you. Tell him—why should we say what you are to tell him? Tell him what you talked yesterday in your offices, in the streets, on 'Change, everywhere. Let him hear in plain tones from a deputation of the honest patriotic merchants of New York, exactly what every honest man among you has said to every man you met in public and private for the last four days. Speak out, speak boldly, speak as men having authority; speak for your fortunes, your sons, your honor, your country, and we beseech you speak plainly.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE SUN,
TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 30, 1862.

SUGAR.—Cloudy and rainy weather during the forenoon impeded our dealers' operations, and we have again to report a very dull and drooping market. There was some little inquiry, but purchasers are generally holding aloof, awaiting further developments, or waiting for considerably easier prices. Sellers, however, show very little disposition to yield their respective ideas, and decline to operate at the reduction sought for by buyers. Meanwhile the receipts continue limited and the stock, which is very light, will scarcely last long. The supplies from the upper coast are generally expected to be on the most limited scale, while a portion of the product of the lower coast has been shipped direct to Northern ports. The board of sales of about 150 hhds and over presented at the Exchange, shows a very slow sale of any moment to-day, and accurate quotations are scarcely to be given.

MOLASSES.—The stock is light, but the demand is very limited, and prices are still ruling in favor of buyers. We did not hear of a sale of any moment to-day, owing partially to rainy weather. Yesterday, sales of 150 hhds Prime are noted at 26c., and 400 half hhds, now at 24c. for Ordinary, and 41c. for a lot of very Choice. New crop in bbls. may be quoted at —@34c., and old crop at —@32c. per gallon.

BOATS.—Round lots are offered at 75c. The retail demand is supplied at 80c. per bushel.

CORN.—We did not hear of a sale from first hands to-day. It is retailing slowly at 80c.

PROVISIONS.—The retail demand is supplied, by regular dealers at 8@8½c. for Butter, 13@14c. for Lard, 6@7c. for Bacon Sides, 5@6c. for Hams and Shoulders, 17@18c. for Hams, 6½@7c. for half bbl. for Northern Beef.

FREIGHTS.—The Freight market is very dull. The rates by sailing vessels to Liverpool, ports are 6d for Sugar, and 5/8ths. p bbl. of Molasses.

Cattle Market.

Saturday Cattle, December 31, 1862.

Arrived yesterday 10 Beeves, 3 Hogs and 12 Veals. Amount of stock now in the market 1 Beef, 3 Hogs and remaining on sale 10 Beeves, 55 Hogs, 65 Sheep and 12 Veals.

Texas Beeves, 1st quality, ⅌ lb. net.....0@0 [illegible]
Texas Beeves, 2d quality, ⅌ lb. net.....0@0 [illegible]
Texas Beeves, 3d quality, ⅌ lb. net.....0@0 [illegible]
Veal, 1st quality, ⅌ head.....[illegible]
Veal, 2d quality, ⅌ head.....[illegible]
Hogs, ⅌ lb. net.....[illegible]
Milch Cows, ⅌ head.....[illegible]
Sheep, 1st quality, ⅌ head.....[illegible]

MARINE NEWS.

Port of New Orleans, Dec. 31, 1862.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

U S transport steamship Matanzas, Lolangeng, for New York, Master

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

U S transport steamship Tennessee, Johnson, from Pensacola 24th inst.

Ship Mary Castle, Rees, 18 days from Provencher, Mr. Ship Catherine, Freeman, 17 days from New York.

Ship Wm. Tell, Hall, 1 day from Boston.

Ship Wizard King, Cobb, 16 days from New York, via Ship Island, to U S Quartermaster—8th inst. 44

Ship Jacob Crowell, Crowell, 16 days from New York, via Ship Island, to U S Quartermaster—8th inst. 45

Logger Foodreynat, from Coast, to master—3d inst.

Gen Williams, Walker, from Coast.

TOWBOAT REGISTER.

The towboat Fox, Boyd, left yesterday morning down and to sea, 27th inst, ship Dourlac, brig Belle Rand, schr Ada, and Schindler—brought up ships Wizard King, Jacob Crowell, and Mary Catherine.

BELOW, COMING UP.

Ship Greenfield, Sprague, 17 days from Marshal.
Bark Franklin, Barrow, — days from Boston.
Bark Prosper, Hamilton, — days.
Schr Anna F Glover, Jackson, 14 days from New York.
Schr Sea, Tulford, 13 days from New York.
Schr Ellen Morris, Crowell, 7 days from New York.
Schr Walter Raleigh, Phillips, from New York.
Schr Ellen Stanton, Edition.
Schr Sister Hale, from Grand Caillou.
Schr W S Seeley, Crawford, from New York.
Schr Ellen Tinker, Tinker, 7 days from New York
1 ship and 4 schrs outside, bound in.

MEMORANDA.

[illegible]

IMPORTS.

NEW YORK.—Per ship Catherine—517 bales hay 640 tons [illegible] bale hoop iron 300 [illegible] p-staves 420 sides leather to Wm J Reid.

BOSTON—Per bark Fenelon—182 bbls potatoes 347 pkgs [illegible] 20 bbls [illegible] 10 do [illegible] 2 pkgs cranberries to Grell, Byrnes & [illegible]—Per schr Ellen Stanton—125 bbls potatoes 3 do beans 3 do Moody—5 bbls flour 10 pkgs mdse 57 sks [illegible] 3 do [illegible] 2 do [illegible] 20 pkgs mdse A D Gilell & co—18 do E J Hart & co—[illegible] 2 do [illegible] 2 do [illegible] 7 do do E Roger & co—19 bbls pork 5 do hams 12 bbls butter 50 bbls potatoes 2 do [illegible] 1 do [illegible] 1 do [illegible] 100 bbls potatoes J S Hodgdon—18 chs oil 250 do [illegible] 10 do [illegible] 2 do [illegible] 20 do [illegible] 2 do [illegible] 2 do [illegible] 2