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We are obliged to Cole Saunders & Co., 60 Camp street, for additional favors, comprising the *Army and Navy Journal* of the 27th Aug., and the Boston *Waverly Magazine* of the 10th Sept.; also the *Courrier Français*, (Weekly,) Aug. 27th.

The sheriff sells at auction, this day at noon, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, for account of a succession, sundry notes and accounts.

ST. VINCENT'S ACADEMY.—The prospectus of this institution is well calculated to commend itself to the attention of those who seek the advantages of a good school, conveniently located on a pleasant and salubrious site. It will be observed that its situation, between Magazine and Camp streets on Napoleon Avenue, is such as to make it easily accessible to pupils by the cars from every part of the city. In exceeding details as to the studies, the discipline and the terms of tuition, at this Academy, are given in the prospectus which is published in our advertising columns.

PERSONAL.—Among the late arrivals by the river steamers is Dr. Saunders, one of the old citizens of New Orleans, and now the head of the newspaper, bookselling and stationery house of Cole Saunders & Co., 60 Camp street. The Doctor may well be congratulated by his friends on the abundant success already achieved by his enterprising house.

STEAMER FROM ST. LOUIS.—The Packet Steamer James White and Atlantic, left St Louis for New Orleans on the 26th August. The Jim was announced to leave on the 30th for the same destination.

The Memphis *Bulletin* of the 30th August, mentions the arrival in that city of Major General A. J. Smith and Brigadier General Mower with their staffs.

The rumor of General McClellan's resignation is not thus far traceable to any tangible source. It is no doubt premature.

**Meeting of the Chicago Convention—Its Provisional Organization—Speeches and Resolutions, Appointment of Committees, &c.**

(From the St. Louis Republican, Aug. 30.)

Brightly broke the morning, and at an early hour the streets were filled with thitherward moving to the edifice where the Convention was to be held. Two lanes of citizens were formed on either side of the pavement, and as the distinguished proceedings commenced a constant swell of music. Music of Air Long Syne, Hail Columbia, Yankee Doodle, Dixie, &c., was received with numerous cheers. The large building was crowded with people, many seated and a good standing. Precisely at 12 o'clock the Convention was called to order by Augustus Belmont, Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, who addressed the assemblage after stating the objects of the Convention. He referred to the contest of the past eight years, and as it is by a unanimous vote, we, the representatives of the Democratic party, were here peacefully in the Government, with resources at their command unknown to any previous millions of Americans. It is for us to appeal to the sympathy of the lovers of liberty throughout the civilized world. If through a lack of patriotism and unity Abraham Lincoln should be elected for another term, the principles of liberty and self-government would be jeopardized for generations to come. He called upon the Convention to bear in mind the dissensions of the last Democratic Convention, and to beware of falling into the same fatal error, to begin our deliberations with perfect unity, to be willing to make sacrifices of personal feeling in behalf of the cause, and to go forward to the regeneration of the Union, the perpetuation of the Constitution and the maintenance of the laws.

Mr. Belmont closed by proposing Hon. Wm. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, as temporary President of the Convention, which was unanimously agreed to.

Gov. Bigler, upon ascending the Presidential rostrum was received with loud cheers. After acknowledging the honor conferred, he spoke of the unhappy condition of the Republic, and the purposes for which the Convention had assembled. No body of men ever convened in America, holding such great interests in the Union. He is a true proposition of the people took with pride and satisfaction. The formation of Democratic rule has ended the prosperous relations between the States and the people. We had seen the consequences of the elevation of a sectional party to the administration of the Government in the destruction and war that had rotted our land. Civil liberty had been suspended, a dictatorial power to the federal edifice brought to the verge of despotism. After a cycle of more than three years, in which 200,000 of men had been called on the battle field upon one side, we still the blood like water, and our hopes for the Union are in despair. The men in power were utterly incapable. They were gone not by a blind fanaticism in relation to all institutions with which they are not concerned, and about which they are no responsibilities. The true interests are up on the rescue of our country was the watchword of the ballot-box of the Administration now in authority at Washington, and the inauguration instead of our wishing the power with zeal, fidelity, wisdom and patriotism on principles in accordance with the constitution and just to every section, one which will restore our national troubles, and stand by the civil liberties of the people, one that will put forth no endless prejudice to the restoration of the Union, no threat of punishment or unconstitutional tyranny. The delegates had been selected as the agents to effect the return, and he hoped they would send their energies there to with a united, determined and harmonious spirit.

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Chicago, August 27, Midnight.—To-night has been one of great excitement and enthusiasm. The Court House was brilliantly illuminated with transparencies as high up as the top of the second dome, and presented a brilliant spectacle. To this was added a brilliant display of fireworks, luminous bonfires, thousands of small flags having on them McClellan and Liberty, covered the Court House.

The sea of spectators flooded the entire square and extended up each of the streets leading to the square. Not less than 20,000 persons were present.

Speeches were made by Coombs, Perrin, of New York, Norton, Corcoran, and others here. The enthusiasm for McClellan was tremendous. At the same time speeches were made from the balcony of the Sherman House, directly opposite, by Reed of Indiana, Vallandigham and others, also to night the Invincible Club were addressed by Marshal Ryndors, while as Bryant Hall George Francis Train addressed an immense assembly, advocating Dix for President and John B. Weller for Vice President.

Nearly all the delegations have held meetings to night, and passed on the claims of McClellan to the Presidency. The result is said to be that McClellan is likely to have more than two-thirds of the Convention on the 1st ballot, and certain to do so on the 2d ballot. His nomination is conceded by the Peace men.

For Vice President the contest lies between Guthrie and Powell, of Kentucky, and Campbell, of Tennessee.

The platform will state as already intimated that the incoming President shall exhaust every means known to civilization and humanity to stop the war and restore the country to peace.

**The three Convention of Union Conservatives.**

(From the Chicago Tribune, August 27.)

The object of the National Union Conservative Convention which assembled at Bryan Hall yesterday was sympathized in many respects with that of the National Democratic Convention. The first and most important consideration of the party which composed the convention is and has been the displacing of the Lincoln Administration. On the first of May last R. F. Stevens, Secretary of the National Union Conservative Committee, by order of the chairman, Hon. Amos Kendall, issued a call for a convention, to be held in Chicago on the 24 and 25th of July. The Democratic Convention being postponed, however, that convention was deferred also, and a second call issued by the National Secretary, which resulted in the convention at Bryan Hall yesterday.

The convention assembled in Bryan Hall at Goodrich street. The attendance was not large.

Hon. Amos Kendall, chairman of the Union Conservative Committee, took the chair and called the convention to order. He said the convention was not a representative one. It was simply a mass convention, and all who were in favor of the Union and of peace were invited to participate in the proceedings.

The speeches made at this meeting were all for McClellan, and the resolutions were of a like character, the whole as follows:

*Resolved*, That we concur in the action of the Union National Convention held in Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 28th day of August, 1864, and reiterate the nomination by the people of Gen. George B. McClellan, and respectfully recommend it to the consideration of the National Democratic Convention, the name and that of Hector W. R. Campbell, of Tennessee, as the most suitable persons to be President and Vice President, now before the people, believing that their triumphant election is certain, and will be the ultimate duty of the people, with the restoration of the Government, and in case of their nomination by that body, we pledge the cordial and united support of the conservative men of the country to their State and general tickets.

**Declination of Lincoln—Chase Men in Council—The New York Delegation.**

CHICAGO, August 27, P. M.—A reliable passenger arrived here to-day direct from Washington with information that Lincoln has no intention to decline the Baltimore nomination. Gurlbut's indictment ten Chase radicals who have been recently speaking on the Committee of Ways and Means, in Hall's Statistics, and the Chase men are now in consultation with Lincoln. They are expected to withdraw their support from Lincoln. Senators Sumner and Pomeroy are among the party.

At the hotel here a New York delegate said he expected everything for Democratic success in that State.

J. C. B.

**Letter from Millard Fillmore in Favor of Reelection—McClellan's Friends Confident of His Nomination.**

CHICAGO, August 28, 1864.—It is not probable that anything will be done in Monday, aside from organization.

The following letter to Mr. Fillmore is the circulated:

BUFFALO, August 15, 1864.—My Dear Sir: Your letter of the 11th came to hand during my absence, but I was greatly delighted to see by the papers that you had so large and enthusiastic a meeting for McClellan. I sincerely hope that he will receive the nomination by the Chicago Convention.

I see my name is still talked of to be run against with that Convention. Let it cannot think there is anything of it. I believe all know that I do not desire the nomination, and I cannot think that any great number desire me to be run.

Truly yours,

MILLARD FILLMORE.

The New York delegation are divided, with a majority at present for McClellan, which, when it comes, throws New York solid into McClellan favor, and will secure the nomination. If they go for Seymour, he will receive a majority in the Convention, but not a sufficient number of votes to nominate him under the two-thirds rule.

McClellan's friends are numerous and confident, which with the outside pressure on the Convention, would seem to favor the nomination at the ballot-box of the Administration now in authority at Washington, and the inauguration instead of one wielding the power with zeal, fidelity, wisdom and patriotism on principles in accordance with the constitution and just to every section, one which will restore our national troubles, and stand by the civil liberties of the people, one that will put forth no endless prejudice to the restoration of the Union, no threat of punishment or unconstitutional tyranny. The delegates had been selected as the agents to effect the return, and he hoped they would send their energies there to with a united, determined and harmonious spirit.

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## Three Days' Later via the River.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER LUMINARY.

*The Battle of the 25th August on the Weldon Railroad—Desperate Fighting—Official Accounts—Affairs in the Shenandoah—Victory of Averill—Early Reported in Retreat Closely Pursued—Situation at Atlanta, The Place Threatened from the South—Georgia Peace Commission to Washington—Later from Europe—Gold in New York 37th August 217¼—Cotton 187.*

**Gold on the 30th in New York 211¼.**

The arrival of the steamer Luminary this morning, brings to hand the Western dates of the 29th ult., with various news, as given below. For Washington and New York dispatches of the 29th ult., we are indebted to the telegraph columns of the N. O. *Times*.

**The Battle of the 25th August on the Weldon Railroad**

OFFICIAL DISPATCHES.

WASHINGTON, August 28.—On Thursday Gen Hancock, who was south of Ream's Station, was attacked several times during the day, but repulsed the enemy every time. At 5:30 a combined attack was made on his centre and left, which, after one of the most desperate battles of the war, resulted in the enemy withdrawing, leaving his dead and wounded on the field.

Two official details are given in dispatches from Grant, Meade and Hancock.

We held the Weldon railroad.

In a dispatch dated 7 P. M. yesterday, Gen Grant says: Position of the road seems to be below the enemy can't stand. I think I shall not retain the enemy's loss in two weeks at five killed and wounded. We lost heavily, but more in captured.

Grant says when the following report: On Thursday morning the enemy drove in Butler's picket. The guard soon rallied, and drove the enemy back and re-established their line. We had two killed, nine wounded, and fourteen missing. Two commanding officers and men were captured from the enemy.

Meade says: Official dispatches from Generals Meade and Hancock:

*Army Corps*, August 26—

Sunday night, 10 P. M. was probably intended to be a combination by Wilcox on my centre and Heath on my left. The enemy, with the words, placed three artillery and supported a heavy commands, lasting fifteen minutes, and then assaulted Miles' line. He pressed heavily, but the enemy broke he left. Some of Gibbon's troops were thrown over to repair the breach, but the enemy only gained a slight foothold. They were attempted my attempt to drive Gibbon's division for by the line had been moved wounded in rushing to the Gen. M. and long during the repeated assaults. Gen Gibbons succeeded in forming a strong line, and the enemy, however, pressed back are intrenched were checked by the Gen. Wilcox's under forces, which included a brigade that was now driven in confusion. Many regiments lost one-half the number engaged. Artillery fired the remainder by lay of they retained.

(Signed) G. G. MEADE, Maj. General

The following has just been received

SECOND ARMY CORPS, Aug. 26—1 P. M.

Major General Meade:

Since sending you my last dispatch I have continued to advance and intrenched to. They have been the hardest fought days of my command since the battle of the Wilderness. He says the enemy's dead lie in every direction, and the ground is covered with them. He says the slaughter was great. The second day he was over the field, where he was covered with the enemy's dead and wounded. He had been a great many battle fields, but never saw such a sight. Nearly all the enemy's dead are our wounded, were brought off, but our dead were unburied when instructed Gen. Gregg to make an effort to send a party and bury them.

(Signed) G. G. MEADE, M. G.
H. M. STANTON,
Secretary of War

*New York, August 28*—The *World's* special says the following account of the fighting on the Weldon road: The Second and Third Divisions of the Second Corps went down on Wednesday near Reams Station to continue the destruction of that road, and had effectually succeeded in that object to a distance of ten miles when opposition. Yesterday morning, however, the rebels massed Early's Corps and two divisions of Longstreet's Corps in front of our lines and commenced skirmishing at an early hour. At about 8 o'clock they charged our line in front of the second Division of the Fifth Corps and were handsomely repulsed, after a severe fought with the utmost determination. After this they were beaten back, but they were again rallied and returned to the charge. This was repeated four times and with the same they were punished severely. But by reinforcing the fifth, they succeeded in driving back the Fifty-second and Sixty-ninth New York, who had already suffered dreadfully, and poured through the opening in the ranks, gaining the flank and rear of the remainder of the division, and rendered their withdrawal a matter of great difficulty. The movement threw the other division in a critical position, forcing it to withdraw from the left flank and make its front to another direction, and in making a charge it suffered severely, but was able to prevent the further advance of the enemy.

The result of the battle is that we have lost possession of about four miles of the Railroad, which we left, though the Fifth corps still hold the right of four miles.

The portion which is lost is effectually destroyed, and would perhaps have been evacuated in a few days.

Our withdrawal from it was nothing displaced further than we did not leave at our option.

The *Tribune*'s special says the result of the fighting for the Weldon Railroad is as follows:

1st That the enemy was successful, after repeated and impetuous assaults, in compelling the abandonment of our forces of the Railroad below Reams's station.

2d. That although attacking in vastly superior numbers, he received a bloody repulse in three successive instances.

3d. His loss in killed and wounded must have been at least twice the number.

Finally, by an overwhelming force he succeeded in forcing us back from our entrenchments to the railroad below the station, a position which we had already decided to abandon.

We fully accomplished the special object in view, viz: The destruction of the track ten miles below the station, and although our withdrawal from the entrenchments was somewhat hastened by the attack, it was natural to consider from trustworthy statements that the severity of the blow inflicted upon the enemy did not begin to compensate for our possession of a few miles of the railroad.

**Hancock's Losses.**

The *Commercial's* Washington special says that General Hancock reports the loss of two better as. Other accounts say that fourteen guns were captured.

Captain Sleeper, of the Tenth Massachusetts Battery, was captured after he was wounded, and sixteen of his men and fifty-four horses killed.

**From the Shenandoah Valley.**

*Baltimore*, August 26.—The *American's* Harper's Ferry dispatch, received to-night, says the enemy made an attempt to press into Maryland, to-day, at Williamsport, with two regiments of cavalry and some infantry. After a spirited fight of some hours duration they were handsomely repulsed by Averill, with a heavy loss.

A reconnoissance was made by Gen. Crook, which resulted in the capture of six commissioned officers, one Lieutenant-Colonel, and six-ty-three privates.

The enemy still show a force in our front.

*Washington*, August 28.—To Major-General Dix:

General Sheridan, in a dispatch dated yesterday, at 2:30 P. M., reports the enemy falling back to Smithfield or Middleway. We captured 101 prisoners yesterday, and inflicted a loss of 150 killed and wounded.

There have been a few feints to cross the river by cavalry at Williamsport, but there was no strength shown. The indications to-day are that they will fall back out of the Valley.

Other reports state that the enemy is leaving the Shenandoah Valley.

Nothing has been received from Gen. Sherman for two days.

(Signed) EDWIN M. STANTON,
Secretary of War.

*Baltimore*, August 27.—A special to the *American*, from the headquarters of the Middle Military Division, in the field, says the long looked for advance of our troops commenced yesterday morning, at 4 o'clock. Our cavalry, started out and commenced driving the enemy's rear guard, at 5 o'clock A. M. the infantry broke camp, and at 7 had taken position in line of march, which was in three parallel columns. We had not proceeded far, when we were satisfied that the main force of the enemy had retired from our immediate front and returned to some position up the Valley.

A reconnoissance was made in front of Gen. Crook's line on the left of our position, on Saturday, which developed the fact that their main force had left our immediate front, but in what direction they had moved we had no reliable information, and even up to the time of writing this dispatch the whereabouts of the enemy's main force is mere speculation.

*New York, August 30*—The *Tribune's* Washington special this sums up the situation: Sheridan has advanced, and driven before the enemy, returned. All quiet yesterday, and to-day with the armies around Atlanta, so far as active operations are concerned. Dispatches from Grant indicate that Lee has ceased to struggle for the recovery of the Weldon Railroad, which is now completely in our possession. There was no fighting yesterday or to-day, Lee being before Petersburg or in Butler's front—Early's forces are in full retreat up the Valley. Our cavalry are closely pursuing the rear retreating column, and have captured a good many stragglers.

*Washington, August 29*—Information received from Hartsuff, as late as yesterday, stated that the enemy has been routed, and another battle is expected and fought.

**From Sherman's Army.**

*Nashville, August 29*—It is rumored here that Sherman has moved the position of the army to the vicinity of the Red Oak, and is advancing upon Atlanta from the south. It is doubtless his intention to attack the city from several points simultaneously.

No official intelligence of Gen. Sherman's movement has yet been received here.

Gen. Gillmore left yesterday for Knoxville, East Tennessee, that in the fight with the rebel forces at that place, on the 24th, he killed 19 Confederates and drove that force from the town. He had 5 men among them Gen. Kenner, mortally wounded.

Recruiting in Alabama and Mississippi is very dull. The agents from the Northern States have not registered ten men each in the occupied recruits.

The river has fallen two feet in the last twenty-four hours.

*Cincinnati, August 29*—A dispatch from Atlanta dispatch says that forty-six deserters from the Macon road at Varcoe's station, 20 miles south of Lovejoy, and captured and burned a train of eighteen cars loaded with forage. Stoneman and Garrard, with their cavalry, left Lovejoy's station on the 25th, and on the return he met the enemy's cavalry, and totally defeated them, capturing 1,500 stand of arms, one gun and many prisoners.

Afterward he met another force, and pressed them heavily and obliged him to abandon all their guns of the guns and much of the plunder. He then marched to Decatur, and on the 27th reached Decatur with the rear of his column.

On the return he met the rebel cavalry in force