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Gen. McNell and the Guerrillas. Editor of the N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: Having noticed a couple of articles in the Tribune and Times of Nov. 27 and 28 concerning the case of Gen. McNell, under whom I served in the beginning of the war, and whose course in Missouri I have followed since, I desire you to publish the following:

Gen. McNell was assigned to duty early last Summer in North Missouri. He found the country alive with guerrillas. Run men were abducted and shot, murdered in their own houses also, not in solitary instances, but cases can be proved up by the dozen. Their farms were plundered, their cattle driven off. No Union citizen or soldier could travel five miles in North Missouri with any degree of safety.

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Nesmith on Arrests.

The following speech, made by Senator Nesmith, Dec 9th, on Salisbury's resolution enjoining into the cause of certain arrests in Delaware, is in strong contrast with the savellings of the hand-organ at Salem over the "Austrian despotism" of the American Government.

Mr. Nesmith, Mr. President, as I propose to vote for this resolution, and all those of similar character making inquiries on subjects in regard to which it is proper that the Senate and the country should be informed, I may, perhaps, be proper that I should give a few reasons why I shall do so.

In the first place, according to my understanding of the form and theory of our Government, I think there is no administrative act in regard to which the people should not have information. In my opinion, there is no public act, or administrative act, which should be kept from the people; but in voting that the causes of these arrests and the names of the parties should be laid before the Senate, I do not give that vote with the intention of causing the Administration for the arrest.

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The Elections Explained.

When the Democrats had succeeded in carrying some of the recent State elections, they felt at liberty to make their own statements of the grounds of their success. Hence, as many reasons have been given as there are cliques in the party. Some have contended that the national administration was rebuked on account of its arbitrary arrests and its suspension of the habeas corpus; others, that its emancipation policy was condemned; others, that its expenditures were too enormous; others, that it did not exhibit sufficient clemency toward our "erring sisters;" and others still, that it failed to push on the war with sufficient vigor and success.

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Interesting from Fredericksburg.

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Corbin's Find it Out.

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Another Refusal.

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