

Eastern Dispatches.

The dispatches published on Friday, together with those which preceded them a couple of days before, appear to have been founded almost entirely upon rumors, rebel reports, and "it is stated."

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The Eighth Census Report.—A Washington correspondent says the manuscript sheets of the fourteenth preliminary report on the eighth census, the printing whereof has been ordered by Congress, consist of some twenty chapters, devoted to important illustrations of the progress of the country.

Because we get but little news from Washington or from the army before Richmond, we need not conclude that the Federal Government is lying inactive.

CRABST WINE.—To one quart of currant juice add two quarts of water, and two and a half pounds of coffee-sugar to the gallon.

The State of New York has in the field 125 regiments of troops and 13 batteries of artillery.

A JUST TRIBUTE TO HON. JOSEPH HOLT.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Times writes under date of June 30th, as follows: The Commission on Gun Contracts, so long in session at Washington, are about through with their labors, and the Senate has called for their report.

The next great stride in the progressive march towards freedom, will take place on the 25th inst., when a Despotism will give place to a Constitutional form of Government.

Everything is ready on the left of our line, which is evidently to be the fulcrum of the advance upon Richmond, standing firm while the whole army sweeps gradually round upon the enemy.

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Gen Mitchell has announced to the Tennesseeans that it is his determination to rebuild more of the railroad bridges with the labor of his soldiers, burned in that country by his traitors.

He who puts a bad construction upon a good act, reveals his own wickedness at heart.

Progressive Russia.

On the 25th of August, last, the nine hundredth anniversary of the Empire of Russia, the government will be declared changed from autocratic to a constitutional form.

Although classed a despotism, nevertheless, liberal opinions are in the ascendancy in Russia. They readily absorb and assume the genius of the Yankee nation, and Yankee talent and inventive genius is revolutionizing the empire.

How strange the contrast! One-half of Republican America fighting to establish an aristocratic oligarchy, and Despotism Russia peacefully unfolding into Constitutional Democracy.

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The Government should lose no time in accepting at least fifty additional regiments, to serve as an army of occupation, if nothing else can be found for them to do during a long Summer and Fall campaign.

A cave was recently discovered in Australia, from the limestone ceiling of which a dog's head stuck out. It was broken off and found to be a complete petrification.

WEIGHT PARLON THE UNGRAFUL IF THEY would forget who are their enemies as speedily and as completely as they often forget who were their friends.

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IF A woman could talk out of the two sides of her mouth at the same time, there would be a good deal said on both sides.

A mosquito is a customer who tries to get inside the bar and take a nip without paying for it.

Rev. Robert J. Breckinridge.

In his great speech before an immense audience at Cincinnati, upon the rebellion, its consequences and the necessity of putting it down at no matter what cost, the Rev. R. J. Breckinridge said:

A noble sentiment most eloquently expressed. In the estimation of this venerable, patriotic and gifted divine, no price is too high to be paid for this glorious Union, and no expense or sacrifice too great which is necessary to crush this atrocious and abominable attempt to subvert this Government.

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THE LATE VOTE IN ILLINOIS.

The rejection of the proposed new State Constitution of Illinois, by a large majority of its people, is significant by virtue of its bearings on the slavery question. The instrument was fashioned by those who were in the interest of the Democratic organization, and was specially designed to serve as a political and moral support for slavery.

It is likely enough that some few votes, both for and against, were cast irrespective of all such considerations, but the different attitudes of the journalists and of the Congressmen of the two parties allow no doubt that the vote was a test of the disposition of the people toward slavery.

A WEEK PLEADING WITH HER HUSBAND.—The Sacramento Union of the 5th inst., relates this interesting incident: Quite a sensation was created on board the steamer New World yesterday at two o'clock.

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