

engines, and to be 21 feet draught; the proposals to be opened within 30 days.

CORCORD, N. H., March 12.—The election returns are still very close. If Judge Eastman is not elected by a majority of the votes cast, he will want only a few hundred. In the 1st Congressional District it is probable that Major, Democrat, is elected. In the House the Republicans will have nearly as large a majority as last year. The Senate stands 6 and 6.

Washington, March 12.—Deputations from Admiral Dupont mention the capture of the schooner *Belle of Nevada*, off the coast of Georgia with a cargo of coffee and salt.

New York, March 12.—Money is easy at 6 per cent; Gold closed at 60 1/2.

Baltimore, March 12.—The steamer *Eriksen* arrived here this morning from Port Royal with news to the press during the attack on Port Royal. Allister brings despatches for the Government. The Monitors are back at Port Royal in good order. The bombardment lasted 20 hours, but the boats could not get up enough to the fort to damage the guns. The British steamer *Queen of the Waves* was ashore near Charleston, her crew escaped. Admiral Dupont was trying to save her. The movement on Charleston has not yet commenced. Charleston promises the Indians and Queen of the West are both in good condition. A rebel Lieutenant captured near Charleston, says that peace negotiations have been progressing for three weeks at Richmond, but the press is not allowed to mention it.

New York, March 12.—A Nashville deputation of the 11th, says that a man direct from Shreveport says that Bragg has been reinforced by eleven brigades. The rebel General Earl said to him that enough force had been received from Richmond to resist any attack from Rosemont. A large fleet of gunboats and transports arrived at Nashville on the 10th.

LATEST.—Com. Porter reports from Vicksburg that Vicksburg City had been captured by the Federal gunboats.

The difficulty in Russia still continues. The Russians had been beaten in a great battle by the Poles.

It is reported that the rebels are about to cross the Rappahannock and attack Fredericksburg. Some anxiety is felt for the situation of Gen. Beauregard's forces.

LETTER FROM DR. BELLOWS.

U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION,
New York, Feb. 23, 1863.

HON. AMBROSE HOLMES:

My Dear Sirs—I believe our Treasurer has in every case promptly acknowledged the successive, astonishing contributions which Oregon and Washington Territory have sent through you to our Commission, and through us to the soldiers. I am, however, always solicitous that our generous donors may not fully understand how profusely we appreciate their goodness, sympathy and benevolence, and I would especially assure you, how highly we rate your disinterested and devoted and successful services to our cause. I hope one day to visit Oregon, and thank her people for their fidelity and confidence, and take you by the hand in your beautiful valley. May God and we smite the peace which will render such journeys possible to those who are engaged in the service of our fighting and suffering soldiers.

I beg you not to think because you hear of divisions and strife among our people, that their patriotism is dead or chilled. I am persuaded that the patriotic interest of our soil will be never so safe that our patriotic interest is as high as that the coming Spring will see the Southern rebellion come up in the interior and closely doing its work.

We want *unconditional* *loyalty* among our own people and confidence in the Government, which owes its existence very much more to outside fluctuations and opposition than to internal dissensions or want of energy and patriotism. Say this everywhere, on the authority of our wheels, not a politician, nor a partisan, who has no axes to grind, and who really wishes to tell the truth.

Cordially and gratefully yours,

Henry W. Bellows.

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TO PACKERS.—Col. Thomas Waterbury gives notice to those going to the mines, that by taking the old Emigrant road running by Joseph Young's to Foster's, they can either cross the mountains or take the steamer at the mouth of Sandy. Numbers have already gone that way. At his ferry on Clackamas, bacon, flour, and all articles necessary for packers' outfit, can be procured on reasonable terms, and with green backs also.

COURT.—The Circuit Court for this county, Hon. E. D. Shattuck, Judge, adjourned yesterday. But very little business was before the Court this term.

The grand jury found a bill against Wm. Stricklin for murder in the second degree. The trial was postponed till next term.

THE CIRCUIT COURT.—Notwithstanding the stormy weather, the attendance at the hall green in the Meier Hall, on Wednesday evening, was good. The Times, in speaking of the hall, says, Oregon City can turn in more pretty women and better dressed than any other place of its size in Oregon."

MARRIED:

At W. M. Thompson's residence, Samuel J. Stott, Mr. Thomas Thompson to Miss Asenath Boggs.

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