Pittsburgh Gazette.

THURSDAY MORNING:—JAN. 7, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

OFFICIAL PAPER.

ALLEGHENY CITY UNION TICKET.

FOR MAYOR:

A. C. ALEXANDER.

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR:

GEORGE GERST.

The Case of Painter vs. the City.

Judge Strong, of the Supreme Court, has rendered a decision in the case of Mrs. Painter vs. the City of Pittsburgh, affirming the judgment of the District Court of this county, before which the case was tried. As there is an important point involved, we may briefly state the case: In June, 1859, the husband of the plaintiff fell into a sewer being constructed on St. Clair street, by Messrs. Allen & Korr, who had made a written contract with the city to do the work. He was injured so that he died, and his wife brought an action against the city for damages. The case was tried in the District Court, and a verdict rendered for the defendant, upon the ground that the negligence which caused the accident was attributed solely to the contractors. On this point Judge Strong remarks:

It is difficult to discover any substantial reason or good policy for holding the present defendants responsible to the plaintiff. The negligence complained of was not theirs. It does not appear they knew of it. The verdict determines that the fault was that of the contractors. Over them the defendants had no more control than the plaintiff's husband. They were not in a subordinate relation to the defendants, neither servants nor agents. They were in an independent employment; and sound policy demands that in such a case the contractor alone should be held liable. His servants and agents are upon the ground, and he can more conveniently and certainly protect the public against injury from the work than can the officers of the municipal corporation. The public will be better protected if it be held that the contractor alone is responsible for his negligence, and that the city does not stand between him and any person injured. Thus he will be taught caution, while a sufferer by the negligence of his servants will not be compelled to resort for compensation to the insolvent servants. By reason and authority we are led to the conclusion, that the District Court erred in ruling that the defendants (city of Pittsburgh) are not liable for the negligence of Allen & Kerr, their contractors. The judgment is affirmed.

The East Liberty Presbyterian Church.

The Presbyterian Church of East Liberty entered their new house on last Sabbath. The opening sermon was preached by Dr. Jacobus, Rev. Mr. McIlwaine, the pastor, participating in the exercises. This church was organized by order of the Presbytery of Redstone on the 29th of September, 1828, by the Rev. John Joyce, with a membership of twenty-two persons, of whom four still remain members. At their first communion eleven others were added, of whom three remain. On the last Sabbath of June, 1829, the present pastor, then a Licentiate, commenced his labors in the congregation, and of the sixty-four members then in the church, eight only are left. The call of the congregation, on which the pastor was settled, was made on the 10th day of August, 1829, and signed by thirty-seven persons, of whom five only remain. The first house of worship was erected in 1828 and occupied twenty years. The second house, which was about double the size of the first, was finished in 1848 and occupied about fifteen years. Of one hundred and forty members who entered this second house fifty-two are still in the church. The third house, nearly double the size of the second, is now occupied with a membership of two hundred and thirty. The ground upon which it has been erected, two acres, was donated by Mrs. Barbary Negley. The whole number received into church has been six hundred and sixty-four, being an average of over eighteen per cent.

Prof. Agassiz to Lecture in Pittsburgh.

We are much gratified to learn that the Lecture Committee of the Young Men's Library Association have secured the distinguished naturalist, Louis Agassiz, Professor in Harvard University, to deliver a lecture in this city next Tuesday evening. Holding a place in the very first rank of contemporary men of science—we might even say, beyond this, that he has held that foremost place out of another generation, for he was ranked with Humboldt and Cuvier and Aragoo, and others who have passed away, as an "equal among equals"—no greater expounder of the wonderful secrets of nature is now known to live, than Louis Agassiz. It will therefore be a high and rare privilege which is to be enjoyed by our citizens next week, when the world-renowned Philosopher, whom Napoleon the Third, acting on one of the best "ideas" of "his Uncle," endeavored, by the offer of a distinguished position in France, to tempt from his Harvard professorship, that such a name might illustrate his reign now and hereafter,—shall give one of his masterly expositions of some important department of natural science, rendering it, as he so well knows how to do, by his singular powers of eloquence and resources of illustration, at once rich in interest and instruction.

Movement of Troops.

The 16th regiment Michigan Infantry, and 1st Regiment Michigan Cavalry, arrived in this city yesterday, on their way to Detroit, to recruit for the war. The 16th is under the command of Col. Welsh and numbers 900 men. The 1st Cavalry, under command of Col. Town, numbers 300 men. The men of both regiments enlisted entire, with the exception of about twenty-five. Both regiments passed through here in September, 1861, filled to the maximum number. The First was originally under the command of Col. Broadhead, who, our readers will remember, was killed at the second Bull Run fight, and who, while dying, said, "I die another victim of General McDowell's treachery."

They were furnished with a warm meal at the Hall of the Subsistence Committee.

The 28th Pennsylvania is still on the road, and it was expected last evening. It started from Louisville on Christmas, so we are informed.

Agricultural.

The annual meeting of the Allegheny County Agricultural Society was held at its rooms, No. 68 Fifth street, yesterday. The following officers and managers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—JOHN YOUNG, Jr.
Vice Presidents—JAMES REED.
Corresponding Secretary—JNO. MUNDOCK, Jr.
Recording Secretary—W. A. HERRON.
Librarian—G. M. REED.
Managers—John McKelvy, M. Hall, John Herron, John Hodgson, Samuel Chadwick, Wm. Diltner, M. Chess, T. S. Hart, A. Speer, W. S. Haven, Jno. E. Parke, Jos. F. Hamilton, Thomas L. Shields, Thomas Chess, Geo. G. Negley, and George R. White.

After the adjournment of the Society the Board of Managers organized by the election of MOSES CHESS, Esq., as Chairman, and S. SCHOYER, Jr., Esq., as Secretary.

Accident to a Freight Train.

A freight train on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, bound east, ran off the track on Tuesday night, at Four Mile run, three miles below Beaver, and was badly wrecked. The entire train, except the engine, was thrown off, and rolled down an embankment twenty feet deep, scattering the freight promiscuously over the ground. So far as we could learn, no one was injured. The trains were delayed several hours in consequence of this accident, which is said to have been caused by a broken rail.

Woman Killed by a Fall.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Wm. Smith, tobacconist, while carrying a bucket of coal up a flight of stairs at her residence on Tunnel street, on Wednesday at noon, missed her footing and fell, dislocating her ancle and causing death in a few minutes. Coroner McClung held an inquest, and the jury found a verdict of accidental death. The deceased was a very estimable lady, and her death will be deeply lamented. She was thus suddenly cut off in the prime of life, being in the twenty-sixth year of her age. Her funeral notice will be found in another column.

ADMITTED TO THE BAR.—Yesterday, upon motion of David Reed, Esq., J. M. Gazzam was admitted to practice law in the several courts of Allegheny county.

Bradstreet's Commercial Agency.

This useful institution, which has been performing an effective work in this city, during the past three years, is now enjoying a most prosperous patronage, and hence is enabled to offer superior inducements and increased facilities to those business men who have been, or may hereafter become subscribers. The agency here is in excellent hands, and an examination of their books, and an insight into the *modus operandi*, satisfy us that every prudent business man will be benefitted by the information to be obtained here, and which can be obtained nowhere else. To have a complete and reliable record of the character, standing and responsibility of every business firm in the country, together with early information in regard to all the failures, assignments, etc., are in themselves invaluable to a merchant or trader, particularly when we consider that in our day a very large amount of business is necessarily transacted on time. All this information can be obtained for the consideration of one hundred dollars per annum, and as the fourteenth volume of Bradstreet's Commercial Reports, carefully revised and greatly enlarged, will be issued about the 10th inst., now is a very desirable time to subscribe. Another volume will be issued on the 10th of July, to each of which subscribers are entitled, together with a weekly sheet of corrections, and the privilege to enter the office at any time and inquire concerning the character and standing of any parties with whom they may be dealing—the inquiries being promptly answered in writing, by correspondents of the agency. Aside from this, detailed reports can be had at the office, corresponding with the names of the firms reported in the volume of reports. This is a new feature, and no extra charge is made to subscribers.

Those merchants who transact a western and northwestern trade, can be supplied with a volume of reports known as the North and Northwestern Book, in which are omitted the cities of New York and Philadelphia, and the New England States. To many of our merchants, this is equally as valuable as the full set, as it is issued semi-annually, and corrected with the same care and labor. It is furnished at fifty dollars per annum, and subscribers receive all other advantages and privileges of the agency.

We direct attention to the advertisement in another column, and would advise those interested to call at the office, No. 67 Fourth street, or address Box 1209.

Important Order.

The following order was received last evening by the Enrollment Board of the 23d district:

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA,
OFFICE OF THE A. A. PROVOST MARSHAL GEN.,
HARRISBURG, Jan. 5, 1864.

In establishing credits to sub-districts for men enlisted and mustered into the service of the United States since the draft of 1863, and which have not been credited on that draft, the following principles will govern, viz:

1. Men enlisted upon local bounty will be credited to the sub-district from which such bounty was paid.

2. Men enlisted without local bounty will be credited to the place (sub-district) in which they are reported by the recruiting officer to have been enlisted—evidence to be taken from the muster in (muster and descriptive rolls).

3. As to men mustered into service by Provost Marshals, the latter must decide for themselves upon the proof necessary to establish the aforesaid facts. As to other men not mustered by a Provost Marshal, the evidence of these facts will be established at these Headquarters, and any case of this nature should be reported by him to these Headquarters, with all the details necessary for further action.

4. Provost Marshals will do everything in their power to facilitate a just establishment of the credits, in accordance with the former principles, but the assignment, decision and announcement, and bestowal of the credits will be either by the Provost Marshal General, or under his direction by the Acting Asst. Provost Marshal General.

Any orders, directions and instructions that may have been given heretofore from this office in contradiction with the principles herein stated, are hereby rescinded.

J. V. BENDER,
Lieut. Col. 16th U. S. Infantry,
Acting Assistant Provost Marshal General.

PANORAMA OF THE BIBLE AT MASONIC HALL.—Persons who have a love for the beautiful may experience full satisfaction in studying the divesified beauties of this great painting. The moral character of this exhibition has no equal in this or any other country. It attracts at once the wise and good of all denominations; in fact, such an exhibition seems necessary to fill the wants of society. It was a bold and noble conception of the artist to embody with his magic pencil the creation and development of the earth in its primitive sinless purity and beauty. The Garden of Eden will fully equal, if not surpass, the liveliest expectations of those who entertain the most elevated notions of its magnificence and sublimity. There is a closeness and sweetness in the artist's style of painting that is truly captivating and refreshing. The Panorama chronicles all the leading events in the history from the creation of the world to the Babylonish captivity, and stands unsurpassed by any kindred painting.

PRESENTATION.—The employees in the machine shop of the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad, on Tuesday, presented Mr. Philip Corlett, of Manchester, with a massive gold chain, as an evidence of the good will which they entertain towards him. The presentation took place at the Seventh House, in Richmond, after which the party marched of a splendid supper, and had a good time generally. Mr. Corlett is an excellent machinist and is held in high esteem by his fellow workmen.

ICE.—The ice dealers are harvesting a plentiful crop of ice. If they would profit by past experience, they will store enough in last two days to last them through—now being housed is full season. Wait for the middle of next month, to eight inches thick, and of very fair quality.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

THOMAS PARRY, Plain and Ornamental Slate Roofer, and dealer in Pennsylvania and Vermont slate of the best quality at low rates. Office at Alex. Laughlin's, near the Water Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.

KIN-NE-KO-NE-AW—INDIAN SMOKING TOBACCO.—This Tobacco, used by the North American Indians, is manufactured from the finest quality of tobacco, and commingled with the most healthful and odorous Roots, Barks and Herbs, indigenous to the Rocky Mountains, in such proportion, as to impart to its distinctive character, and secure for it wherever used, such a heavy yet pleasant odor. A long residence among the Indians of the Rocky Mountains, insured an acquaintance with their habits, customs, and modes of life, and among other things, an insight into the composition of their smoking tobacco, and a knowledge of the means by which the exquisite aroma is produced, which renders it so pleasing to the smoker, and so acceptable to those who are not. Smokers who once become acquainted with this tobacco will never be without it. Sold by all tobacconists and by the manufacturer, E. H. Hunt, 511 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. d-6t

FOR FALL AND WINTER WEAR.—The Summer is past, and by the morning's frost, we begin to apprehend, that fall and winter will shortly be upon us, and we must provide ourselves with the material to keep us comfortable. A nice fall suit, or a good and well-made overcoat are the very thing, and we do not know of any place where our readers would visit themselves better than at Messrs. W. H. Mellee & Co's clothing establishment, corner of Federal street and Diamond square, Allegheny. They have also received a complete assortment of gentlemen's furnishing goods, and a great variety of new patterns for waistcoating, &c.

GENTLEMEN, have you examined the fall and winter stock of goods at the Merchant Tailoring establishment of Sam. Graham & Co., No. 54 Market street? A fresh supply of goods every week.

Have you examined the prices of goods at the Merchant Tailoring establishment of Sam. Graham & Co., No. 54 Market street; if not, it is now time you would, and save 20 per cent. in your clothing bill.

Every garment warranted a perfect fit.

SAMUEL GRAHAM. GEO. MCCANDLESS.

KENTUCKY BELLES APPRECIATE.—Mrs. Anne Nantes, of Louisville, Ky., says in a letter: "When in New York, this summer, I purchased by way of experiment some of Mrs. S. A. Allen's celebrated Hair Restorer and Zylobalsamum, which I have found valuable. I now write to have you send me a dozen of each by express, for the use of my friends."

Sold by druggists everywhere. Depot 195 Greenwich street, New York.

The above is for sale at Fulton's Drug Store, Fifth street.

DIARRHŒA and Dysentery will decimate the volunteers far more than the bullets of the enemy, therefore let every man see to it that he carries with him a full supply of Holloway's Pills. Their use in India and the Crimea saved thousands of British soldiers. Only 25 cents per box.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS are for sale at Fulton's Drug store, Fifth street.

C. GILL, Dentist, 248 Penn street, will attend to all business of his profession.

JUST RECEIVED AND READY FOR SALE.—The fine assortment of Fall and Winter Clothing, lately received by Messrs. John Wier & Co., Merchant Tailors, No. 148 Federal street, Allegheny. The stock of clothing consists of the finest variety of gents' pantaloons, vests, coats and overcoats. The style of patterns is tasteful and fashionable. We would invite all of our readers to give the above gentlemen a call.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES for Colds, Coughs, Pulmonary and Asthmatic troubles, are highly recommended and prescribed by Physicians and Surgeons in the Army.

For sale at Fulton's Drug Store, Fifth street.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c.—J. M. Roberts, No. 17 Fifth street, is now opening the most choice stock of fine Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry, Silver ware and Fancy Goods ever displayed in this city, and is selling them at remarkably low prices.

OMNIBUS and carriage calls will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 410 Penn street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

THE English and Classic Academy, second floor, Allegheny Saving's Bank, Allegheny, conducted by Rev. J. Davis, A. M., resumes its regular day and evening classes on Monday, January 4, 1864.

NOTICE.—The Sixth Ward C. U. L. meets on Thursday evening, January 8th, corner Pennsylvania Avenue and Pride street, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as business of importance will be laid before the Council.

MEN'S, Boys' and Youths' salt, kip and heavy boots, at McClelland's Auction House, No. 55 Fifth street.

LADIES', Misses' and Children's Balmoral boots, at McClelland's Auction House, No. 55 Fifth street.

MARRIED:

MOORHEAD—BLACK.—On Tuesday, January 5th, 1864, at the Central Presbyterian Church, by the Rev. Dr. M. W. Jacobus, assisted by Rev. H. Johnston, Captain WILLIAM J. MOORHEAD, 12th U. S. Infantry, to Miss EMILY B., daughter of the late Colonel Samuel W. Black, all of this city.

DIED:

RHODES.—On the 25th of December, of wounds received in the battle of Lookout Mountain, HENRY M. RHODES, of 5th Ohio Cavalry, aged 24 years.

KERWIN.—On Wednesday morning, at 10½ o'clock, at the residence of her son-in-law, James McKeant, Esq., Mrs. MARY ANN KERWIN, in the 80th year of her age.

The form of burial will be made known in Thursday evening's paper.

SMITH.—On Wednesday morning, at 12 o'clock, Mrs. WM. SMITH, wife of Mr. Wm. Smith, aged 25 years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral THIS AFTERNOON at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her father-in-law, No. 20 Clark street.

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MR. DE HAM, the distinguished Pianist, has kindly consented to assist Mr. Gottschalk on these occasions.

Musical Director and Conductor.....S. BERENDS.

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ATTENTION, VOLUNTEERS!—Rare chance for enlisting. By special understanding with the War Department, the undersigned have given Capt. M. D. McLean authority to enlist a company of men that will be attached to sharpshooters. This company will be placed as a picket guard, and attached to the "Pittsburgh Legion." When approved by the commanding officer of the Army of the Cumberland, the company will be armed with the Sharpe rifle, with Morgan sight for estimating distance. Capt. McLean's fourth recruit for a few days before he goes to the front. Call at headquarters of the Legion, Smithfield street, near Fourth, and be enrolled. Apply for enlistments at Provost Marshal's office, corner Diamond alley.

Recruiting office in Pittsburgh, No. 65 FIFTH STREET, near "Cheap John's" Store. Call at the Rifle.

THE NEW GYMNASTICS AT NEVILLE HALL.—The Classes are open for new members at each time of meeting, viz: Gentlemen, TUESDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, at 7½ o'clock. Ladies and Children, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, at 3 o'clock.

For Adults, course of twenty lessons.....$5 00
For Youths under 15 years.....4 00
For Children.....3 00
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OFFICE PITTSBURGH & CONNELLSVILLE R. R. CO.,
PITTSBURGH, December 26th, 1863.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company will be held on MONDAY, the 11th day of January, 1864, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 12 o'clock m., at the office of the Company, No. 110 Fourth street, at which time and place an election for President and twelve Directors will be held.

B. F. JONES,
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

JOHN COCHRAN & BRO., Manufacturers of IRON RAILING, IRON VAULTS AND VAULT DOORS, WINDOW SHUTTERS, WINDOW GUARDS, &c., Nos. 91 SECOND and 89 THIRD STREET, bet. Wood and Market.

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WANTED.—$60 A MONTH.—We want Agents at $60 a month, expenses paid, to sell our *Revolving Pencils, Original Burners*, and thirteen other new, useful and curious articles. Fifteen articles sent free. Address,

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WANTED A GARDNER.—A married man without children preferred. He must understand the culture of Grapes, and not be afraid of a little hard work. The right kind of a man can get a permanent situation, and good pay. Enquire at 78 Second street, Pittsburgh, Pa. 4d

THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF MEN'S CAVALRY BOOTS in the city, can be found at JAS. ROBB'S, 89 Market street.

LADIES' BALMORALS, every style, at JAS. ROBB'S, 89 Market street.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH

Congressional.

WASHINGTON, January 6, 1864.

HOUSE—Mr. Kelly, of Penna., asked to be, and was excused from serving as a member of the Special Committee on the Bankrupt Law, for the reason that his other public duties engrossed all his time. The Speaker announced that the pending business was on Mr. Brandegee's resolution, offered yesterday for the appointment of a select Committee of nine members, to inquire into the expediency of constructing a railroad between Washington and New York, for postal purposes. No question arose on the adoption of the resolution, which was agreed to by the following vote:—Yeas 60 and nays 49.

On motion of Mr. Brandegee, of Connecticut, the committee on the District of Columbia was instructed to call the attention of the municipal authorities to the necessity of some measures being adopted to prevent the spread of small pox in the District of Columbia.

Mr. Farnsworth, of Illinois, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a joint resolution extending the bounties heretofore paid from the 5th of January to the 1st of March.

The Postoffice appropriation bill was then considered.

Mr. Washburne, of Ill., took occasion to denounce the Railroad Companies as swindling the government, and advocated a new line between Washington and New York.

Mr. Stevens said he was not prepared to denounce Railroad Companies, because he knew nothing about them.

Mr. Pruyne, of N. Y., replied to Mr. Washburne, protesting against the wholesale denunciation of Railroad Companies, because a few of them in the opinion of Mr. Washburne had attempted to swindle the government.

Mr. Brooks made a few remarks to show that he had just as much right to ask for an investigation of the railroad stoppages recently in Illinois, on account of the weather, as the gentleman had to demand an investigation similar to the stoppages between Washington and New York. The bill passed.

Mr. Arnold made an anti-slavery speech, after which the House adjourned.

SENATE.—Mr. Johnson, of Indiana, presented a petition from the Friends of Maryland, Virginia, and Tennessee, asking for exemption from military duty. Also a petition from Conway W. Hatch, of Maryland, praying for compensation for the slaves owned by her, which had been taken by the military, and for which pay was disallowed on account of her disloyalty. The petition was referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Morgan of New York, presented a petition from the Society of Friends praying for exemption from the draft.

On motion of Mr. Anthony, of Rhode Island, the Senate proceeded to an election of the Select Committee on the Pacific Railroad. Messrs. Howard, Chadman, Collamer, Johnson, Harlan, Trumbull, Sherman, Morgan, Cowan and Brown were elected.

Mr. Merrill offered the following:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inform the Senate whether the steamer Majoria, chartered by the Quartermaster's Department in 1862, and reported by a committee of the Senate to be unfit for the service, has since been purchased by the Government; and if so, by whom, and at what price, and whether any claim is made for the original charter, and if so, what is the claim, and particularly what is the situation of the claim.

The resolution was adopted.

Mr. Howard, of Mich., submitted the following resolution, which was objected to and laid over:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Judiciary be instructed to consider the propriety of repealing the joint resolution of July 11th, 1862, relative to the construction of the Confiscation Act, and particularly so much of said joint resolution as purports to prohibit a forfeiture of real estate beyond the natural life of the offender.

Mr. Wilson reported from the Military Committee an act to amend the Enrolling Act also, a bill to extend the time for paying the bounty to volunteers.

The Senate considered Mr. Powell's bill preventing officers of the army and navy, and other persons engaged in the military service, from interfering in elections.

Mr. Grimes opposed a reference to the Judiciary Committee, on the ground that it is latent to officers in their military capacity.

Mr. Powell contended that a reference to the Judiciary Committee, as it presented freedom of elections throughout the Union. The evil sought to be corrected was of startling import. Elections had been carried against the will of a majority of the people, at the point of the bayonet.

Mr. Davis favored a reference to the Judiciary Committee, as it introduced the question whether certain acts performed by military men, shall be a civil offence.

The Senate refused to refer to the Judiciary Committee by a vote of 21 to 16.

Signal Stations on the Mississippi—Affairs in Arkansas—Cotton at Memphis—Veteran Troops Going Home on Furlough.

CAIRO, Jan. 6.—As a means of protecting commerce and to render the navigation of the stream safe, it is in contemplation by the Government to establish a line of signal stations from Cairo, south along the Mississippi river, in order to give information that may prevent depredations by guerillas.

By order of the Secretary of War, careful exploration has already been made between here and Memphis, these stations will each have a small garrison for defence, and signal each other and the gunboats in case of danger.

From parties lately from Texas, we learn the union feeling is rapidly gaining strength throughout that State and Arkansas. In portion through which our informant passed, provisions were quite abundant, consisting largely of corn, however.

Admiral Porter Smith has superceded Holmes, who has been ordered to report at Richmond, Smith commands the entire rebel force west of the Mississippi river, with his headquarters at Shreveport. His force is about 15,000.

The rebels are represented as being very active in raising and equipping men with the view of attacking Little Rock, which they feel confident they could attack in force before the garrison was reinforced.

Memphis cotton and Price have six to seven thousand men, mostly cavalry, and were located between Arkadelphia and Little Rock.

The accounts of Quantrell and Coffee had about 300 men each, and were encamped on Bayou Bartholomew, back of Lake Providence.

Gen. Harrison is at Monroe, on Washita river, with 1,500 effective men, who were mostly from Arkansas and Louisiana. If they failed to hold Monroe he would disband his forces.

The steamer Belle, from Memphis, with Memphis dates of the 4th, has arrived, bearing the bodies of the five men of 52d Indiana, from near Milliken's Bend, Fort Pillow, mention of them is made in our Fort Pillow, mention of which was previously made. There is no news from below.

The *Bulletin* reports the sales of cotton on Saturday at 3,74 bales; good middling at 70, and middling fair at 73. The shipments during the week were 1,718 bales. Three hundred and sixty-nine bales arrived to-day, mostly for Cincinnati, but the boats cannot ascend the Ohio, that river being closed above Smithland, and heavy ice running out at this point.

The Twenty-Seventh Ohio Regiment (veterans) arrived here last evening from Nashville, en route to Cincinnati, on a thirty day's furlough. The Forty-Third and Sixty-Third Ohio Regiments, and the Third Michigan Regiments are also on their way home. The Sixth Indiana, en route for Indianapolis, arrived this morning. The Thirty-Fifth Indiana is ice bound at Franklin.

Three hundred and sixty-six recruits, from Springfield, arrived here to-day.

The weather is still very cold.

Mr. Lincoln Unanimously Declared for President in 1864.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 6.—The Republican State Convention to-day adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Abraham Lincoln by the exercise during the dangerous crisis in the nation's history of unequaled sagacity and statesmanship, of a moderation and prudence which experience has shown to be the highest wisdom by his spotless integrity, of personal character above reproach and above suspicion, and by his slowly formed, yet unalterable determination that the triumph of the Constitution and the Union over recession and treason, shall be a final triumph of liberty throughout the nation, has received and merited the abiding confidence of the people to an extent never awarded to any other public servant since Washington. That the best interests of the country demand that the complete destruction of the rebellion, of the restoration of peace, prosperity, and the Union should be achieved under his administration of the Government, and that we therefore declare Abraham Lincoln to be the peoples' choice for re-election to the Presidency in 1864.

This resolution was carried with thunders of applause, the delegates rising to their feet and waving their hats with the wildest enthusiasm.

The Massachusetts Legislature.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The Massachusetts Legislature convened to-day. Hon. Jonathan Field was elected President of the Senate, and Hon. A. A. Bullock Speaker of the House. Hon. A. A. Stearns, the President of Amherst College, delivered the annual sermon before the Oldest Church. The Governor's Message is not expected to be in until Friday.

The Frigate Niagara.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Some remarks having appeared in the newspapers about the grounding of the Steam Frigate Niagara, and the statement made that the extraordinary weight of metal on board sank the vessel so low, that she was almost useless, it is proper to say that she has been reduced one half in her battery, because men are scarce, and because by this 500 are taken from her complement. She now draws only four inches more than when she went to China, and four feet less than when she was in the Atlantic. She is 1,200 tons larger than the Minnesota class of frigates, and draws one foot more water than those less than the Great Eastern.

Honorably Acquitted—Recruits for the Army of the Potomac.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—The examination of Dr. F. Bailey, on the charge preferred by Count Jeannes, of being implicated in the Maiden murder and robbery, ended to-day, in the honorable acquittal of the accused.

Two hundred and twenty recruits for Maine regiments passed through this city to day, for the army of the Potomac.

Gouhernatorial Nomination.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 6.—The Republican State Convention met here to day. Governor Gilmore was re-nominated by acclamation. The Convention was large, and its proceedings were harmonious.

Organized.

AUGUSTA, Me., Jan 6.—The Legislature of Maine was organized to-day. George H. Barrows was elected President of the Senate, and W. Dingle, Jr., Speaker of the House. Gov. Coney will be inaugurated to-morrow.

Cincinnati Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 6, 1864.

Previous quotations of gold about as at Boston. Sterling exchange 110 to 120 premium. New York sight 30 to 40 premium. Gold 1 to 2 premium. Money very tight. Stocks very dull and lower. Coal very scarce, and advanced to $1,05. Prime red wheat is held at $1,30 and there is no buyer at that price. Corn very scarce and advanced to 80c. Pork very scarce and nominally held at $17,00 for 50 barrels. Lard very scarce and nominally held at 9c. Cotton very scarce and advanced to 75c. Flour very scarce and advanced to $7,50