Pittsburgh Gazette.

FRIDAY MORNING.....JAN. 8, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette

The Rebel Raid Towards Cumberland—A Government Train Captured, etc.

In yesterday's paper we noticed the reported occupation of Cumberland, Md., by a force of rebel cavalry. The report of the occupation of that place has not been confirmed; but the following, from the Wheeling *Intelligencer* of Wednesday, fully corroborates the main fact of a formidable raid towards Cumberland, by way of New Creek:

The train of cars which left this city on Saturday morning only went as far as Piedmont, where it was ordered to return to this city, which it did, reaching here yesterday morning. The passengers report that a rebel force of about three thousand cavalry, supposed to be commanded by Imboden, was marching in the direction of New Creek, and there was great activity among our troops along the road. On Sunday afternoon a force of guerrillas fell upon a government train between New Creek and Petersburg, and captured a large number of horses and wagons. One of the teamsters, a negro, seeing the guard overpowered, cut his mules loose from the wagon, mounted the saddle mule, and made his way safely to New Creek, followed by the balance of the animals composing his team. Every important point along the road likely to be attacked was being strengthened by General Kelley, and a great excitement prevailed among the people. All the rolling stock of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company in and about Cumberland and New Creek and other points is now being moved in this direction. At New Creek and Piedmont, on Monday night, the people, for reasons known to the military authorities, were forbidden to exhibit lights. The track of the railroad had not been injured up to Monday night, as the train from Baltimore met the train of which we have been speaking at Piedmont, and followed it into this city.

It was feared that Col. Trobare's command at Petersburg had been attacked by the rebels, but nothing reliable was known.

There rumors, in connection with the fact that a large rebel force is in front of General Averill near Martinsburg, make things look very threatening along the road, and although the rebel raid may not be so extensive as reported, there is sufficient cause for the alarm and extraordinary activity which seems to prevail among our troops.

P. S.—We learn from passengers who arrived on Tuesday evening from Grafton, that nothing in addition to what we have mentioned above was known at that point. Telegraphic communication with Baltimore was uninterrupted. There is now no travel on the road between Grafton and Harper's Ferry.

P. S.—1 A. M.—The trains on the Baltimore road, east and west, are reported all right, and they will leave on their regular time to-day. The indications from New Creek are that the rebels are falling back, and that the demonstration made on that point is not by a very large force. It is surmised that the threat against New Creek may be a feint intended to cover a strike at some other part of the road. No word has been received from Col. Thoburn's command up to this writing. The rebels are reported in possession of Burlington, a road crossing eleven miles from New Creek toward Petersburg.

The Horticultural Society.

At the meeting of the Horticultural Society held yesterday at No. 68 Fifth street, President Adams in the Chair, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year:

President—George R. White. Vice President—Hon. James. P. Sterrett, B. L. Fahnestock, W. S. Bissell. Corresponding Secretary—Hon. Robert McKnight. Recording Secretary—D. Bacon. Treasurer—Geo. G. Negley. Committee of Arrangements—Geo. Finley, W. A. Herron, Geo. G. Negley, T. Aiken, J. W. Vandervert, W. S. Haven, C. McKnight, W. C. Dunn. Committee on Flowers—John Murdock, F. M. Gordon, W. S. Bissell, Jas. Wardrop, B. L. Fahnestock, James Reed. Committee on Fruits—T. L. Shields, J. Knox, H. Bockstoce, M. Cheesbrough, W. Oliver, Jas. Murdock, Geo. Lowden. Committee on Vegetables—R. Cummings, W. H. Campbell, C. Scully, T. Chess, W. Petrie, C. Lockhart, A. J. Woolziair, A. Negley. Committee on Finance—T. S. Clark, G. W. Bachelor, G. W. Hailman, H. S. Fleming, J. Knox. Committee on Library—J. Bacon, J. W. Vandervert, G. Adams, C. M'Knight, R. Bruce. Committee on Premiums—M. Cheesbrough, J. Knox, T. L. Shields, F. M. Gordon, John Murdock, W. T. Chess, Wm. Petrie. Committee on Printing—W. S. Haven, C. M'Knight, Dr. Depuy, George Finley, D. Aiken, etc. Subject for Consideration at Next Meeting—Pears, both Dwarf and Standard. Adjourned to meet again next Wednesday morning, at 11 o'clock, over the Young Men's Library Rooms, corner Penn and St. Clair streets.

Court Martial Sentences.

The following sentences, under the charges stated, have been passed by Courts Martial in the Army of the Potomac:

Second Lieut. Lafayette Cameron, Company F, 57th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers: Knowingly making a false return of the clothing of his Company. To be cashiered.

Private Joseph Richardson, Co. A, 49th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers: Desertion. To be shot to death by musketry, at such time and place as the Commanding General may direct.

Corporal David McGahan, Co. D, 49th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers: Desertion. To be shot to death by musketry, at such time and places as the Commanding General may direct.

Christopher L. Sampson, of Battery F, 5th Regiment United States Artillery: Desertion. To be shot to death by musketry, at such time and place as the proper authority may designate.

Private Peter Chateauvel, Co. F, 20th Massachusetts Volunteers: Desertion. To be shot to death by musketry, at such time and place as the Commanding General may direct.

The Criminal Court.

John F. Bennett and George Bennett plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery, and were sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars and costs.

Anthony Lehberger, charged with assault and battery on oath of Mary Ann Kelling, was acquitted, and each party ordered to pay half the costs.

Mary McDonald was acquitted of a charge of assault and battery on Elizabeth Morris, but ordered to pay the costs.

Mary Miller, alias Wagner, was convicted of adultery with J. F. K. Jones, and remanded to jail for sentence.

James Sheetz, charged with misdemeanor in breaking a hired carriage, was declared not guilty, and the prosecutor, C. Briceland, was ordered to pay half the costs.

Joseph F. Stark plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery, and was sentenced to pay costs and give bonds to keep the peace.

HOW TO MAKE A CHEAP ICE HOUSE.—Any one who lives near a water course can, at the expense of ten dollars, build an ice house capable of containing a cube of the crystal luxury ten feet square. Rough boards for the outer walls, slabs for the inner, with a filling a foot thick of tan-bark or saw-dust, a layer of the same thickness upon the top; a clapboard roof, a drain to carry off drippings from the ice, and then pack in the ice close and compact, cover it with saw-dust, and the work is done. Such a store would furnish half a dozen families with hard butter, cold water, frozen custards, and all the luxuries of a first-class ice-cream saloon for the whole season.

ROSS STREET M. E. Church.—A concert and exhibiton was given on Tuesday evening, at the Ross Street M. E. Church, for the purpose of raising a donation in aid of the Sanitary Commission, and also to secure funds to replenish the library of the Sabbath School. The first entertainment was so entirely successful that a repetition was demanded, which was likewise largely attended and the performance will be repeated again Thursday evening and Friday evening. The object is every way worthy of commendation, and those within access of the church should lend a helping hand.

RECOMMENDED FOR PROMOTION.—Col. Wm. Rickards, jr., of the 79th regiment P. V., has been recommended to the War Department for promotion to Brigadier General. Gen. Geary has written a letter strongly recommending the promotion, and setting forth the good judgment and gallant conduct of Col. Rickards at Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Wauhatchie, Lookout Mountain and Ringgold. It was the admirable disposition of his regiment by Col. Rickards at Wauhatchie that saved the force at that point, and resulted in the brilliant victory of which the "White Stars" are so justly proud.

FINALLY COMMITTED.—Mrs. Clark has been finally committed to jail, by Mayor Alexander, to answer a charge of stealing hogs from Bernard Gray.

Important to Drafted Men in 1862.

Hon. William Whiting, Solicitor of the War Department, delivered an opinion, some time since, on the question of liability to serve, of men drafted in Pennsylvania, in 1862, but who have never been mustered into service. The following is the

OPINION:—Militia men drafted under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania, not having been mustered into the service of the United States, cannot lawfully be treated as deserters. Inasmuch as the number of troops and the length of their service in the different States, have been, or will be, taken into consideration by the President so as to equalize the same among the States in the draft which is soon to be ordered under the act of 1863, and as the deficit of troops of Pennsylvania will thus be made up, it is my opinion that no further proceedings should be taken in relation to the persons drafted last fall.

Hon. Daniel Agnew.

On Tuesday evening last there was a pleasant gathering at the house of Mr. John M. Maris, of Philadelphia, where the Judge of the Supreme Court, old friends of Mr. Maris, met by invitation, to form social acquaintance with Hon Judge Agnew, just elected to the Supreme Court. The *North American* says: Judge Agnew comes to Philadelphia a comparative stranger. He is a communicant of the Methodist church, and is held in high esteem by the Methodist community. The meeting last night at the house of Mr. Maris was a very pleasant occasion, enabling the brethren of the Supreme Court to make the acquaintance of the new member, Judge Agnew, under the pleasantest circumstances. Judge Agnew was cordially welcomed by his brethren of the ermine, and the evening was delightfully spent under the hospitable and munificent roof of Mr. Maris.

The Vestry of St. Peters.

Editors Gazette: The publication of the resolutions passed by the Vestry of St. Peters Church, Dec. 4, and which appeared in your columns on Wednesday, with the vote attached, having given rise to some misconception as to the position of those voting in the negative, we understand that they, the minority, are preparing an address to the parishioners of that church, which will show the whole proceedings which originated those resolutions and carried them through.

This address will be published in pamphlet form, and we have no doubt the parishioners, as well as many others, will welcome its appearance as an explanation of the many strange acts, as it will show doubtless the true issue, which is not always apparent on the face of resolutions of this sort. X.

MAN DROWNED.—On Tuesday morning a man named Geo. Hoag was drowned in the Monongahela river, near Hussey & Co.'s copper works. He was employed as watchman on a pair of coal boats moored near that point, and while walking from the boats to shore, he missed his footing, and falling into the water was drowned. Several men employed at the copper works were at hand, and although they made every exertion to save him, it was in vain. The deceased was a blacksmith by trade, and a resident of West Newton. The body has not yet been recovered.

THE OIL TRADE.—At the late meeting of oil merchants, in Philadelphia, in reference to the tax on petroleum, Mr. M'Henry thought that a tax of one dollar, or even two dollars, would not interfere with the exportation of the article in question. The production of oil is about 2,100,000 barrels, while only about $600,000 is realized by the Government. The exports of coal oil from Philadelphia during the present year have amounted to about 5,000,000 gallons, being nearly twice as much as was sent out of the country in 1862. The exports from New York exceed 12,000,000 gallons.

MOTHERS' PENSIONS.—By a recent regulation of the Pension Office, many mothers of deceased soldiers are now entitled to pensions who were not previously. Under the original regulations, a mother was required to prove her marriage, and only *widowed* mothers were entitled to pensions; while under the present regulations any mother of a deceased officer or soldier, if she was dependent wholly or in part on her deceased son for support, is entitled to a pension, whether her husband be living or not, and it is now unnecessary for a mother to prove her marriage.

FATAL FALL.—Mr. Thomas L. Patterson, a returned volunteer, and a native of Butler county, came to his death the other day in the following singular manner: He had been, since his return from the army, residing in Allegheny city, but went out to his mother's, in Penn township, to spend the holidays. On Christmas eve, while sleeping in company with one of his brothers, he slipped and fell, his head striking the ice. He walked to the house and told his mother that he had a "awful headache." She assisted him to bed, and sent for Dr. Stewart; but before the Doctor arrived he was dead.

DISORDERLY.—Mrs. Sarah Breathwood, and her son and daughter, William and Sarah Breathwood, were brought before Mayor Alexander, last evening, on a charge of disorderly conduct preferred by Mrs. Sarah Burton. It appeared in evidence that Mrs. Breathwood, who resides near the Hand street bridge, is a very disorderly neighbor, and the Mayor fined her three dollars, her son two dollars, and ordered the daughter to pay the costs. The money was paid and the parties left for their homes.

MAN KILLED.—Mr. William Kunkel, a shifter in the employ of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Harrisburg, was killed about eight o'clock on Tuesday morning. He was shifting some cars, and had just cut the train in two and stepped aside on the main track, when the down passenger train caught him and injured him so badly that he survived but twenty minutes. One side of his face was carried away by the sub-pan, and his body otherwise terribly mangled.

A USEFUL INVENTION.—Mr. Winner, Professor of Music, has patented a device which is intended to assist those learning the piano. The invention consists of key boards, which contain the score, the note and the letter, and when placed on the piano fits over the key which is represented. Thus the learner becomes at once familiar with the name of the key, and at the same time recognizes the mark which distinguishes it on the scale of music.

W. T. BUCHANAN, a member of the City Council, of Wheeling, was recently arrested and committed to the military prison on a charge of disloyalty—drinking the health of Jeff. Davis, etc. He denies having drank Jeff.'s health, but admitted that he did toast a cousin, who is a Brigadier General in the rebel army. He was released on giving bail and taking the oath of allegiance.

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY PRISON.—The total number of commitments to the county prison during the past year was 17,219, being an increase of 2,573 over the previous year. Of this increase 794 were females. The prisoners were in sex and color as follows: White males, 9,332; white females, 5,598; black males, 958; black females, 731. The amount of actual expenses, $60,608.54.

SENT OVER.—Wm. H. Norris, sentenced five years and six months for arson; Robert Armstrong, sentenced one year and nine months for bigamy, and John Hull, sentenced one year and six months for larceny, were conveyed from the county jail to the penitentiary, this afternoon.

BURNED TO DEATH.—A little girl of John Graff's, of Greensburg, aged about six years, was so severely burnt on Saturday evening as to cause her death. She was left alone for a few hours afterward.

SURETY.—Wm. Mellon, of Lower St. Clair township, has been committed to jail to answer a charge of making violent threats against Adam Apple.

MURDER TRIAL.—Charles Wells is now on trial, at Wheeling, for the murder of Hugh Clancey.

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COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

PITTSBURGH, THURSDAY, January 7, 1864.

GRAIN—The receipts of Wheat continue light, and the market is quiet but firm, with small sales from wagon at $1.37 for Red, and $1.44@1.45 for White. Corn—is firm and in better demand; sale of 200 sks Ear from depot at $1.20, and small sales from store at $1.25. Oats quiet but steady with some few sales from store at 85c. Barley is unchanged at $1.45 for Spring, and $1.50 for Fall. Rye—last sales at $1.25@1.40.

PROVISIONS—The demand for Bacon is good, the market firm, and prices are well sustained. Lard is active, with sales at 12½@13¾c—mostly at 12¾c. Mess Pork is firm and quotations may be given at $20.50@21 per bbl; sale of 200 bbls on private terms. Bulk Meat—sale of 10,000 lbs Ribbed Sides at 9½c, and 10,000 lbs do on private terms.

FLOUR—The demand continues light, and the transactions are small and unimportant. Extra Family is selling from store at $7.25 to $7.50 per bbl for well known brands. Buckwheat flour may be quoted at $4.00@4.25 per cwt.

GROCERIES—The market is quiet and may be termed dull, while prices are firm and well sustained. Sugar ranges from 13¾ to 15c for Raw, and 17@18c for Refined. Coffee is steady with sales at 33@34c—some choice at 36½c. Molasses quiet at 65@67c.

HAY—is firm with a demand fully equal to the supply; sales of 12 loads loose from scales at $25 to $27 per ton, and 32 bales pressed at $38.

ASHES—firm and some descriptions are a shade higher. The current quotations are as follows: Common Soda 4½@4¾c; Refined do 5¾@6¼c; Alkali 2¾c, and Nitrate Soda and Pearls 10c.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

JAN. 7.—The market for Petroleum, both Crude and Refined, has been quiet and rather dull to-day, and the transactions were limited and of an important character. Crude appears to be quite though prices remain about as last quoted, ranging from 19½@20 in bulk and 24@25 bbls, and some few small sales were at the above range. There is considerable inquiry for Refined in bond, but as yet, there have been no operations, and we continue to quote at 40, though some holders are asking 41@42. Free oil is nominal at 50. We note a sale of 100 bbls "Unclefor" Lubricating oil at 50. Naptha and Benidum continues dull and unchanged.

The receipts and shipments during the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day were as follows—to New York, 177 bbls Refined, 1,100 bbls Crude; to Philadelphia, 75 bbls Refined; to Baltimore, 200 bbls Refined; to Boston, 50 bbls Refined; to Cincinnati, 200 bbls Crude; West, 75 bbls Refined. Receipts per Allegheny Valley Rail-road, 75 bbls Refined and 1200 bbls Crude.

New York Petroleum Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The trade in crude is steady but not large, ranging from 21¾c to 22 on the spot, and 22¾c for February delivery, buyers option. Refined is steady at 40@41c for bonded and 52@53c free. Naptha is nominal at former quotations.

Allegheny Live Stock Market.

(REPORTED FOR THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.)

JAN. 7.—There is a fair supply of cattle on sale this week, the whole number reaching only about six hundred head. The receipts were restricted considerably in consequence of the extremely cold weather, and the heavy snows appear to have almost completely blocked the western railroads. The result is that but few cattle have been driven in for sale through from the west, and with a demand largely in excess of the supply, a decided advance has been established. The advance is fully equal to one-half cent per pound, and in many instances more, as we saw some cattle sold at 5½c per pound, which last week would not have brought over 4½c. The cattle coming in are of common grade, and will hardly be sustained, as there are plenty of cattle in the west waiting for transportation, and as soon as the different railroads are prepared to receive again, we may expect improved receipts and lower prices.

The most if not all of the stock offered during the past week have changed hands, and there will be few buyers of government stock, though a limited number could have been sold at about former quotations.

Quotations for cattle may be fairly given at from 3½@5c per pound gross, although some have been sold at 6c, but this is an outside figure, and comes from selected lots. We quote No. 1 at 5@5½c, and a full list of the sales:

Clark wholesaled to-day 20 head of cattle, averaging 1,300 pounds, at 5c per pound gross; 20 head at 5c, and the same to Hoag; 20 head at 5c, and the same to Hoag; 20 head at 5c, and the same to Hoag