Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING.....JAN. 9, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

OFFICIAL PAPER.

ALLEGHENY CITY UNION TICKET

FOR MAYOR:

A. C. ALEXANDER.

DIRECTOR OF THE POOR:

GEORGE GERST.

The Gazette Association.

The Stockholders of the "Pittsburgh Gazette Association" held a meeting this afternoon as the Rooms of the Board of Trade. The Committee, whose notice appears in another column, say that the business for the consideration of this meeting is important to each Stockholder, therefore, a full attendance is very desirable.

Presentment of the Grand Jury.

We publish at length, because of its decided practical importance to our citizens, the Presentment of the Grand Jury, which body, having closed its labors for the present term, rose yesterday. We heartily subscribe to its every suggestion, and are not surprised that His Honor, Judge Stowe, on its presentation, ordered it to be read by the Clerk in open Court, which was done, and also proceeded, as he did at length, to speak of its importance, and to thank the Grand Jury for the presentation of evils and annoyances that could no longer be unrecognized.

We trust that the suggestions of the Grand Inquest will by at once acted on by those whose business it is to see to them, and that this is the only presentment which shall ever be required to call attention to the matters complained of. The whole county and its citizens are interested, and we feel assured that the comparatively small expense necessary to make matters comfortable about our Court House, will meet general approval. We submit the presentment, which will speak for itself:

DECEMBER SESSION, A. D. 1863.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and Quarter Sessions of the Peace, &c., for the County of Allegheny:

The Grand Jurors at the present term, before finally adjourning, deem it proper to call the attention of your Honors to some matters which they conceive to be of general interest.

The tax payers of the County of Allegheny, some years since, erected a suitable Court House for public purposes, the cardinal, disproportionate of which is by law confided to our County Commissioners. The style and finish of the building is creditable to our citizens, and is an enduring monument of their enterprise, taste and liberality. Its internal arrangements, management and repair, however, are not at all in keeping with its imposing exterior, and such as it at this day required by the increasing business of the County. The rooms occupied by the Grand and Traverse Jurors are in abnormal conditions, without carpets, matting, or suitable desks and furniture, badly cleaned, heated and lighted, they are not only a disgrace, to those intrusted with their care, but they are wholely unsuited for the public business. Nor is any proper provision made for the accommodation of the District Attorney, and those who have business before the Grand Jury. To say nothing of our own grievance, we have at the present term seen numbers of delicate women and infirm men in attendance, compelled, at this inclement season of the year, to remain for hours in the recess, awaiting the dispositions of the cases in which they were concerned. In Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Lancaster, and other cities in our Commonwealth, where, if indeed as liberality outweighs the small amount of a piddling economy, suitors in waiting are provided with apartments liberally carpeted and warmed, and furnished with such conveniences as are necessary for their personal comfort. The District Attorney is also, provided with an appropriate room, wherein his papers and records may be properly prepared and kept. There is no reason whatever, why Allegheny County, the second in the State in wealth, population and resources, and in the magnitude of its public business, should not similarly provide for the wants of her tax payers, suitors and officers. Inexcusable as is the insufficience and neglect of the Commissioners in these matters, the condition of the out-houses attached to the Court House, is also such as to subject them to the severest public censure. We much question, whether such a state of affairs would be permitted to exist for a single day outside of the limits of our county.

In this connection we may mention, that the Janitor of the Court House, employed at a salary of six hundred dollars by the County commissioners, is in the habit of demanding additional pay from the public officers of the County for his services. We regard this as an abuse which should not be countenanced by the Commissioners. It appears from the evidence before us that he receives several hundred dollars a year in this way or *worse* fees. We recommend the selection of some person who will perform the duties of Sheriffs for the salary paid with as little and prejudice.

We visited the Jail, and for the present forbear any statement as to its condition. We are in hopes that there will be a decided improvement on for the management of the present Sheriff and Jailor.

The compensation of Grand and Traverse Jurors is wholly inadequate, and we recommend that legislation be had to remedy this evil.

C. H. ANDERSON, Foreman.

Attest: ADDISON BYERS, Clerk.

Accident on the Central Ohio Road.

On Tuesday evening last, a train of cars over the Central Ohio Railroad, bound east, ran off the track near Barnesville, Ohio, in consequence of a bad rail. A passenger car was thrown down an embankment a distance of 100 feet, and Mr. Ben Fisher and lady, of Wheeling, were each somewhat injured, the latter slightly. Several other persons were scratched and bruised. Among the occupants of the car were several members of Congress. Hon. James F. McDowell, of Indiana, when the car reached the bottom of the hill, found himself with a baby in his arms, which he kindly cared for until relieved by its fond but frightened mother. The passengers regard their escape from death as almost miraculous. Hon. James R. Morris and Hon. J. F. Kinney, of Ohio, Brutus J. Clay, of Kentucky, and Gordon N. Mott, of Oneida, were occupants of the unfortunate car. They were on their way to Washington.

The Rebel Raid.

The Wheeling *Intelligencer*, of Thursday, states that "the trains over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are now arriving and departing as usual. The train from Baltimore which arrived Wednesday morning, came through in safety, and nothing was seen or heard of any very respectable number of rebels. We have not been able to gain any particulars in regard to the recent capture of a government train at New Creek. It is generally believed that the rebels, after capturing the train, skedaddled, and that they were more anxious to avoid Col. Thoberg's command at Petersburg than to surround him."

City Mortality

Dr. A. G. McCandless, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the following deaths for the week commencing Dec. 24, and ending Jan. 3:

Males..... 5 White..... 20 } Total.... 21.
Females..... 12 Colored..... 1 }

Inflammation of the Lungs, 1; Paralysis, 1; Old Age, 1; Puerperal Mortitus, 1; Disease of the Heart, 1; Consumption, 1; Puerperal Fever, 1; Apoplexy, 1; Congestion of Bowels, 1; Convulsions, 1; Dropsy, 1; Scarlatina, 1; Nervisility, 1; Hooping Cough, 1; Marasmus 1; Still Born, 3; Congestion of Lungs, 1; Typhoid Pneumonia, 1; Diptheria, 1.

GRAND OPERATIC CONCERT.—Our musical public will be delighted to learn that the great Combination will give two of their *recherche* entertainments in this city. The list of artists is headed by the renowned Gottschalk, whose artistic execution and charming companion stamp him as the master spirit of the piano, of this age. Brignolle, the delightful tenor and charmer of the gentler sex, will favor us with several new morceaux. The Prima Donna, Mlle Cordier, is highly spoken of by the musical critics of New York. Add to this Carlo Patti, a violinist of no ordinary merit. We must not neglect to mention that our distinguished pianist, Mr. V. De Hem, will assist Mr. Gottschalk in his concerted pieces. The sale of reserved seats will commence at C. C. Meller's music store, on Monday morning next.

PANORAMA OF THE BIBLE.—We again take pleasure in calling the attention of our readers to the exhibition of this beautiful Panorama at Masonic Hall. No one should fail seeing it. There will be a Matinee on to-morrow (Saturday) at 3 o'clock, for the accommodation of the little folks. Go early to secure good seats.

GIRL LOST.—Mr. Crozier, who resides near Bellair, advertises that his daughter, a girl of fourteen years, left his house on the Thursday before New Years, and cannot be found. Any person furnishing information of her whereabouts will greatly relieve an anxious family.

KILLED BY A TRAIN.—A man named William Milligan, was killed on the Atlantic and Great Western Railway, on Saturday last, at West Greenville, Mercer county, while attempting to jump on a freight train. He was under the influence of liquor, and hence the accident.

ALBUMS.—Our neighbor, Pittock, has a fine selection, at low prices. Call and examine. He has also a large stock of Card Photographs Generals, Theatricals, &c., &c. Don't fail call at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

Our Book Table.

FIVE YEARS OF PRAYER, With the Answers. By Samuel Irenæus Prime, Author of "Power of Prayer," etc., etc. New York: Harper & Bros. Pittsburgh: H. Miner, 71 and 73 Fifth street. 376pp. 12mo.

The author sets forth the scope and purport of his work as follows:—"Five years ago the 'Power of Prayer' was published. It was hailed with wonderful interest in this country and abroad. It was republished in England and Scotland; widely circulated in Wales and Ireland; two translations were printed in France, and another in the East, and more than a hundred thousand copies distributed and read..... That publication was made after the Fulton Street Prayer meeting had been in existence one year. Within that brief season the record was so gracious and glorious as to fill heaven and earth with joy. Now that five years more have passed away ..... it has seemed to many that duty to Him who hears and answers requires that another report should be made..... For the sake of a more distinct and specific effect, the power of prayer is in this volume exhibited in the various departments of public, social, and domestic life, showing the remarkable answers which God has given to praying parents, brethands, wives, and children..... facts that have been brought to light in connection with the prayers of Christians within the last five years..... There will be statements here at which unbelief will laugh. Some of the people of God will doubt. Many will deny any connection between the result and the prayer. But when all the scoffers, and skeptics, and unbelievers have had the opportunity of doubting and denying, there are still thousands of decent and humble Christians who will feel their faith strengthened, and their hopes brighter and more joyful, for the perusal of these glorious annals of prayer."

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.—The leading weekly Eastern papers—Religious, Pictorial, Literary, etc.—received by express at J. W. Pittock's News and Periodical Depot, Fifth street, opposite the Post-office. Call there for copies of Frank Leslie's Ten Cent Monthly, for February, Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, for January 16; Harper's Weekly, same date; The N. Y. Independent; The Home Journal, etc., etc., of this week. In fact, everything in the Newspaper or Magazine line will be found there, or promptly supplied.

PUBLIC speakers and singers will find Brown's Bronchial Troches exceedingly useful, enabling them to endure more than ordinary exertion with comparative ease, while they render articulation clear. Sold by all Druggists. Brown's Bronchial Troches are for sale at Fulton's Drug Store, Fifth street.

LECTURE BY PROF. AGASSIZ.—This distinguished scholar lectures at Concert Hall, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 12th and 14th inst. The simple announcement of this fact ought to crown the hall on both nights. The reputation of the lecturer has given him a name that is almost a "household word."

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.

FIRE-TO-SMOKE—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 proportions as to impart to its distinctive character, and secure for it wherever it becomes known a hearty welcome. 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 materials 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. de18:1m

FOR FALL AND WINTER WEAR.—The Summer's 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 materials to keep us comfortable. A nice tall suit, or a good and well made overcoat are the very thing, and we do not know of any place where our readers would suit themselves better than at Messrs. W. H. McGee & 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. 52 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. 52 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, No. 52 MARKET STREET.

KENTUCKY BELLES APPRECIATE.—Mrs. ADDA NANTZ, 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 Hair balsamum, 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 194 Greenwich street, New York.

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

DIARRHŒA and Dysentary will destroy the life of 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. 213

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

JUST RECEIVED AND READY FOR SALE.—The finest assortment of Fall and Winter Clothing, lately received by Messrs. John Wise & Co., Merchant Tailors, No. 146 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.

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.

STATIONERY.—The best note, letter and cap paper—the best envelopes, and everything else in the stationery line at reasonable prices, at Frank Case's News Depot, Chronicle Building, Fifth street.

OMNIBUS and carriage calls will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 416 Penn street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

POCKET BOOKS, Wallets, Cigar Holders, Pocket Knives and Currency Holders at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

BALLOU'S, for February, and No. 64 Beadles' 10 Works, just received at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

HARPER'S WEEKLY, Leslie's Independent, and Clipper for this week at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

DIARIES for 1864, 50 different kinds, at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

SUBSCRIBE for an Eastern or Western daily paper, at Pittock's, opposite the Post Office.

M'CLELLAND'S Shoe Auction House, No 55 Fifth street.

AUCTION SALE, this evening at M'Clelland's, 55 Fifth street.

BALMORAL AND HOOP SKIRTS, at M'Clelland's Auction House.

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

DIED:

BEGGS.—On Thursday, January 7th, 1864, Mrs. JANE BEGGS, in the 97th year of her age.

The funeral will take place on SATURDAY, the 9th inst., at 1 o'clock p. m., from her late residence, No. 124 Federal street.

ARMSTRONG.—On the 24 instant, at Brady Station, Lieut. THOS. J. ARMSTRONG, formerly of Zouave Cadets, and lately on Gen. Shaler's Staff, aged 23 years.

The notice of funeral will be given.

OAT MEAL AND GRITS.—5 barrels extra quality kiln dried Oat Meal and Grits just received. We shall be in regular receipt of this superior article, and hope to be able to fill all orders for it.

JOHN A. RENSHAW,
Corner Liberty and Hand streets.
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THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 8, 1864.

THE $300 CLAUSE.

The House was not in session to-day, having adjourned over in honor of Jackson and New Orleans. The Senate devoted most of its session to the discussion of the Conscription Bill, and particularly of the three hundred dollar clause. Mr. Wilson opposed its repeal, and declared a very heavy preponderance of public opinion in favor of the clause as it now stands. Mr. Lane, of Indiana, and some others favored a repeal, but no conclusion was reached; but it is pretty safe to say that the three hundred dollar clause will be retained in a modified way.

LIST OF APPOINTMENTS SENT TO THE SENATE.

The long list of appointments of generals, staff officers, surgeons, etc., sent to the Senate yesterday, is printed confidentially. It makes a pamphlet of seventy-four octavo pages. During vacation of Congress fifty-eight brigadiers were appointed, whose names now come before the Senate for confirmation. Most, if not all these, have been announced from time to time, as appointments made. Among them were—Col. Thos. E. Smith, 30th Ohio; Colonel M. M. Norce, 20th Ohio; Colonel Walter G. Grotham, 53d Indiana, and Col. Robert A. Cameron, of the 34th Indiana Vols. After the meeting of Congress, there were seven vacancies still to be filled. There has been an exceedingly active contest. The result is highly creditable to the West. The following are the men whom the President has nominated: Col. G. Harker, 65th Ohio; Col. John A. Miner, 20th Indiana; Col. Gustav Kammerling, 9th Ohio; Col. C. C. Andrews, 31 Minnesota, Col. John W. Fuller, 27th Ohio; Col. Cyrus Bussey, 3d Iowa Cavalry; Col. Regis De Noblriand, 45th New York Vols. Each of these were accompanied by the recommendation of their commanding officers reports, etc., on which the appointments are based.

MR. HALE'S QUARREL WITH THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Hale's curious quarrel with the Navy Department produced a stir in the Senate today. He brought in a resolution of inquiry in the case of Isherwood, Chief of the Bureau of Engineering, and into the management of the Department generally.

Messrs. Conness, Grimes, Doolittle, and others replied, commending severely on Mr. Hale's course.

Garrett Davis got mixed up in the matter and provoked some pungent remarks from Mr. Conness, to which he replied that he was not to be scared by Jackstills. It was Mr. Conness' first speech in the Senate, and he made a very favorable impression.

NOMINATIONS.

The following nominations of Western men have been made by the President: Captain Rowan, of Ohio, to be Commodore; J. B. Clayton, of Kentucky, Minister to Honduras; Rufus King, of Wisconsin, Minister to Rome; Abraham Harrow, of Wisconsin, Commissioner and Consul General to Liberia; A. G. Bingham, of Michigan, Consul Portrey to Belgium; Richard E. Meese, of Iowa, Consul to Carracas, B. L. Hill, of Michigan, Consul to San Juan Del Sur; Jno. E. Marks, of Ohio, Consul to Amsterdam; A. G. Riddle, of Ohio, Consul to Matamoras; W. W. Nirson, of Ohio, Consul to Bayonne; John A. Bingham, of Ohio, to a prominent and confidential position in the Judge Advocate's office.

CARPET DAVIS.

Mr. Wilson produced a sensation by offering a resolution to expel Garrett Davis from the Senate for disloyalty, as evinced in his resolutions recently introduced, wherein he called on the people to rise against their rulers and leaders and take the conduct of affairs into their own hands. Mr. Davis declared that as meant by him anything more than an appeal to the ballot box, and said he wasn't as much a rebel as Wilson had shown himself when Massachusetts was in rebellion against the Fugitive Slave Law. The feeling against Davis is quite decided, but it is scarcely probable that anything less expulsion will cause it.

QUAKER DELEGATION.

A delegation of Quakers, representing all their annual meetings, appeared before the House Military Committee, to urge that they should be exempted, both from military service and from the payment of commutation, but much chance of getting it. They object to paying commutation inasmuch as it goes to support the war, but when they were told that it was not commutation money goes into the general fund of the Treasury, they had more difficulty in making it clear that they should be relieved from payment of it.

GEN'L SCOTT AND GEN. WOOL DEAD.

Some of the Missouri members here say it is understood that Grant Brown acquiesces in the confirmation of Gen. Sch—ield. This determination is attributed to an understanding with Senator Henderson, whereby the latter agrees to influence the lesser followers of Brown in the Missouri Legislature, to vote for a call for a State Convention, to consider the subject of immediate emancipation.

BALDWIN'S RESOLUTIONS.

On the vote upon Baldwin's resolution declaring the rebel leaders at Richmond to be outlaws, it is noticeable that Ex Gov. King, of Missouri, heretofore ranked as a copperhead, voted in favor of their adoption, while Mr. Rollin, considered a conservative, dodged the question.

PATENT OFFICE RECEIPTS.

The coming report of the Commissioner of Patents will show the receipts of the Patent Office for the past year to be forty five thousand dollars more than the expenditures, which, during the present protracted condition of inventions, is considered quite favorable.

MR. WILSON IN DEBATE.

Mr. Wilson stated to-day in debate that not over fifteen thousand veterans would leave the army through the expiration of their time of enlistments before the first of July. The popular belief has been that the number was much larger.

DEATH OF CALEB B. SMITH.

The death of Caleb B. Smith, gives rise to all sorts of speculations as to his successor. One of them is that an Cabet would be appointed. It is said that was what he sought when he came here first.

THE MISSOURI CONTESTED SEAT.

Judge Birch, of Missouri, has beaten Gov. King in the contest before the Committee on Elections in getting his deposition admitted. His friends now claim that the matter will be referred back to the people.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

The Democratic National Committee will meet in New York next week to fix a time and place for the National Convention. Chicago, Columbus and New York are urged as the appointed places.

RUMORS.

Statement were current, and apparently based on good authority, last night that Clark had been relieved from charge of printing the Treasury Notes, but they are at least premature.

SEWARD'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENCE.

Several other Indianians also mentioned that Seward's diplomatic correspondence continues to be sent to press. It already makes over fourteen hundred pages, and more coming.

SNOW.

Snow fell to the depth of several inches last night, and we have good sleighing to-day.

MEETING OF THE PACIFIC RAILROAD COMMITTEE.—The Pacific Railroad Committee had its first meeting to night.

Veteran Troops Re-enlisting—Snow—Guerrillas to be Executed.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 8, 1864.

Half of Willis' brigade has re-enlisted. The 19th and 49th Ohio have started home. One hundred and thirty men of the 15th have re-enlisted.

Snow covered the ground here last night.

Gen. Thomas has issued an order that the men who committed the late murder in Lincoln county, if caught, be summarily executed, and any person executing them will be held guiltless. All persons aiding, abetting or harboring these guerrillas will be immediately arrested and tried by military commission.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1864.

SENATE.—Mr. Wilson, of Mass., from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the joint resolutions of thanks to Gen. Hooker his officers and men, from the same committee.

Mr. Sprague, of R. I., reported back the joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Burnside, and his officers and men.

Mr. Nesmith, of Oregon, introduced a joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Gen. Thomas and his officers and men.

Mr. Haley, of New Hampshire, moved a reconstruction of the resolution instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to examine into the efficacy of the steam engines constructed for the use of the navy, the mode of procuring supplies and the conduct of the department generally, and that they have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Hale desired the investigation, in view of the charges contained in a speech of Mr. Dickinson, but would prefer that it should be made a special committee. These charges cannot fail to have their effect, unless they are investigated. While he did not endorse the Senator's expressed sentiments in the speech alluded to, yet from the intercourse he had with controversial men, he believed they were heart-sick, and despaired of the navy as it is now conducted.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, said the Secretary of the Navy desired an investigation. He had no doubt that it would turn out satisfactorily, and prove that we have not only as fast, but faster vessels than any other nation in the world.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, had no doubt of the integrity of the Navy Department, but any inquiry unless necessity demanded, would reflect more harm than good, for charges without a sound foundation, tend to destroy confidence in the Government.

Mr. Conness, of California, agreed with the views of the remarks heretofore made by Messrs. Hale and Davis. He did not believe that the country was heartsick of the manner in which the navy was conducted.

Mr. Hale denied that he had made wholesale charges against the Administration. He would say to the Senator from California, that it would do infinite injury to the Administration to shrink from an investigation. All the documents should be laid open as the day.

Mr. Davis, of Ky., also replied to Mr. Conness, declaring that he would always oppose what he considered to be wrong. He had imputed the great lies of the hermitage, and he was not now to be frightened by jackstraw.

Mr. Doolittle repeated there was no disposition to shrink from an investigation, and in contemplation of professing friends of the administration, who indulged in attacks upon it.

Mr. Grimes hoped that Mr. Hale would modify his resolutions so as to confine the investigation to specific charges.

Mr. Hale had no choice or preference, and mentioned that the Navy Department had paid very much higher for supplies than they could be bought in open market.

Mr. Grimes showed this was the issue of Congress in requiring supplies to be procured by contract from the lowest bidder.

The further consideration of the resolution was postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson introduced a resolution providing for the expulsion of Senator Davis, owing to sentiments put forth in his resolutions of Andrews suppression of the rebellion, etc. Referred.

Mr. Wilson, in support of his resolution, said the language quoted in Andrews's speech was a garbled version of his own resolution. What he proposed was, that the people should rise in the absence of the State and General Government in their own hands. He would give this advice every where. He repeated that the target of Mr. Wilson's resolution was against those who, while sworn to support the Government, were attempting to destroy it.

The subject was passed over, and the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill relating to the amendment of the enrollment act.

The debate on the three hundred dollar commutation clause, during which Mr. Lane, of Ind., advocated its repeal, and Mr. Wilson opposed the striking out, and believed that the country would sustain him. He believed that the term of service ought to be reduced from three years to eighteen months, without a draft.

The Senate went into executive session and adjourned.

HOUSE.—The House of Representatives is in session to-day, having adjourned till Monday.

Latest from Europe.

HALIFAX, Jan. 8.—The steamship Africa from Liverpool on the 26th ult., via Queenstown on the 27th, arrived at this port at half past seven o'clock this evening with the mails.

The following is the latest intelligence from Europe

The steamship Saxonia, from New York, arrived at Queenstown on the 24th ult., and Liverpool on the 25th ult., making a remarkably quick passage.

The steamship Scotia, from New York, arrived at Queenstown on the 25th ult.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Business was generally suspended from the 24th to the 26th of December, that everybody might have a chance to celebrate the festivities incidental to Christmas.

The London Army and Navy Gazette says the Messrs. Lairds have refused several offers for the Murray ram, declaring that they are not for sale.

It is understood that the United States Ministers in London and Paris are making continued efforts to prevent the steamer Rappahannock from leaving Calais for the high seas as a rebel cruiser. Stores for the ship had reached Calais from England.

The reinvestment of the Bank of England's rate of discount to seven per cent. would, it was expected, soon be followed in a further reduction of the rate to six per cent. The Bullion in the Bank of England had increased during the week to £541,000.

FRANCE.—The Corps Legislatif had debated the loan bill to-day. M. Fiers and other opposition members spoke in favor of a pacific policy on the part of the Government. Mr. Picards censured the Government for the Mexican expedition. The bill was finally passed by a vote of 242 to 14.

The Moniteur denies.—At a meeting at Altoona, in which thousands took part, Prince Frederick was formally proclaimed Duke of Holstein amid the greatest enthusiasm. The town was subsequently illuminated, and great crowds traversed the streets singing the national song of Holstein.

It was reported that the General commanding the Austrian troops had been recalled.

The Saxon troops had entered Altoona on the 24th of December.

The Danes left as the Federal troops appeared.

In Spain a bill had been introduced into the Spanish Congress, fixing the strength of the Spanish army for 1864 at 100,000 men.

HUNGARY.—The rumors of an insurrectionary movement in Hungary still continues.

Austria was taking precautionary measures against such a movement.

LATEST.—*Liverpool, Dec. 26.*—All the markets closed to-day, and the holidays are being celebrated every where.

The Danish Ministry have tendered their resignation to the King, and it has been accepted.

England and Russia continue to exercise a pressure in Denmark on the Holstein question.

The passage of the steamship Scotia from New York to Liverpool was computed at less than eight days and twenty-one hours.

Thackeray, the celebrated author, was found dead in his bed on the morning of the 24th inst. He was ill only the day previous. Effusion on the brain is the alleged cause of his death.

Six of the men who were enlisted to serve on board the Federal steamer Kearsage at Queenstown, and who were recently discharged at that point, have been committed for trial. Affidavits were produced showing that they had enlisted for three years, for the purpose of fighting in the service of the United States.

London, Sunday, Dec. 27.—Yesterday being a general holiday in this city, and places of business closed, there was a very limited attendance at the London Stock Exchange.

Queenstown, Dec. 27.—Arrived, from New York, the Jubilaum at Brower Haven's, the Atlantic at Gravesend, and the Europa at Greenock.

The Africa reports that she has had heavy weather and bad winds during the entire passage. The commercial news was almost entirely anticipated by the advices by the City of Baltimore. The markets were closed from Thursday the 24th until the 26th.

Governor Andrews' Message.

The annual message of Gov. Andrews was delivered to-day. It is very lengthy. The receipts into the state TREASURY for 1863, are $7,229,000, and the payments $6,726,000. He recommends that the taxings are providing for bounties, and also those in aid of the families of volunteers be extended to meet the cases of persons enlisting as substitutes in the regular army, and credited to this Commonwealth in the same manner as are state volunteers. He also recommends [illegible] 15 aliens be made [illegible] to the State relief [illegible] county, if caught, be summarily executed, and any person executing them will be held guiltless. All persons aiding, abetting or harboring these guerrillas will be immediately arrested and tried by military commission.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8, 1864.

SENATE.—Mr. Wilson, of Mass., from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the joint resolutions of thanks to Gen. Hooker his officers and men, from the same committee.

Mr. Sprague, of R. I., reported back the joint resolution of thanks to Gen. Burnside, and his officers and men.

Mr. Nesmith, of Oregon, introduced a joint resolution tendering the thanks of Congress to Gen. Thomas and his officers and men.

Mr. Haley, of New Hampshire, moved a reconstruction of the resolution instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to examine into the efficacy of the steam engines constructed for the use of the navy, the mode of procuring supplies and the conduct of the department generally, and that they have power to send for persons and papers.

Mr. Hale desired the investigation, in view of the charges contained in a speech of Mr. Dickinson, but would prefer that it should be made a special committee. These charges cannot fail to have their effect, unless they are investigated. While he did not endorse the Senator's expressed sentiments in the speech alluded to, yet from the intercourse he had with controversial men, he believed they were heart-sick, and despaired of the navy as it is now conducted.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, said the Secretary of the Navy desired an investigation. He had no doubt that it would turn out satisfactorily, and prove that we have not only as fast, but faster vessels than any other nation in the world.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wisconsin, had no doubt of the integrity of the Navy Department, but any inquiry unless necessity demanded, would reflect more harm than good, for charges without a sound foundation, tend to destroy confidence in the Government.

Mr. Conness, of California, agreed with the views of the remarks heretofore made by Messrs. Hale and Davis. He did not believe that the country was heartsick of the manner in which the navy was conducted.

Mr. Hale denied that he had made wholesale charges against the Administration. He would say to the Senator from California, that it would do infinite injury to the Administration to shrink from an investigation. All the documents should be laid open as the day.

Mr. Davis, of Ky., also replied to Mr. Conness, declaring that he would always oppose what he considered to be wrong. He had imputed the great lies of the hermitage, and he was not now to be frightened by jackstraw.

Mr. Doolittle repeated there was no disposition to shrink from an investigation, and in contemplation of professing friends of the administration, who indulged in attacks upon it.

Mr. Grimes hoped that Mr. Hale would modify his resolutions so as to confine the investigation to specific charges.

Mr. Hale had no choice or preference, and mentioned that the Navy Department had paid very much higher for supplies than they could be bought in open market.

Mr. Grimes showed this was the issue of Congress in requiring supplies to be procured by contract from the lowest bidder.

The further consideration of the resolution was postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Wilson introduced a resolution providing for the expulsion of Senator Davis, owing to sentiments put forth in his resolutions of Andrews suppression of the rebellion, etc. Referred.

Mr. Wilson, in support of his resolution, said the language quoted in Andrews's speech was a garbled version of his own resolution. What he proposed was, that the people should rise in the absence of the State and General Government in their own hands. He would give this advice every where. He repeated that the target of Mr. Wilson's resolution was against those who, while sworn to support the Government, were attempting to destroy it.

The subject was passed over, and the Senate resumed the consideration of the bill relating to the amendment of the enrollment act.

The debate on the three hundred dollar commutation clause, during which Mr. Lane, of Ind., advocated its repeal, and Mr. Wilson opposed the striking out, and believed that the country would sustain him. He believed that the term of service ought to be reduced from three years to eighteen months, without a draft.

The Senate went into executive session and adjourned.

HOUSE.—The House of Representatives is in session to-day, having adjourned till Monday.

Latest from Europe.

HALIFAX, Jan. 8.—The steamship Africa from Liverpool on the 26th ult., via Queenstown on the 27th, arrived at this port at half past seven o'clock this evening with the mails.

The following is the latest intelligence from Europe

The steamship Saxonia, from New York, arrived at Queenstown on the 24th ult., and Liverpool on the 25th ult., making a remarkably quick passage.

The steamship Scotia, from New York, arrived at Queenstown on the 25th ult.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Business was generally suspended from the 24th to the 26th of December, that everybody might have a chance to celebrate the festivities incidental to Christmas.

The London Army and Navy Gazette says the Messrs. Lairds have refused several offers for the Murray ram, declaring that they are not for sale.

It is understood that the United States Ministers in London and Paris are making continued efforts to prevent the steamer Rappahannock from leaving Calais for the high seas as a rebel cruiser. Stores for the ship had reached Calais from England.

The reinvestment of the Bank of England's rate of discount to seven per cent. would, it was expected, soon be followed in a further reduction of the rate to six per cent. The Bullion in the Bank of England had increased during the week to £541,000.

FRANCE.—The Corps Legislatif had debated the loan bill to-day. M. Fiers and other opposition members spoke in favor of a pacific policy on the part of the Government. Mr. Picards censured the Government for the Mexican expedition. The bill was finally passed by a vote of 242 to 14.

The Moniteur denies.—At a meeting at Altoona, in which thousands took part, Prince Frederick was formally proclaimed Duke of Holstein amid the greatest enthusiasm. The town was subsequently illuminated, and great crowds traversed the streets singing the national song of Holstein.

It was reported that the General commanding the Austrian troops had been recalled.

The Saxon troops had entered Altoona on the 24th of December.

The Danes left as the Federal troops appeared.

In Spain a bill had been introduced into the Spanish Congress, fixing the strength of the Spanish army for 1864 at 100,000 men.

HUNGARY.—The rumors of an insurrectionary movement in Hungary still continues.

Austria was taking precautionary measures against such a movement.

LATEST.—*Liverpool, Dec. 26.*—All the markets closed to-day, and the holidays are being celebrated every where.

The Danish Ministry have tendered their resignation to the King, and it has been accepted.

England and Russia continue to exercise a pressure in Denmark on the Holstein question.

The passage of the steamship Scotia from New York to Liverpool was computed at less than eight days and twenty-one hours.

Thackeray, the celebrated author, was found dead in his bed on the morning of the 24th inst. He was ill only the day previous. Effusion on the brain is the alleged cause of his death.

Six of the men who were enlisted to serve on board the Federal steamer Kearsage at Queenstown, and who were recently discharged at that point, have been committed for trial. Affidavits were produced showing that they had enlisted for three years, for the purpose of fighting in the service of the United States.

London, Sunday, Dec. 27.—Yesterday being a general holiday in this city, and places of business closed, there was a very limited attendance at the London Stock Exchange.

Queenstown, Dec. 27.—Arrived, from New York, the Jubilaum at Brower Haven's, the Atlantic at Gravesend, and the Europa at Greenock.

The Africa reports that she has had heavy weather and bad winds during the entire passage. The commercial news was almost entirely anticipated by the advices by the City of Baltimore. The markets were closed from Thursday the 24th until the 26th.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION LECTURES.

The Lecture Committee take pleasure in announcing that the sixth lecture in the course will be delivered by the Distinguished

Professor LOUIS AGASSIZ,

on TUESDAY EVENING, January 12th,

Subject—The Cost Formation."

Tickets [illegible]

THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE

ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Pittsburgh Gazette Association, for the election of Directors, will be held at the Office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 18th, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M.

JOHN H. AYRES,
JOHN W. HALLIDAY,
A. M. FINDLEY,
Committee.

MECHANICS' LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Meeting will be held at the Library Room, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 11th, at 7½ o'clock, for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting. Members will please present their tickets. Strangers can be introduced by members. By order of the Board of Directors.

JOHN H. BRINTON, Secretary.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Pittsburgh Gazette Company will be held on the Banking House of Messrs. Dilworth, Bro. & Co., on MONDAY, the 18th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may be brought before the meeting.

WM. M. CROTHERS, Secretary.

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