Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING.....FEB. 15, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

☞OFFICIAL PAPER.☜

Infamous Libelers Exposed——A Lady Acts as Detective.

For some time past great excitement and annoyance has been caused in Harrisburg, by the circulation of a vile sheet published in Boston, which contained letters written from Harrisburg, grossly abusive of some of the most respectable citizens of the place. A news agent named George L. Walter, was arrested and held to answer a charge of circulating these libels. The *Telegraph*, of Saturday, says:

The District Attorney took the matter in hand, aided by the parties assailed, and while efforts were being made to ferret out the villain, a lady (the wife of one of our most respectable citizens), who had been most foully traduced in this correspondence, received an anonymous note, informing her that if she would consent to meet the writer thereof on the river bank, at a given hour of a fixed evening, her name should never again appear in the *Criminal Life*. The lady in question promptly handed this letter to her husband, who at once consulted his friends and the District Attorney, as to the course best to pursue. After having considered the matter in all its aspects, it was resolved that the lady should repair to the locality fixed for the meeting, and thus unmask the scoundrel who had applied for an interview. As a precaution, however, the husband of the lady secreted himself in the neighborhood fixed for the meeting, deeming it best, as was his duty, to be near in case of any emergency. About the time fixed for the hour of meeting, the gas lamps in the neighborhood of Front and Pine streets were extinguished. This was undoubtedly the work of the parties who had arranged to meet the lady. At the hour appointed, the lady appeared on Front street near Pine, and as she slowly passed up the street, she was approached and accosted by a person who asked her if she was Mrs. ——. She answered in the affirmative, and then inquired of the individual if he was the writer of the note asking for the interview. A reply in the negative was made, with the explanation that he had been sent by the author of that note to be present at the interview. At this point of the conversation the lady arrived at the place where her husband was concealed, when she asked her companion why she was so greatly attacked in the *Criminal Life*, and as the villain was in the act of excusing or justifying himself as the author of those letters, the concealed husband stepped out and confronted him. At once a scene of confusion ensued, and the husband discovered that he had four instead of one man to deal with, as by that time the whole gang had assembled; but nothing daunted, he attacked and gave chase to the parties. In the race the party giving chase fired four shots from his revolver, but the villain nevertheless escaped.

The morning following the evening of this encounter, Mr. Haldeman, an employee in the *Patriot and Union* office, was arrested on suspicion as being one of the parties to this entire business. Conscious of his guilt, and dismayed by the awful responsibility he was forced to assume by his connection with these villainous transactions, Haldeman at once confessed his crime, implicating Harry Swivel, Riley O'Donnell and John Cramer as his associates. These are employees on the Pennsylvania railroad, which company, we understand, has dismissed them all from its service. It is reported that O'Donnell has enlisted in the navy. Cramer is still at large. This morning a warrant was issued for Swivel, and he was taken into custody and carried before Alderman Kline, where he was bound over in the sum of $1000 to appear and answer.

Volunteer Meeting in the First Ward.

At a meeting of a number of citizens of this ward, held on Saturday evening, February 13th, for the purpose of taking measures to procure volunteers to fill the quota to avoid the necessity of a draft, William B. Hunter, Esq., was called to the chair, and N. P. W. Goltz and S. R. Roberts, appointed Secretaries.

A General Committee was appointed, viz: G. W. Smith, chairman, Benj. Singerly, C. Hanson Love, J. G. Buffum, Capt. Andrew Miller, with authority to appoint a Treasurer and such Block Committees as may be deemed necessary to thoroughly canvass the ward.

On motion, it was resolved: That in case a contributor to the fund be drafted, the amount of the subscription be refunded. That in case the County Commissioners issue the expected bonds, the General Committee is authorized to procure said bonds for said contributors. That the General Committee be authorized to receive recruits or volunteers from this Monday, 15th inst., and pay a local bounty not exceeding $200.

Nearly $3,000 was subscribed on the spot, and from the feeling evinced at the meeting we have no doubt but that the First Ward will complete her quota in a week or ten days.

Adjourned to meet this (Monday) evening at seven o'clock.

Prof. Richard's Lectures.

The concluding lectures of this very interesting course of lectures before the Library Association, will be given to-night and to-morrow evening, and these lectures promise to be the most interesting of this really brilliant course. These lectures have given great satisfaction to our public, the attendance has increased from night to night, as the fact has become known how interesting Prof. Richards is in his explanations, and with what magnificent apparatus he illustrates; the experiments follow each other in quick succession, and the Professor allows no failure. On Friday night the audience expressed their delight by hearty applause, the assistant, Mr. Jolls, attracting quite his share.

The two lectures of to-night and to-morrow conclude the course, both lectures being filled with interesting experiments.

From Oil City.

The Oil City *Register* of this week has the following suggestion: We think it would be a good idea for the early settlers and founders of Oil City, and those who have been prominent in developing the resources of the Oil Region, to form an Oil Settlers Association, and have a Festival during this year. We can imagine no more delightful reunion than this would be, as it would tend to revive old recollections, and bind more closely the feelings of friendship among the people who have endured a common hardship, and achieved so much of good in a few short years. We hope some of the most prominent of our old settlers will take this matter in hand. A meeting and a supper could be gotten up this month yet. We would also suggest that some gentleman should deliver an appropriate address.

A Female Soldier.

A young lady from Pennsylvania recently enlisted at Oswego as John Davis. She went to Binghampton, and while on the cars her sex was discovered by a soldier, who reported her case to officer Farnham. She had not been examined by the surgeon, and designed to evade an examination by having a man, (a friend of hers,) examined, and she take the enlisting papers. She is but 16 years of age, very intelligent and extremely modest. She was very much mortified, and expressed a determination to put an end to her existence. Her mother is dead. Her father lives in Pennsylvania. She desired to return to her home, declaring that she would never again be found in so awkward a position.

Bounty Fund.

The following sums have been paid to Thos. Steel, Treasurer of Second Ward (Pittsburgh) Bounty Fund:

Lyons, Short & Co...	$1,000	Cunningham & Co...	$ 50
Bakewell, Pears & Co	500	John Torrance.....	50
Wm. Mann.....	100	J. K. Morange.....	50
John Fleming.....	100	Schroeder & Hage-	
J. McD. Cruzan.....	100	man.....	50
Wm. Barker.....	100	F. Sellers.....	50
Robert Rodgers.....	50	M. Kunz.....	50
A. U. Howard.....	50	Daniel Kinzer.....	50
Wm. H. Sellers.....	50	John Farrell.....	50
W. A. Sneathan.....	50	E. Bineman.....	50
C. Oyer.....	50	J. D. Draco.....	50
D. H. Hasen.....	50	H. H. Nieman.....	25
Lippincott & Co.....	50	P. Parker.....	5
Total.....			$2,780

The First National Bank of Butler organized on the 2d inst., by the election of the following officers:

James Campbell, President.
I. J. Cummings, Cashier.
Directors—James Campbell, John Berg, Lewis Stein, John N. Purviance, H. Julius Klingler, James Bredin, E. M'Junkin, John M. Thompson and R. C. McAboy.

RAILROAD ELECTION.—The following named gentlemen have been elected directors of the South Pennsylvania Railroad Company: President—Jas. Worrall, Harrisburg. Directors—Josiah Espy, Geo. Hench, John Stambaugh, James Galbraith, Wm. R. Fetter, Wm. R. Snyder, George Johnston, A. B. Anderson, Henry Foulk, John Dougherty, James Kelly, Isaac Hugus.

The Griffin Gas Light—A Great Achievement.

On Friday evening we visited the elegant new hotel recently erected at the Stock yards, near East Liberty, for the purpose of witnessing the experiment of lighting this mammoth establishment with gas manufactured upon the premises. In the basement we found a small apparatus, consisting mainly of an air-tight tank, containing naptha, through which a current of air was kept constantly passing. A highly inflammable gas is thus formed, which is conducted through ordinary pipes, and consumed by a burner just as gas pipes, and consumed by a burner just as our city gas is consumed. Without entering into details, we may state that the experiment was entirely successful, as the spacious rooms and halls of the Eastern Exchange were brilliantly illuminated—every one expressing entire satisfaction with the light furnished, and pronouncing it equal in all respects to the ordinary city gas. The machine is so simple that it requires scarcely any attention, and the light has the advantages of cheapness, brilliancy and freedom from all trouble. Any "Biddy" can attend to it, who is competent to wind a clock and fill a kettle. We have already given a description of the hotel, which is second to none in this section of the country, in point of arrangement and accommodation, and we congratulate the gentlemanly proprietor, Mr. Wilson, upon his success in having it lighted in so admirable a manner. He is determined, however, to combine all the comforts and conveniences of a city hotel, with the advantages of a first class summer resort. We are pleased to learn that the hotel is now doing a good business, although it is not yet fitted up and furnished. Mr. Huntley, the manager, is very efficient, and deservedly popular with the guests.

The gas furnished to this hotel is called the Griffin light—the machine having been invented by Jonathan Griffin, of West Meriden, Conn. A joint stock company has been formed here, under the recent act relating to corporations, with a capital of $80,000, and it is proposed to introduce this new gas at once, as the cheapest light in the world. We have seen the house machines, at the rooms of the company in Lafayette Hall building, and we would advise those of our readers who feel interested in the matter to call and examine the working models. Every gentleman who owns a country seat should have one of these machines, and no doubt will have one long. Manufacturers, both large and small, will economize largely by using this new gas. The machines are manufactured by Messrs. Foster & Co., corner Penn and Stanwix streets, who will receive orders for the company. The invention is no longer an experiment, but is now successfully before the public, and all the company desire is an intelligent investigation of its merits.

THE GREAT MILTONIAN TABLEAUX AT MASONIC HALL.—This splendid exhibition is drawing immense crowds, Masonic Hall being crowded nightly to its utmost capacity by our citizens to witness this great work of art. Illustrating as it does the grandest subject in the world, Milton's great poem "Paradise Lost." To all of our citizens who have not seen this exhibition, we would say visit it before it leaves, by all means, or you will lose the rarest treat of a lifetime.

The beautiful landscape scenery of the Garden of Eden is especially attractive, as shown in this exhibition; while the scenes representing Heaven are delicate and beautiful in the highest degree. There is nothing of the horrible in this exhibition, nothing to frighten the nerves of the most delicate child, as some might be led to expect. We would call the attention of those who visit the exhibition to-night, to the splendid landscape in the Garden of Eden, where Eve sees her reflection in the water; it is a master piece of art.

Exhibition will be given every afternoon this week at 3 o'clock. The doors will be open at one early hour, and people will be admitted as fast as they come, until the Hall is full.

NOVELTIES.—We have just opened a very fine selection of the latest importations in fancy and staple dry goods, black and colored silks in all the celebrated makes. Barnstires Radzimer Corsets, mourning and Gras d'Orleans black silks, plain and figured 'Gras d'Egypt, Roubaix and Imperial poplins in plain, striped and barred. A very handsome assortment of plain and brocaded mohair dress goods, English alpaccas of the most fashionable colors; Kochlin's celebrated make of French chintzes in figured and striped, suitable for lookdrog. Silk, wool, cashmere, thibet and fancy shawls; a large assortment of linen and cotton goods, in sheeting, pillow casings and damasks; all sizes of white and colored counterpaing, piano covers, linen damasks, towels, napkins and doylies; balmoral skirts, corsets, gent's furnishing goods, flannels of every kind, cloths for boy's wear, at Alex. Bate's, 21 Fifth street.

NEGRO REGIMENTS.—The departure of a fourth full regiment of negro soldiers from Philadelphia is a fact that causes no excitement, so easily and gracefully have the public come to regard the raising of such troops as a right and proper measure. A couple of years ago, the appearance of a negro in uniform, in the streets of Philadelphia, would have been the signal for a mob. But now, whole regiments are organized, and when they appear in the public thoroughfares, they are treated as respectfully as other soldiers. The fifth regiment will soon be ready to depart, and there is no sign of any abatement of the recruiting.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 13, 1864.

Editors Gazette: Will you please insert a line in your paper, informing soldiers who have lost limbs in the United States service, that they can be supplied with artificial ones by making application to Surg. L. H. Holden, U. S. A., Medical Director, Department of the Monongahela. His office is at the Headquarters of Maj. Gen. Brooks. By so doing, you will do a favor for some of the maimed heroes of the war. The limbs are free of charge.

Very respectfully, your ob't serv't.
C. J. MESSITT, H. S. U. S. A.

FRIGHTFUL FALL.—A chambermaid named Mary Muffing, employed at the McClure House, Wheeling, fell from the third to the first door, on Friday last, a distance of thirty-five feet. She was descending hondfore most, when a gentleman, who happened to be on the stairway at the time, caught her and broke the fall, and caused her to slight on her side. No bones were broken, but she was very severely injured.

RECRUIT BROKERS.—We would advise young men who think of enlisting to keep clear of middle men, and make their own contracts with the well known agents or committees of sub-districts. Some of these operators here are known to take large slices out of the local bounties paid to new recruits. Have nothing to do with them.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.—About three o'clock yesterday afternoon, a child of Mr. Hart, a resident of "Hardscrabble," this city, but late of New York, was burned to death. The accident occurred while the mother was in the cellar after coal. The child was a year and five months old. We have no further particulars, but these are horrible enough.

QUOTAS FILLED.—The borough of Tarentum has filled its quota under the first call, and has plenty of re-enlisted veterans in the service to fill the second, to whom bounties will be paid. The borough of Kittanning has filled its quota on the first call, and has furnished some four or five men on the second.

THE meeting at the Court House to-morrow at 11 o'clock, is called by those opposed to the issue of any more county bonds, and is a question of great importance to owners of property and others interested in the future prosperity of the country.

RESIGNED.—B. F. Payne, M. D., of Steubenville, Ohio, who for some years past has filled the chair of Obstetrics in the Eclectic College, Philadelphia, has resigned, and will devote his whole time to the practice of medicine in the city where he resides.

M. L. LESLIE, son of Capt. James Leslie, formerly of New Castle, died at Wheeling on Friday last, aged thirty years. He was a member of the 23d Ohio Infantry. His remains were forwarded to New Castle for interment.

ALBUMS.—All styles, all prices, cheap, and in great variety, at Pittock's News Emporium, opposite the Postoffice.

CARTE DE VISITES of Archbishop Hughes, Vestvali, Dog Jack, of the old "Thirteenth," and many others, at Pittock's news depot, opposite the Postoffice.

BALLOU, for March, at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

VALENTINES at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

GUROWSKI'S DIARY, Hard Cash, Perfect Gentleman, Boutwell's Tax Law, and other late publications at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

HARPER'S WEEKLY, Independent, Wilkes', Waverley, Clipper, Pilot, for this week, Atlantic, Godey, Peterson, Harper, Lady's Friend, for February, at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

LIFE of Archbishop Hughes, all the dime books, at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

NOW IS THE TIME TO SUBSCRIBE.—You can have the Eastern and Western daily papers left at your office or residence by leaving your order at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.

Minerva, Wheeling. | Golden Era, Cincinnati.
Eclipse, Louisville. | Gallatin, Brownsville.

DEPARTURES.

Paragon, Cincinnati. | Julia, Zanesville.
New York, Louisville. | Franklin, Brownsville.

The river has risen some two or three inches since our last report, and last evening the pier marks indicated five feet seven inches. The weather yesterday was cool and cloudy, with an occasional spitting of snow. There was but little floating ice in the Allegheny river, yesterday, and, unless the weather should suddenly turn cold, we expect to see it entirely clear to-day.

The only transient arrivals we have to notice are the Golden Era, from Cincinnati, and the Eclipse from Louisville. The Emma Graham from Zanesville, was due last night, and will doubtless be found at the wharf this morning. We understand that the Leonidas, en route from St. Louis to this port is laid up at the foot of Brown's Island, being unable to get any further in consequence of low water.

The Paragon cleared for Cincinnati on Saturday afternoon, with about all the freight she could take and a fair number of passengers. The New York for Louisville, with a fair trip, also, cleared on Saturday evening. The White Row, while coming up on Thursday, struck the wheel of the wreck of the Undine, sunk below Madison, but was soon lightened off, without sustaining material damage. She is making some necessary repairs at Cincinnati, which being done, she will leave for this city. We understand that none of her cargo was damaged.

DISTINGUISHED ARRIVAL.—The Belle Darlington, Admiral Porter's dispatch-boat, arrived at New Albany yesterday from some point below. She brings a distinguished officer, whose name we are unable to learn, on business of importance. This little craft is truly a naval curiosity, and her lightning speed attracted the attention of our steamboatmen. She generally accompanies the flag-ship Black Hawk, and is used for the purpose of sending messages to the fleet. We are told that she makes twenty-five miles an hour without any extra effort. It will be remembered, perhaps, by many of our readers that this little boat was presented to the late Commodore Foote by some gentlemen in Chicago, about one year ago, since which time her great speed has rendered her name famous in the naval branch of the service. We are informed that the little Belle visits us on very important business, and will return in a few days.—*Louisville Journal.*

During a recent engagement between our forces and some rebel guerrillas, in Kentucky, Capt. James Davis, formerly a steamboatman, and well-known in Nashville, was killed. He had on his person a brace of revolvers, $3,000 in Confederate money, and a copy of an oath of allegiance to the Federal Government, which he had taken, certified by Stanley Matthews, formerly Provost Marshal of Nashville. He might have been taken alive had he heeded when so commanded. But to the command he replied: "You had better find out who you tell to halt," and attempted to draw a pistol. A command to fire followed, and he fell, pierced by seven balls.

Capt. Ryan, of the Golden Era, has not yet concluded whether he will put up for Cincinnati and Louisville, or Nashville. It is almost probable, however, that he will load for Nashville.

Capt. Wise, of the Eclipse, will in all probability be ready to commence receiving for Cincinnati and Louisville to-day.

The Boston, Capt. Rea, is filling up rapidly for St. Louis and the Missouri river, and will be ready to leave on Tuesday.

The Marmora, Capt. Gordon, is the regular packet for Wheeling to-day, leaving promptly at noon.

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.

GROVER & BAKER'S SEWING MACHINES have obtained the highest premium at every State, County, and Institute Fair held in 1863, as the best family and the best manufacturing machines, and for the best machine work.

A. F. CRAYNEY, General Agent,
18 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

SOLDIERS' SPECIAL NOTICE—Do your duty to your country, preserve your health, use HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. For Wounds, Sores, Bowel Complaints and Fevers, they are a perfect safeguard. Full directions how to use them are with each box.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment are now retailed, owing to the high price of drugs, &c., at 50 cents, 70 cents, and $1, in per box or pot.

For sale in Pittsburgh, Pa., by B. L. Fahnestock & Co.

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

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 elegant and fashionable. We would invite all of our readers to give the above gentlemen a call.

BROWN'S BRONCHIAL TROCHES, for Coughs, Colds and Irritated Throats, are offered with the full confidence that their efficacy. They have been thoroughly tested, and maintain the good reputation they have justly acquired. *As there are imitations, be sure to* OBTAIN *the genuine.*

For sale at Fulton's drug store, Fifth street, Pittsburgh.

MEETING IN THE FIRST WARD, PITTSBURGH.—The enrolled militia men, and the citizens generally, of the First Ward, Pittsburgh, are earnestly invited to attend a meeting at the Council House, on Friday evening, Feb. 12th, at 7 o'clock, to adopt some plan to fill the quota of the ward. Let there be a full attendance. 2t

SAMUEL GRAHAM & Co., merchant tailors, are closing out their fall and winter stock of goods at a reduced figure. Gentlemen desiring a fashionable and well made suit of clothing would do well to give a call before purchasing elsewhere. Samuel Graham & Co., Merchant Tailors, 51 Market 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. 64 Penn street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

FEBRUARY.—Now is the time to buy your Valentines—the most beautiful assortment in the city, to be seen at Frank Case's News Depot, Chronicle Building, Fifth street.

MAGAZINES.—All the Magazines for February, can be had at Frank Case's News Depot. Subscriptions received at the lowest prices.

VALENTINES! VALENTINES!—Call and look over the beautiful array of Valentines at Frank Case's News Depot, Fifth street.

COMIC and Sentimental Valentines in endless variety, at Frank Case's News Depot.

O. BILL, Dentist, 248 Penn street, will attend to all business appertaining to his profession.

DIED:

BARRETT.—On Friday afternoon, at five o'clock, MARY ANN, wife of John Barrett, aged 45 years.

The funeral will take place on MONDAY FORENOON, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of her husband, Western Avenue, below the West Common, Allegheny. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

WATSON.—On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14th, 1864, JOSEPH HORATIO WATSON, in the seventh year of his age.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his father, Mark W. Watson, 315 Penn street, on TUESDAY MORNING, at ten o'clock.

Allegheny German Letter List.

ALLEGHENY POSTOFFICE, Feb. 13, 1864.

A	Hielbery John	Suldringer John
Arnold Valtine 2.	Hosenfeld V	Slaigel R
B	Hurbesan John	Schneller Wm
Benz Josephena	K	Schonmaker W
Baumgarte Jno	Riahr Rebecca	Seibert Amy
Bohirg Jacob	Keiser Phillip	Schnorr Peter
Brudi John	Kern L (brewery)	T
Berth Michael	Kunkel John	Tornof Peter
D	Kohs Eleman	Thuber Peter
Dickmeager C	Kunz Frary J	Letters from
F	L	Germany.
Frank Jacob	Lutz Susan	Brokel Dorthea
G	Longenfeld Chas	Dithnuth Jean
Grim Phillip	M	Falkenhan J
Gass Liario	Muller Jacob	Krobelle Franz
Gruber Martha J	Muller Daniel	Schneider H
Grossman Mary	Muller Chas	Sirudt Leonard
Grabins Henry	R	Schemter P
H	Ruter Rudolf	Valentine A
Han Liario	Rinn Phillip	Wilkelm Casper
Hertzge Chas	S	Wisenbach A
Hartman C	Soles Carrie	Waithe C
Hald Flatzen	Stemmuller L	
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CONSIGNMENTS.

75 barrels Green Apples;
15 sacks Dry do;
30 kegs Apple Butter;
10 bbls. prime Roll Butter;
10 do new Sorghum Syrup;
1 sack Dry Cherries;
10 do Small White Beans;
25 bush. prime Clover Seed;
15 bbls. Turnips;
2 bush. Pop Corn;
Just received and for sale at No. 128 Second street.
f54 FRANK VAN GORDER.

MEN'S FINE FRENCH CALF STITCHED BOOTS, at JAS. ROBB'S, 89 Market street.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14, 1864.

JEFF. DAVIS' ADDRESS TO THE REBEL ARMY.—I have just received the Richmond *Inquirer* of Feb. 10, containing an important address by Jeff. Davis to the rebel army, published in the general orders, by Adjutant General Cooper, under date of February 10th. The following are the opening paragraphs of the address:

Soldiers of the Armies of the Confederate States:

In this long and bloody war in which your country is engaged, you have achieved many noble triumphs; you have won glorious victories over vastly more numerous hosts; you have cheerfully borne privations and trials to which you were unused; you have readily submitted to restraints upon your individual will, that the citizen might better perform his duties to the State as a soldier. To all of these you have lately added another triumph, the noblest of human conquests, a victory over yourselves. As the time drew near when you who first entered the service might well have been expected to claim relief from your arduous labors and restoration to the endearments of home, you have heeded only the call of your suffering country; again you come to tender your service for public defence—a free offering which only such patriotism as yours could make—a triumph worthy of you and the cause to which you are devoted.

He thus goes on to express his gratitude for the numerous testimonials of confidence he has been receiving from the army, and the generous enthusiasm for enlistment, which, he says, has spread till the only exception is of those who, having originally entered for the war, cannot display anew their zeal in public service. He then continues: Already the pulse of the whole people beats in unison with yours; already they compare your spontaneous and unanimous offer of your lives for the defence of your country with halting and reluctant service of the mercenaries who are purchased by the enemy at the price of higher bounties than have hitherto been known in war. Animated by this contrast, they exhibit cheerful confidence and most resolute bearing. Even the murmurs of the weak and timid who shrink from trials which make stronger and firmer your noble natures, are shamed into silence by the spectacle which you present; your brave battle cry will ring loud and clear through the land of the enemy, as well as our own—will silence the vainglorious boastings of their corrupt partizans and their pensioned press, and will do justice to the calumny by which they seek to persuade a deluded people that you are ready to purchase a dishonorable safety by a degrading submission. Soldiers, the coming spring campaign will open under auspicies well calculated to sustain your hopes; your resolution needed nothing to fortify it; with the ranks replenished and under the influence of your example, and by the aid of your representatives, who give the earnest of their purpose to add by legislation largely to your strength, you may welcome the invader with a confidence justified by the memory of past victories. On the other hand, debt, taxation, repetition of heavy drafts and dissensions, occasioned by strife for power, by pursuit of spoils of office, by thirst for plundering the public treasury, and above all, the consciousness of a bad cause, must tell with fearful force upon his energies. His campaign in 1864 must, from the exhaustion of his resources, both in men and money, be far less formidable than those of the last two years, when unimpaired means were used with boundless prodigality, and with results which are suggested by mention of the glorious names of Shiloh, Perryville, Murfreesboro, Chicamauga, the Chickahominy, and Manassas and Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. Soldiers be assured that success awaits us, in our holy struggle for liberty and independence, and for the restoration of all that renders life desirable to honorable men. When that success shall be reached, to you, your country's hope and pride, under Divine Providence, will it be due. The fruits of that success will not be reaped by you alone, but your children and your children's children, in long generations to come, will enjoy the blessings derived from you, that will preserve your memory, ever living in their hearts, as the citizen defenders of the homes, liberties, and altars of the Confederacy. That the God whom we all humbly worship, may shield you with his fatherly care, and preserve you for a safe return to the peaceful enjoyment of your friends and the association of those you most love, is the earnest prayer of your commander-in-chief, Jefferson Davis.

THE VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE AND BUTLER.—The same paper contains a long editorial, bitterly denouncing the Virginia Legislature for its chicken-hearted course in recommending the acknowledgment of Beast Butler, and yielding to terms for an exchange of prisoners in secret session. It urges David to remain firm, and declares there will be no exchange of prisoners till they get more than we have.

GENS. MEADE AND SCHENDIE.—Generals Meade and Burnside are here.

THE ARMY.—In the army all is quiet.

ARMY OFFICERS AT WASHINGTON CITY.—A communication of the Secretary of War announcing the resolution relative to officers commutation for quarters and fuel, shows that there are three hundred and eighty-seven officers in Washington drawing pay. This largely increased commutation, namely, nine Major Generals, eighteen Brigadier Generals, thirty-four Colonels, eighteen Lieutenant Colonels, twenty-four Majors, one hundred and twenty-six Captains, forty-three Lieutenants, twenty-four Surgeons, twelve Assistant Surgeons and seventy-nine Paymasters. This, in many cases, adds from a third to a half to their salaries, and renders Washington an exceedingly comfortable place to be assigned to duty.

DEFICIENCIES IN THE INDIAN DEPARTMENT OF NEW MEXICO.—The Secretary of the Interior presents to the Senate the application of Commissioner Dole for an appropriation for deficiencies in the Indian Department of New Mexico. Superintendent Steck asked for thirty-one thousand dollars, overdrawn by his successor Collins, but the Commissioner proposes to make twenty-five thousand dollars answer. He censures the late Superintendent for encroachment upon the funds of the present year, but deems the expenditure otherwise legitimate and necessary.

MEMORIAL TO THE SENATE.—The Milwaukee Chamber of Commerce, in a memorial to the Senate, represent that within a few months more than twenty-five millions of dollars in gold and silver have been mined in Idaho territory, which remains there for want of means of transit, and ask aid for a wagon road with military protection through Central Minnesota, a route abounding in wood and water, with mild climate and fertile soil.

DRAFTING NEGROES.—In a vote on conscription in the House on Friday, seven Administration men desired to be understood as opposing not the drafting of slaves, of which they were heartily in favor but the proposed payment of owners for their slaves, to which they objected as a Congressional recognition of the right of property in man.

MEMORIAL FROM KANSAS.—The Kansas Legislature has memorialized Congress to amend the act granting aid to extend the Neosho Valley Road and a branch of the Ashison, Topeka and Santa Fe northwesterly to a connection with the Eastern Division of the Pacific Railroad at or near Fort Riley.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NASHVILLE, Feb. 14, 1864.

The following, from the Mobile expedition, comes from official sources: Gen. Sherman entered Jackson, Miss., on the evening of the 5th inst. The enemy offered but little resistance, and is supposed to be falling back over Pearl river. It is believed the rebels are receiving reinforcements from their army at Dalton, Georgia.

Gen. Wallick left this morning on a visit to Cincinnati.

Gen. Stanley arrived from Chattanooga today. He testifies to-morrow before the court-martial of R. H. C. Jenty, of the 4th Michigan case. He leaves the next day for Louisville, where he is summoned as a witness in the Crittenden and McCook court-martial. The Minty investigation closes to-morrow.

Brig. Gen. Wagner and aids, and Colonel Deecht, of Gen. Thomas' staff, are at the St. Cloud to-day. R.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 13, 1864.

Mr. Sumner offered an amendment: Providing in cases where the Secretary of War shall be satisfied that persons of color have been mustered into service at the rate of $13 per month, they shall be paid at that rate for previous services.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, hoped that the Senator would withdraw his proposition, and from this time forward, every soldier, whatever might be his color, may receive the same pay, and if any abuses or acts of injustice arise, they could be remedied by subsequent legislation. He hoped the bill might be allowed to stand on its merits, without making it retrospective.

Mr. Howe concurred with the views of the Senator from Iowa.

Mr. Wilson moved to strike out the clause in the Committee bill giving colored troops the same pay, &c., except bounty, during the whole time they have been in service, and insert "from and after the first day of January, 1864."

Mr. Sumner said he would not withdraw his amendment without explaining that its provisions would only apply to a few regiments, and, therefore, there would be no great draft upon the Treasury. He did not think that the United States could afford at this time to do injustice to the colored troops.

Mr. Pessendon, of Maine, at this point of the proceedings entered upon the floor, and from the Committee on Finance reported certain amendments to the House Deficiency bill. He asked that their consideration be postponed until Monday.

Mr. Johnson, of Md., in reply to Mr. Sumner, said that if the black men of Maryland were as good as black men elsewhere, why make exceptions? Why should they not be under the same law. If justice were done according to the views of the Senator from Massachusetts, some $800,000 would be taken from the Treasury, or, as he understood it, about $1,500,000. All should be paid alike. Why did not Massachusetts pay them herself?

Mr. Pessendon said he understood colored troops were refused to receive it.

Mr. Wilson explained the circumstances under which the colored troops from Massachusetts had refused to receive their pay. They held the Government to pledges made them, and wanted the full pay of $13 per month, or asked to be discharged from the service.

Mr. Johnson said they were colored gentlemen of extraordinary sensibilities.

Mr. Grimes said that from the very outset his colleague (Mr. Harlan) and himself were in favor of putting the negro troops on an equality with the white troops. He had so stated in this respect previous to the Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. Sumner said that in a public speech he had stated, that while he was in favor of carrying the war into Africa, he was more in favor of carrying the African into the war. (Laughter.)

Mr. Grimes said he was not only in favor of carrying the African into war but for paying him $13 per month, and for placing him on a footing with other soldiers. If we are going back to pay colored troops from Massachusetts, &c., we must do the same from Tennessee. He was informed that there were some thirty regiments of these troops there. He thought there was trouble in the future to be apprehended from mixing retrospective character of this bill indiscriminate. He sympathized with the gallant and patriotic young men of the 54th and 55th Massachusetts colored troops, but could not help being in fear that some of their action that the colored men of South Carolina regiments refused to receive their pay.

Mr. Cowan said if we were going back for these colored men he was also in favor of going back in favor of white men, who were in our first volunteers and had borne the heat and burden of the day. He was not in favor of overriding the statutes to do justice to those negro troops until equal and exact justice had been done to the veteran white soldiers. When the country could be restored to its wonted prosperity we could do justice to all, but now it is exceedingly dangerous.

The amendment of Mr. Wilson then adopted.

The amendment of Mr. Doolittle, providing that from the monthly pay of colored troops mustered into the service in insurrectionary States the sum of three dollars per month shall be reserved to reimburse the expenses incurred by the United States in feeding and clothing the widows, children and parents of deceased soldiers, was rejected, after some debate.

Mr. Carlisle, of Virginia, said that in the old days of peace the negroes had a holiday on every Saturday afternoon. As all persons were equal under the law, he asked why the afternoon has been spent in the service of the negro, he moved that the Senate adjourn. (Great laughter.) At the instance of several Senators he withdrew his motion.

Mr. Sumner proposed a proviso, that in all cases of past services of colored troops, where it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, from their papers of enlistment, that such troops were enlisted under the act of July, 1861, they shall be allowed the pay promised by that act. Rejected, yeas 16, nays 21.

Mr. Cowan offered a substitute for the bill as amended, "Provided, that from and after the passage of this act, all soldiers of the United States, in the same service, shall receive like compensation." Mr. Cowan supported this amendment at length, claiming that the negro must be regarded as a citizen under the Constitution, as he received protection from the laws.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, said if that was to be the basis of the Senator's substitute, it was abhorrent to his views, and he would not support it. The old fashioned term was negro, now they are colored citizens.

Mr. Howe would inquire whether the negroes were not colored in Delaware.

Mr. Saulsbury doubted if they were as colored as they were in Wisconsin, according to population. He would never have consented to equality either political or social.

Mr. Cowan asserted that the negro had a legal status under the constitution which protected him.

Pending the action on the substitute of Mr. Cowan, the Senate adjourned.

Escape of Union Officers from Libby Prison—Rebel Soldiers Barefooted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—A gentleman who to-night arrived from the Army of the Potomac, saw before he left there, a Richmond paper of Thursday, found on a deserter who came into our lines, in which appears an article, stating that one hundred and nine officers have escaped from Libby prison, by digging a tunnel under the street, for that purpose. It is supposed that the prisoners had been engaged upon the work for a month. They were missed at roll call, and forthwith troops were dispatched in various directions, to capture them. Four were overtaken on the Williamsburg and Hanover Court House roads. The others it is suspected were secreted in the neighborhood of Richmond. The subterranean mode of escape having become known, the paper says that Neal Dow was not among the runaways, but was probably waiting to accompany the next batch.

Captain John F. Porter, 14th New York, cavalry, arrived here to-day, overland, from Richmond, having escaped two weeks ago from Libby prison. He came out of it in rebel uniform, having secured one that had been abandoned. He remained nine days in Richmond unsuspected.

Among the recently escaped officers from Libby Prison, are Col. Streight, Col. Rippen, Maj. John Henry and Col. Rodgers, but it is not known whether they have yet cleared the rebel dominions.

The deserter says that a large number of his regiment are barefooted, and their daily ration consists of a quarter pound of meat, and one pint of meal.

There have been no active military operations for a week past.

Man Shot at Saratoga Springs.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, Feb. 14.—A man named Robert Graham, was shot at a house of ill-fame by Capt. Hudson, of Sickles' cavalry, now in barracks here. Capt. Hudson is in jail.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR EGGS.—Eggs are now retailing at from 20 to 25 cents a dozen, and are not to be obtained at that. As a matter of general interest, we will state that corn starch is an excellent substitute for eggs for culinary purposes, one spoonful of corn starch being reckoned as equal to a single egg.

LATEST FROM CHARLESTON.

Unsuccessful Attempt to Destroy our Blockading Vessels.

ANOTHER REBEL INFERNAL MACHINE LOST.

Desperate State of Affairs in the City.

BOSTON, Feb. 13.—The *Herald's* Folly Island correspondent says that the rebels have tried several times lately to reinforce the almost worn out garrison of Fort Sumter, but have failed. Most of the men in Fort Sumter now are slaves. Twenty or thirty are killed daily.

Night before last, it being somewhat hazy, two of the rebel rams, in company with a cigar shaped torpedo boat, or infernal machine, left Mt. Pleasant and proceeded down the creek in the rear of Sullivan's Island for the purpose of going out to make an attempt to destroy the gunboats Housaton