Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING—FEB. 20, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

OFFICIAL PAPER.

Death of an Esteemed Citizen.

We regret to announce the decease of Jas. W. Baxter, of the First Ward, Allegheny—one of the most widely known and esteemed citizens of the county. Many of his friends will be surprised to hear of his demise, as he had been confined to his bed but a few days. Mr. Baxter commenced life here as a cabinet-maker, and after conducting that business for a time, he turned his attention to merchandizing. For many years he has been engaged in the manufacture of spices, and was the proprietor of the well known spice mills on Third street, in this city. He was an industrious, energetic business man, and was highly esteemed for his excellent social qualities. He served as County Treasurer during the years 1847 and 1848, and discharged his duties with ability and fidelity. We learn that he contracted a severe cold, about two weeks since, which affected his lungs and pleurisy assumed a fatal phase. He died at eight o'clock last evening.

Large Assortment of Pianos.

The assortment of pianos now on hand at Mr. Meller's warerooms, is so large and varied that we think it but an act of justice to call attention to the fact. Commencing at the low priced and strongly made instruments of Emerson, Guild, and Miller, Gibson & Co., we go through intermediate styles of finish, tone, &c., of Chickering, Hasleton and Jardine's make, until we reach a superb "grand" of Chickering. This charming instrument is also worthy of a visit to Mr. Meller's rooms. The deep resonant tones in the bass, and the sparkling brilliancy of the treble are marvelous. The style of furniture is after an entirely new pattern, chaste and elegant. All tastes in regard to tones, appearance and price can there be suited in any piano, powerful and sweet toned instruments, thoroughly carried and plain ones, and prices ranging from $250 to $650. We commend Mr. Meller's assortment to the attention of the public, and especially to those persons in search of a good instrument.

Fatal Affray in Austintown.

On Tuesday of last week, an old man named Wm. Smith, residing near Porter's Furnace, in Austintown, Mahoning county, Ohio, was shot in the face by a coal-digger named John Masters, and so badly wounded that he has since died. The circumstances of the affair are as follows: Masters was out hunting rabbits, and had chased one under a pile of boards near Smith's house, and had commenced tearing the boards down, when Smith came out and ordered him to stop. Some rather harsh language was exchanged between them, whereupon young Masters drew up his gun and fired at Mr. Smith; the discharge taking effect in his left cheek, mangling his cheek and face terribly. Masters fled immediately, and at last accounts had not been caught. A reward of two hundred dollars is offered for his apprehension. He is described as about twenty years old, and five feet high, with light hair and beard. He is an Englishman by birth, but has been in this country seven years.

Second Ward Bounty Fund.

The following additional sums have been paid to Thomas Steel, Esq., Treasurer of the Second Ward Bounty Fund:

Wm Whitesides	$ 50	S Stewart	$ 50
Wm Steel	50	D Hasbrook	50
Thomas Steel	10	Jas Brown	50
Andrew Sykes	50	Lewis Leigh	50
Chas Cox	25	Richard Beatty	50
J B D Meek	65	J H McClernan	20
Wm Wilkinson	100	Jas McKinnon	50
A F McCrea	50	Wm Lynch	25
John Mather	50	John Roberts	50
Jas Matthews	50	Chas Hickman	200
Samuel Young	50	J S Morrison	50
Thomas Ewing	100	Previously report'd	4105
J Cassidy	50		
W C Robinson	100	Total	$4615

Bounty Fund, Second Ward, Allegheny.

The following subscriptions to the bounty fund of the Second Ward, Allegheny, have been paid to W. A. Reed, Treasurer:

John Marquis	$ 50	G W Reed	$ 25
Klaus Rining	50	G W Morton	50
Klaus Rining	50	Chas Reiner	50
John M'Donald	50	Samuel Fitzsimmons	50
Alex Galloway	20	W A Fitzsimmons	20
J E M'Clung	50	Jas Key	50
H A Merrick	50	Jos Kier	25
R W White	50	John A Irwin	50
J M Wilson	50	John Ballentine	50
E F Ormston	50	Previously reported	1,870
W Wilson	50		
Thomas Hunter	50	Total	$2,770
J S Wallace	50		

The Senatorial Election.

The election for a State Senator, in the 21st District, composed of the counties of Armstrong and Indiana, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Major Harry White, now held as a prisoner by the rebels, took place yesterday. Dr. Thomas St. Clair, of Indiana borough, the Union Republican candidate, has undoubtedly been elected by a large majority. Its Kittanning his majority was 76; and in Freeport he leads his opponent 41 votes. At present writing we have no other returns.

SENATOR ELECTED by James C. Sproul, United States Recruiting Agent, Fourth street, on February 15th:

Names.	Sub-dis. credited	Enrolled
Thomas Dalton	Lawrence'v, 224	Not enrolled
Hollenberg J H	W Newton,	do
Hollenberg Jos	do	do
Hollenberg Jas	do	do
Lawrence W O	Lawrence'v, 226	do
Lawrence W O	Patton tp, 222	Indiana bo, 224
Mahanna John	Delaware co, 7th	Not enrolled
Stuart W	Crescent tp, 224	do
Stuart Thos	Delaware co, 7th	do
Tyson And	S Fairview, 224	Beaverville, 224
Young George	Lawrence'v, 224	Birmingham, 224
Wallstead H	Delaware co, 7th	Not enrolled
Lawson Jas	Delaware co, 7th	do
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Welch Leroy	Bd ward, Pitts.	do
Reed Alfred	do	do

SUBSTITUTES ENROLLED.

John McGinley, laborer, aged 18, born in Philadelphia, Chambly.

Daniel Downey, carpenter, aged 22, born in Philadelphia, Chambly.

Patrick Gilmore, coal digger, aged 38, born in Ireland, Chambly.

The following persons constitute SUBSTITUTES, LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTED:

John Bailey, cutler, aged 19, blue eyes, dark hair, fair complexion, 5 feet 6¼ inches, born in Monongahela county, Va.

Charles Allen, nail feeder, aged 14, gray eyes, light hair, fair complexion, 4 feet 9½ inches, born in Pittsburg, Pa.

Thirty dollars reward will be paid for either.

GRADUATED at this week's examination in Duff's Mercantile College, Pittsburgh: C. H. Corothers, Irwin's Station, Pa.; D. W. McCabe, Taylorstown, Pa.; J. W. Hilke, New Salem, Pa.; Jos. W. Frank, Lawrenceburg, Pa.; Benjamin Askey, St. Clairsville, Ohio; Oliver B. Duff, Wilkinsburg, Pa.; Miron L. Miller, Wellsville, Ohio; Jos. M. Murphy, Westmoreland Co., Pa.; Malachi M. Dilworth, Johnstown, Pa.; J. W. Dougherty, Burgettstown, Pa.; all of whom passed an honorable examination, and received "Graduate" Diplomas. Each graduate was awarded the Diploma of the College and was presented with a "Book of the College Gems of Penmanship as a Specimen of his exemplary deportment during his course of study.

We understand that the pupils of the Pittsburgh Female College will give a Literary and Musical entertainment on Friday evening, February 26th. The new and spacious chapel will then for the first time be opened by the public. Extensive improvements and additions to the college buildings have been recently made at the expense of more than twenty thousand dollars, and the object of the present entertainment is to procure means to expend such articles as are needed for fitting up the halls. Tickets can be obtained at the college. Those who have heretofore attended these Collegiate entertainments need not be assured that in the present instance they will be amply repaid.

LECTURE IN ROCHESTER.—Prof. Robert Kidd will return to the city in a few days and orders can be made at music stores in the Pittsburgh Female College. There will be a special class for the benefit of teachers if enough desire to receive instruction. The new and beautiful chapel of the College has just been completed, and affords one of the best rooms in the city for that purpose. For terms, &c., apply at the college.

IN FAVOR OF A BOUNTY TAX.—The citizens of Washington borough held an election on Monday, to take the opinion of the town generally to determine whether a tax should be levied to give a bounty of two hundred dollars to obtain volunteers sufficient to relieve the borough of draft. Considerable interest was manifested. The vote stood as follows: For taxation, 218; against taxation, 7—in favor of a tax, 211.

Washington has furnished 76 volunteers, leaving a surplus of three to credit.

ANTHRACITE.—Just received, 9 large barges of Anthracite Coal, at the lowest prices, at Pittsburgh, opposite Post Office.

Fourth Ward, Pittsburgh.

The Fourth Ward, Pittsburgh, it appears, has been working very quietly, though with *great success*, in furnishing her quota of men under the late call of President Lincoln.

To-day we fall in with some of the citizens of the old Fourth, who, in answer to our enquiry as to how the ward was succeeding in furnishing her quota, very coolly informed us they "were just about through!" We rather like this, although we were rather taken by *surprise*, for we had not heard of any great exertion being made by our friends of the Fourth.

We are informed that the committees having enlistments in charge, have involved themselves, individually, to a considerable amount, but the impression appears to prevail, that a number of wealthy persons residing in the ward, who have not contributed *anything*, will at once manfully come to the rescue; and it is expected that others, who are amply able to contribute, but have as yet given *almost* nothing, as well as all enrolled men, however poor, will at once come forward, act like men, and bear their share of the burthen.

NICE CAKE FOR A SANITARY FAIR.—Our friend Hobley, confectioner, on Fourth street, near Ferry, who knows how to get up a cake in the highest style of the trade, has just got ready an elegantly ornamented fruit cake for the Sanitary Fair, which commences at Lancaster, Pa., on Monday next, for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers. Besides the highly elaborate sugar frost work, there is an excellent representation of the famous charge of Gen. Crawford on the rebels at Gettysburg, in colors, which was gotten up at considerable time and expense. We understand it is to be offered for sale for $100, in shares of one dollar, the fortunate shareholder to send it to President Lincoln. It will be on exhibition, during to-day for inspection.

MEASLES.—This contagious disease has been very prevalent in Washington, borough for two weeks past, and it is estimated that there have been from four to five hundred cases in the town. The schools have been dismissed for a few days.

THE ROAD MEETING TO-DAY.—Those of our readers who are interested in the improvement of our public roads should not fail to attend the meeting which has been called for this afternoon, at two o'clock, at the Board of Trade rooms.

LECTURE BY DR. JAMES PEASLEE.—We refer our readers to the correspondence in another column, between a number of our leading citizens and Rev. James Peaslee, D. D.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

THOMAS PERRY, 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 Mechanics Fair held in 1863, as the best family and the best manufacturing machines, and for the best machine work.

A. F. CHANDLEY, General Agent,
146 Fifth street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

FAST LIFE AND SWIFT DEBAT.—THE ONLY CURE.—The times in which we live teem with wonders. Nothing seems impossible; for the impossibilities of one year become the commonplace events of the next. Lightning presses, instantaneous communication between the most distant points, and innumerable inventions for compressing vast amounts of business into small spaces of time, and for curtailing the processes of production and manufacture, are among the marvels of this marvelous era. Under such circumstances we may truly be said to live a "fast life." But whether the whirl and rush by, which we are borne along is really conducive to our happiness is another question.

Certain it is, that the average duration of human life is decreasing in the midst of this excitement. The modern phase of disease seem to punish and baffle the faculty, and with few remarkable exceptions, viz: Holloway's Pills and Holloway's Ointment, no medicines appear to make the desired impressions upon internal or external disorders. These two celebrated remedies are said, however, to be a accomplishing the most wonderful cure throughout the length and breadth of our land. Liver complaint and disease of the stomach and bowels, which in a majority of cases are produced by over-exertion and over-excitement in business, yield to it the thought probable that the cat after the first of July will be fixed at sixty-five cents.

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THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

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RUMOR OF ANOTHER PROCLAMATION.

There is a rumor, not sufficiently well based, however, to attach much importance to, that the President purposes to issue another proclamation on slavery, on the 22d of February. The rumor even goes so far as to say that it involves the abolition of slavery in the Border States.

INVESTIGATION.

The Committee on Public Expenditures got leave to-day to go to New York to prosecute their investigations of the Custom House affairs. Three members expect to go for the Committee early next week.

STEAM GUNBOATS AND MEN-OF-WAR.

The House Naval Committee is going into the whole question of the present condition and availability of our steam gunboats and men-of-war. The engineer of the Pensacola was before them to-day. Their investigation promises to prove decidedly tedious.

THE BILL EMPOWERING SECRETARY CHASE TO SELL GOLD.

The Committee of Ways and Means took the House by surprise to-day, by reporting back the bill empowering the Secretary of the Treasury to sell gold at discretion, with the recommendation that it do not pass. It appears that Boutwell's amendment, offered late yesterday afternoon, which changed the bill so as simply to authorize the Secretary to use the surplus gold in paying the interest in advance of its falling due whenever he wishes, so divided the Committee that they could agree on nothing. They held three sessions to-day on it, and failing to agree on any amendment satisfactory to a majority, they finally decided to report against the whole thing. This report by no means settles the case, but it renders the passage of the bill much more doubtful. Secretary Chase today sent a letter to the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, saying that he regarded the bill as one of decided advantage to the department.

THE MISSOURI CONTESTED ELECTIONS.

Three Missouri cases of contested elections it is thought will likely to be decided together. Those of Birch vs. King, now being heard before the Committee, and Price vs. Mechling, and Bruce vs. Loan, already heard.

THE CONSCRIPTION BILL AMENDED.

The Senate passed the report of the Conference Committee on the Conscription Bill, as reported yesterday, and after tedious a debate which continued nearly the whole session, it came into the House late in the afternoon, and was promptly put through there by a vote of 70 to 32—the Democrats getting scared at their previous opposition. So now it only lacks the Presidents signature to become a law. The main features stand precisely as telegraphed last night.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

Congress adjourned over till Tuesday in honor of Washington's birthday, which comes on Monday. The Supreme Court has also adjourned to Tuesday, when the California Quicksilver Mining case, No. 111, Fossat vs. the United States, will be taken up.

TAX ON WHISKY.

The Whisky Conference Committee is still engrossed in its labors. Efforts were made when the Committee first met to bring up again the question of stock on hand. The majority of the House branch of the Committee was in favor of it, but the Senate opposed and finally succeeded in keeping that question as it has already been settled. They are unable yet to agree on the sliding scale of taxation, and considerable excitement has attended the deliberations. It is thought probable that the tax after the first of July will be fixed at sixty-five cents.

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FROM KNOXVILLE.

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In the skirmish yesterday, seventeen miles from here on French Broad, two rebels were killed and two wounded. No loss on our side.

A reconnoissance was made to within eight miles of Louisville, but discovered no enemy. The citizens reported a few rebels in that vicinity, but the main body had fallen back.

Wood's division of the fourth corps still occupies Maysville.

Longstreet's headquarters are at Morristown.

The first train from Chattanooga arrived at Handon yesterday.

A large force is at work on the bridge.

Latest from Europe.

SANDY HOOK, Feb. 19—2 o'clock P. M.—The steamer City of Manchester, from Liverpool on the 3d, and Queenstown the 4th inst., has passed this point.

The steamer City of London arrived out on the 1st, and the Hibernian on the 2d inst.

An engagement which lasted six hours, had taken place between the Germans and Danes at Nusunda. The Danish outposts were driven in, but the assaults on the place were repulsed.

The report of the destruction of the ship Montanbin by the pirate Alabama is confirmed. She was formerly the American bark Texan Star.

In the battle at Nusunda the Prussians lost one hundred of their men. They used seventy-four guns.

Liverpool, Feb. 4.—Up to this time there has been no renewal of the attack upon the Danish garrison at Nusunda by the German troops. The Danish loss in the late affair is estimated at from one hundred and fifty to two hundred men in killed, wounded and missing. The Prussian loss is estimated at from two hundred and fifty to three hundred men, and some accounts say the loss is much greater.

London, Feb. 4.—The Austrians attacked the Danes at Bistore on the 3d inst. This town is one mile south of Schleswig. The Danish troops held their position in splendid style. Subsequently an attack was to be made on the whole Danish line in front and flank, from Nusunde to Agel. This attack was to be made to-day.

The pirate Alabama was on watch for vessels, fifty miles south of Rageon, on the 5th of January.

London, Jan. 4.—The Times has the following telegram:

Schleswig, Feb. 3.—At three o'clock this afternoon the Austrians attacked the Danish port of Bistore, one English mile south of Schleswig. The Danes held their ground. There was sharp fighting in progress until late after dark. The King of Denmark walked out and inspected the outposts. No casualities have been yet reported.

The Danes have lost one field piece. The firing continues. The battle will be renewed to-morrow. The wounded are being brought in.

London, Feb. 4.—The Queen's speech, delivered on the opening of the British Parliament, says:

The state of affairs on the continent of Europe has been the cause of great anxiety to Her Majesty.

The address then refers to the destruction of Kagoszenod, in Japan, by a British fleet, and regrets that such an event should have occurred.

The address also refers to the cession of the Ionian Islands to the new Kingdom of Greece and the rebellion of the Maori in New Zealand.

It asserts that England has offered to guarantee all that Austria and Prussia have demanded of Denmark.

The death of the King of Denmark has brought into immediate application the stipulations of the treaty of May, 1863, concluded by His Majesty, the Emperor of Austria, the Emperor of the French, the King of Prussia, the Emperor of Russia, and the King of Sweden, and afterwards acceded to by the King of Hanover and the King of Saxony, the King of Wurtemburg, the King of the Netherlands, the Queen of Spain, the King of Portugal and the King of Italy.

It is rumored that Lord Derby and D'Israeli will make a strong attack on Earl Russell's policy, and also that the Cabinet, with the exception of Russell and Gladstone, are prepared to support Denmark.

An embargo would be placed on the German shipping at Copenhagen on the 3d.

It is asserted that Napoleon is more resolved than ever to take no active part in the Danish question, but to leave the difficulty to England. That treaty declared that it is conditional on the balance of power, and the peace of Europe, and that the integrity of the Danish Monarchies should be maintained, and that several territories which have hitherto been under the sway of the late King should continue so to remain; and for this purpose it was decreed that upon the death of the late King and of his uncle, the Prince Frederick, without issue, His Majesty, King Christian, should be acknowledged as succeeding to all dominion then united under the sceptre of the late King of Denmark.

It is reported that the Duke of Augustenburg has been proclaimed at Hikenford and Gotthorpe.

The entire Austria-Prussian cavalry entered Schleswig, through Fordsburg, on the 1st inst., and large masses of troops were pressing north.

The London *Morning Post* continues to be threatening in tone, but believes the German powers press to enter Schleswig not with the object of the dismemberment of Denmark, but only to secure a material guarantee for the performance of engagements. The *Post* says England is in no honor bound to furnish material aid to support Denmark.

The Danish troops are reported to be eager for fight. The Danish ships at Hikenfords, after exchanging shots with the Prussians, sailed away.

It is asserted that France and Russia will not join England.

London, Feb. 4.—The *Times* seems inclined to cast upon Parliament the task of deciding the policy of the Cabinet. It says the future course of British policy rests with the House of Commons.

The Morning Herald asserts that the government will do nothing for Denmark. The Peace Society has memorialised Earl Russell against any intervention on the part of England.

Liverpool Breadstuffs Market.—Breadstuffs are firm and a trifle higher. Flour firm and 6d@1s higher. Wheat tending upwards and advanced 3d@4d; winter red 8s 8d@8s 9d. Corn firm and 6d higher; and sales of mixed at 30s@30s 6d.

Latest.—Liverpool, Feb. 4th.—Breadstuffs closed firm but unchanged. The provision market is steady. Messrs. Bigland, Aitken & Co., and others, report beef steady; pork steady; bacon firm; butter easier; lard firm at 45s@45s 6d; tallow very dull. Provisions closing quiet but steady. Petroleum dull at 1s 10d for refined.

London Money Market, Feb. 4.—Consols closed on Tuesday at 90⅝@90¾ for money.

Kiel, Feb. 3.—In the engagement near Nusunde, yesterday, the Danes maintained a heavy cannonade from three forts against the storming parties of German infantry. The loss of the latter is estimated at 100 men, among whom were several superior officers.

The Danes continue the cannonade to-day. The Prussians have brought heavy artillery to the front. The boats are ready for the transportation of troops over the Selisin.

Rendsburg, Feb. 2.—Yesterday the Germans were repulsed four times, and finally retreated. A thaw and rain has set in.

Liverpool, Feb. 2.—The cotton market is easier, and all qualities are slightly lower, closing steady. The sales on Monday and Wednesday were ten thousand bales, including three thousand to speculators and exporters.

The Manchester markets are very dull and tending downward.

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London, Feb. 3.—The war in Denmark has created a suspension of our operations with the Baltic. The first vessel detained by the Danish Embargo, is the Prussian bark Martha.

The fleet at the disposal of the Danish Government, it is said, will be more than equal to this service.

Paris, Feb. 3.—The *Patrie* publishes under reserve, the news that the Italian government has protested against fortifications being erected by Austria, near Peschara, in contravention of the treaty of 1859.

The *Pays* announces that Austria is making arrangements on Nunelo.

Bombay, Jan. 14.—Sir John Lawrence, the new Viceroy of India, arrived at Calcutta, on the 12th inst.

The war on the frontier is at an end, and the force employed against the Hill tribes is broken up.

Arrival of Escaped Union Officers at Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 19.—The following additional escaped officers have arrived here: Capt. D. S. Caldwell, 124th Ohio; Capt. R. R. Adams, 69th Ohio; Lieut. E. S. Scott, 19th Ohio; Lieut. T. J. Hegley, 84th Ohio; Lieut. W. A. Williams, 124th Ohio; Lieut. Eli Foster, 10th Indiana. Five more are reported to have arrived at Williamsburg.

(Signed) Major General Commanding.

Congressional.

WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 19, 1864.

SENATE.—After various unimportant private petitions and memorials, the Senate proceeded to the consideration of the Conference's report on the Enrollment bill.

Mr. Wilson, of Mass., called up the report of the Committee of Conference.

On the disagreement to the enrollment, Mr. Hendricks would inquire how long the payment of the commutation money would exempt a man.

Mr. Wilson explained that it would exempt for one year and no longer. The sum agreed upon seemed to mean a bounty for one year only. He (Mr. Wilson) thought the House amendments improved the Senate bill, and made the act of last year stronger as a military measure, and it was very important that the bill should be passed immediately. In the course of his remarks he stated that Kentucky had been called upon for 16,000 men and had enlisted less than 1,000. The State, therefore, owes the Government 17,000. To draft these men out of a male population of 112,000 would be considered an enormous call. There were 16,000 able bodied slaves in that State, and this bill provides for their enlistment, and that the commutation shall be paid to their masters. He considered that this bill would be an immense relief to the State of Kentucky. No other State would be relieved as much as this State.

After a long debate the question was taken on concurring in the conference report, and decided in the affirmative. Yeas 26, nays 16. Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—Mr. Hurlbut, of New York, from the Committee on Public Expenditures, reported a resolution, which was adopted, that the committee charged with the investigation of the New York Custom House affairs be authorized to take the testimony in New York, by such members of the committee as may be designated, and not exceeding three in number.

Mr. Blow, of Missouri, introduced a bill, providing for the occupation of abandoned plantations in the rebellious States, and securing for those slaves set free by the proclamation of the President. Referred to the Committee on Rebellious States.

On motion of Mr. Wilson, it was resolved that the Committee on Judiciary be charged with the investigation of the charges contained in the memorials against the Hon. Andrew Miller, Judge for the District of Wisconsin, and that they be authorized to send for persons and papers, and to examine witnesses under oath.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Private Calendar.

The House passed the Senate joint resolution, authorizing the transfers from the army of persons for the naval service.

Ten thousand additional copies of McClellan's report are ordered to be printed.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to establish a Bureau for freedmen's affairs.

Mr. Kalbfleish opposed the bill.

Mr. Brooks opposed the bill which was reported by Mr. Elliott, of Mass., which State he looked upon as the ruling power of the country. Whatever she decrees is to become a law.

The House then went into Committee on the Navy appropriation bill.

Chilton A. White made a speech against the war, maintaining that a permanent peace can only be secured by negotiation.

Mr. Stevens, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported back the resolution referred to them yesterday, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the surplus gold, with a recommendation that it does not pass.

Mr. Alley, of Mass., desired that action upon it be taken now, owing to its great importance, but no question was taken.

Mr. Schenck made a report from the Committee of Conference on the Enrollment Bill. He explained the Enrollment Bill as agreed upon by the Committee of Conference, and moved the previous question, which, was seconded—69 against 37, and the report of the Conference Committee was agreed to. Yeas 71, nays 32.

The House then adjourned over till Monday.

From the Southwest—Longstreet Retreating, &c.

CHATTANOOGA, Feb. 14.—Adjutant General Thomas and staff have returned from Knoxville. Officers of the party report Longstreet in retreat beyond the French Broad, to avoid the movements of our greatly superior forces. Nashville and Knoxville are connected by railroad, with the exception of seven hundred yards at Loudon, and passenger trains are running. The bridge at Loudon will be finished before a week.

Johnston has concentrated his forces at Dalton, and advanced his picket line to Ringgold; also fearful of an attack, he cannot spare reinforcements for Polk.

The Mobile *News* says that Polk has been materially augmented by Sherman, who had advanced beyond Meridian, between the Bishop and Montgomery.

The Marietta *Rebel* has rumors of hard fighting in Mississippi, on the 13th, but no particulars.

A fifth of veteran volunteers is being sent to the front. Every car on the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad is used for the transportation of troops.

Everything is quiet here, although in a condition to move immediately on the receipt of orders.

From Leavenworth—Losses by Fire.

LEAVENWORTH, Feb. 19.—The principal losses by the fire this morning are Shillaner & Bro., dry goods, loss twenty-two thousand dollars; insurance seventeen thousand dollars. A. Lacey, dry goods, loss six thousand dollars; no insurance. B. J. Richards, loss three thousand dollars; no insurance. F. R. Work, loss twelve thousand five hundred; insurance two thousand five hundred dollars. Baller, jeweler, loss four thousand dollars. Hirshfield and Mitchell, loss sixteen thousand dollars; insurance six thousand. Wells, Rose & Co., loss seven thousand five hundred dollars; insurance two thousand five hundred dollars. Dr. Park, loss five thousand dollars; insurance two thousand dollars. J. Cahen, dry goods, lost everything. B. Levy, lost heavily; amount not ascertained.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Cincinnati Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.
CINCINNATI, February 19.

The weather to-day has been clear and very cold.

The river is full of heavy floating ice, and navigation is almost entirely suspended.

The steamer Dismal is the latest arrival in port from Pittsburgh.

Steamboats, to-day, declined receiving freights until the present run of ice is over.

The river has fallen four inches during the past twenty-four hours, and there is now twelve feet of water in the channel.

Flour is unchanged and quotations nominal; superfine was offered at $4.60@4.65. Whisky closed dull under the news from New York, but no decline in the prices was established; some sales were made at 46c. Wheat steady and the demand light; we quote red at $1.32@1.33, and white at $1.35 and $1.40. Oats quiet at 79@80c in bulk, and 85c in sacks. Corn in good demand and prices higher; new ear is quoted at 60@61c, and the upper and lower grade. The demand for rye is light, and prices unchanged. Provisions unsettled and prices entirely nominal. We have no new feature to report in provisions; the high figures asked check operations. New pork is held at $23.50; last season's packing held nominally at $18.50@19; shoulders 7½@8½c; rib sides 9¼@10c; clear sides 10½@11c; hams 10½@11.

Philadelphia Market.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19.—Flour dull and only 1,000 bbls extra, and family sold at $7@7 50, and fancy at $8. The prospect of light is rye flour, and in consequence there is no change. There is more demand for wheat at a price below the views of holders; sales of 2000 bush red at $1 65@1 68, and Kentucky white at $1 85. Rye wanted at $1 30. Corn is in active request, and 1,000 bush yellow sold at $1 18. Oats selling freely at 80c. Provisions of all kinds have an upward tendency; coffee, sugar and molasses firm. Cotton is quiet at $1.61@1.62. Petroleum firm; sales of 1,000 bbls refined in bond at 42c, free at 53@55, and 200 bbls crude at 29½c. Whisky firm at 93@95 per barrels and 90 for drudge.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Cotton declined; sales of 1000 bales at 79@80c. Flour declined; sales of 1400 bbls at a decline of 5@10c; 10,000 bbls for State, $7.15@7.85 for Ohio, Southern remains unchanged. Wheat has also declined 1@2c; sales 27,000 bush at $1.56@1.57 for Chicago spring, $1.55@1.56 for Milwaukie club, and $1.64@1.67 for red. Corn heavy; 26,000 bush sold at $1.18@1.20, chiefly at $1.20. Pork quiet at $23.50@ 23.62½ for mess. Lard quiet. Whisky dull at 92½@93c. Coffee active at 30½c. Petroleum easier at 93c for refined in bond, and 46@49c for free. Freights firm; on wheat 4½c.

Baltimore Market.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 19.—The harbor is frozen and but very little grain coming forward. Corn is heavy at $1.16@1.18. Flour dull and heavy; Ohio extra nominal. Whisky dull at 90c.

Stock and Money Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—Stocks irregular.

C. & R. I.	121	Galena & Chicago	127¾
Cumberland pfd	48¾	Cleveland & Toledo	114
Ill. Central Scrip	124½	Michigan Central	125¾
Michigan Southern	96¾	Harlem	113
Michigan pfd	103¾	C. & P.	119¾
New York Central	125	P. Ft. W. & A.	96¾
Reading	128	P. Ft. W. & C.	97¾
Rock River	112¾	Cin. & M. W.	97¾
Canton Co.	41¾	Five-twenties	107
Missouri 6s	75	7 per cent certificates	99¾
Erie R. R.	112¾	Gold	146¾

No gold sold since the first board.

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