Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING.....FEB. 22, 1864.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Saturday's Evening Edition.

The Assignment of Veterans.

A good deal of difficulty has been encountered by the several bodies of veteran troops of this State, in making an assignment to the credit of any particular sub-district, with the view of reducing the liability of such district under the impending draft, and also of obtaining the local bounty for the veterans.

A gentleman who has recently visited Washington, for the purpose of ascertaining the necessary steps to be taken to secure such assignment of veterans who have re-enlisted in the field, to any sub-district, informs us that the Adjutant General of the army had instructed Lieutenant Colonel Bomford, Provost Marshal of Pennsylvania, that in cases where the muster-in-rolls of veterans re-enlisting in the field were deficient, in not showing the particular district to which such men desired to be assigned, the Provost Marshal of the State, at Harrisburg, had full authority to prepare duplicate assignment rolls, on demand being made by any body of veteran troops so situated, through their commanding officer. The proper credit will be given through the Adjutant General's office, on such assignment rolls,—and no difficulty need be apprehended by veterans, as to giving credit to any Ward, borough or township, provided prompt steps are taken by their commanding officer, as above indicated.

We publish this for the information of all interested. We are informed that one entire company of veterans have already been assigned, and received their bounty, under this arrangement. As but a few days remain before the government bounty will cease to be paid, we hope all veteran volunteers in our State will be properly credited, before the time is up for making credits under the draft.

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. In Kittanning his majority was +78; and in Prospect he leads his opponent 41 votes. At present writing we have no other returns.

FOUR YOUNG LADIES DROWNED WHILE SKATING.—The Reading Times of the 17th inst., has the following; "From a letter received by a citizen of this place, from Tamaqua, dated February 15th, we learn the melancholy particulars of the drowning of four young girls of Tamaqua, while out skating on a pond. It appears that the ice was weakened at a place where a spring emptied into the pond, and unfortunately one of Mr. George Brown's daughters fell into the opening. Her sister, and two of Mrs. Reifsnyder's daughters went to her rescue, but the ice gave way under them, and the whole four were drowned. The girls all belonged to most respectable families, and the sad event has cast a gloom over the whole town. The bodies were immediately recovered, and buried yesterday afternoon."

MILLIGROVE'S BALL-ROOM GUIDE AND PRACTICAL DANCER.—Dick & Fitzgerald, of New York, have just published and J. P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, and J. T. Sample, 85 Federal street, Allegheny, have for sale a neat 16mo. volume of 237 pages, entitled, "A Complete Practical Guide to the Art of Dancing, containing Descriptions of all Fashionable and Approved Dances; a full Dictionary of Questions for Calling the Figures; The Amount of Music Required; Hints on Etiquette; The Toilet, etc., by Thomas Hillgrove." It is only necessary to add to the above sufficiently detailed statement of the design of the book, that it is profusely illustrated, and seems to unfold the mysteries of the "muse of the many-twinkling feet," with as much success as can be done in a book.

"DIARY OF A DETECTIVE POLICE OFFICER."—This is the title of a new book just published by Dick & Fitzgerald, of New York, and for sale here by J. P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, and by J. T. Sample, 85 Federal street, Allegheny. The author, "Allen," lately published a volume of a similar character, which has been very eagerly read by the public, and probably may have prepared a large number of readers for the present work. The book to which we allude was entitled "Strange Stories of a Detective Officer; or Curiosities of Crime." In both, the reader will find enough to verify the motto which the author, or publisher has found in the poet's oft-quoted line: "Truth is strange—stranger than fiction!"

OF COURSE.—Some Copperheads of Ashland township, Clarion county, went to a spelling on Thursday evening, the 11th inst., for the purpose of whipping several young men who had enlisted in Co. C, 11th Pa. Cavalry, a few days before. The enemy came in battle order, but the soldier boys were not easily scared, and backed out the Cops, at the same time telling them that while they were going out to defend our flag, they were not afraid to fight rebels at home, but would rather have them in the front than in the rear, while absent. The Copperheads in Ashland are doing all in their power against enlistments.

THE ERIE RAILWAY EARNINGS.—The earnings of the Erie Railway for the past six years have been as follows:

1858	$3,014,992
1859	4,551,681
1860	3,333,453
1861	6,234,182
1862	2,407,224
1863	10,444,000

During the present year the gross earnings will probably reach thirteen million of dollars, and the net income of the present stock, after paying interest and expenses will not be less than thirty per cent.

MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, ETC.—Mr. W. A. Gildersleeve, 45 Fifth street, has received *The Lady's Friend*, for March, a Monthly Magazine of Literature and Fashion, edited by Mrs. Henry Peterson; *Frank Leslie's Ten Cent Monthly*, do. for March, devoted to useful and entertaining literature; *The Round Table*, a new literary weekly, conducted with much ability; *Madame Demorest's Illustrated News* (lately known as the *New York Illustrated News*); *Harper's Weekly*, *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, etc.

MONTHLIES AND WEEKLIES.—J. P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, and J. T. Sample, 85 Federal street, Allegheny, have received the March number of "*The Lady's Friend*," a Magazine of Literature and Fashion, edited by Mrs. Henry Peterson, and of "*Frank Leslie's Ten Cent Monthly*; also, *Harper's Weekly* and *Gleason's Literary Companion*, for Feb. 21, *Street and Smith's N. Y. Weekly*, for March 3; also, the weekly editions of the N. Y. *Tribune*, *Times* and *Herald*.

A PENNSYLVANIA COLONEL RESIGNED.—The following is an extract from a special field order, No. 39, of the Army of the Cumberland:

"11. The resignations of the following named officers are accepted, to take effect from this date: Col. William Moore, 73d Regiment P. V. Infantry. Cause—On account of severe gunshot wounds received at the battle of Chancellorville, which render him unfit for field duty. By command of Major General Thomas."

"WHAT IS POLYGAMY?" asked Ike, who had stumbled over the word in the paper. Mrs. Partington looked severe. "Of Polygamy," said she, "it is where men have an *ad libertine* privilege, it is where men have a plurality of wives, God bless 'em, when they cant take care of one as she ought to be, with cotton flannel forty cents a yard, and flour at fabulous prices." Ike was satisfied, and immersed himself in a notice of Clark's skates.

J. W. Ferrock, Fifth street opposite the Post Office, sends us the following: "Free Trappers' Pass; or, the Gold Seekers' Daughter;" a tale; price ten cents. "Nick Nax;" for March. The "The Round Table," for—February 13. "The "Boston Pilot," for February 20. The "New York Clipper," for February 20; and "Frank Leslie's Illustrated," for February 27. Pittock has all the leading newspapers and new publications of the day.

INTERNAL REVENUE.—The amount of Internal Revenue assessed and paid in the Clarion Congressional District for six months ending October 30th, 1863, was in

Class A	$33,042 13
Class B	29,970 94
Class C	84,437 05
Grand total	145,257 12

THE SEVENTH WARD is not going to be behind in the matter of raising funds to pay bounties. About $8,000 have already been subscribed.—Messrs. M. K. Moorhead, W. G. Mellor, Thy., Joseph E. Ewing, Joseph Harkley and Oliver Chesler, have been appointed solicitating Committee to take charge of the business.

FIRE.—Kidd will give one of his interesting, instructive and amazing entertainments on Monday evening, the 22d inst., at Trinity M. E. Church, in the Ninth Ward.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution—Address of Dr. McIlvaine to the President.

The following is the address of Prof. J. W. McIlvaine, D. D., Chairman of the Committee who recently waited upon President Lincoln, to lay before him the action of the Convention lately held in this city:

MR. PRESIDENT: The object for which we have taken the liberty of trespassing a moment upon your precious time can be explained in very few words. We are the representatives of a mass convention of Christian people, without distinction of sect or denomination, which was held in Allegheny city, on the 27th and 28th of January last; and we are instructed to lay before your Excellency the action of that convention. This action, in two or three brief resolutions, we now respectfully ask your permission to read:

[The resolutions, embodying the proposed amendments, we have already published. Dr. McIlvaine continued:]

We are encouraged, Mr. President, to hope that you will give the great object for which we pray, your cordial and powerful support, because you have already shown by many significant acts of your administration that the principle on which it rests is dear to your heart. This principle is our national responsibility to God, which you have expressly and repeatedly recognized. We remember that when, under one of your predecessors, anti-Christian has power had refused to treat with the United States on the ground that we were a Christian nation, the objection was removed, by the authoritative statement that we, as a nation, had no religion; also that several of your predecessors refused, when earnestly importuned, to appoint days of national fasting and thanksgiving for the same reason, whilst you, sir, within the space of a single year, have thrice, by solemn proclamation, called us either to national fasting, humiliation and prayer, for our many and grievous sins, especially our sin of forgetting God, or to national thanksgiving for His unspeakable mercies.

You, moreover, as no other of our chief magistrates ever did, have solemnly reminded us of the redeeming grace of our blessed Savior, and of the authority of the Holy Scriptures over us as a people. By such acts as these you have awakened a hope in the Christian people of this land that you represent them in feeling the want of a distinct and plain recognition of the divine authority in the Constitution of the United States. For we hold it most certain truth, that nations, as such, and not individuals alone, are the subjects of God's moral government, are responsible to Him, and by Him are graciously rewarded for their obedience, or justly punished for their disobedience to His divine laws.

We believe also that our civil and religious liberties, our free institutions, and all our national prosperity, power and glory, are mercies and blessings derived from God to us through the channel of the Christian religion. Notwithstanding either from inadvertancy, or following some Godless theory of civil government, we have omitted even the mention of His blessed name in the most significant and highest act of the nation.

We believe that in thus leaving God out of our political system we have grievously sinned against Him, have brought upon ourselves and children His just displeasure, opened the flood-gates of that political corruption which is the mediate and given occasion to that prodigious development of the spirit of oppression and injury in the negro race, which is the appointed scourge of our present calamities and sorrows. We believe, therefore, that we owe our first duty to repent of this and all our national sins, and to return to our obligations as a Christian people, by acknowledging the true God as our God in our fundamental and organic law, in order that we may consistently implore His merciful interposition in our behalf, to give victory to our national arms, and success to the national cause; to establish the unity of the nation and the authority of the government, which have been attacked by a horrible rebellion. We ask for no union of Church and State—that is a thing which we utterly repudiate; we ask for nothing inconsistent with the largest religious liberty or the rights of conscience in any men. We represent no sectarian or denominational object, but one in which all who bear the Christian name, and all who have any regard for the Christian religion, are cordially agree; and one to secure which we are persuaded that any lawful and wise movement would call forth an overwhelming public sentiment in its support.

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COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

[Reported Expressly for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

GRAIN—There is but little inquiry for Wheat, and the market is dull and nominally unchanged. Corn, continues inactive and neglected, while prices are without quotable change; sales from depot at $1,10@1,12, for Ear. Barley is steady with a regular demand at $1,25 for Spring, and $1,50 for Fall. Oats may be quoted at 83@85c by the car load, and 85@85c per bushel from store. Rye nominal at $1,20 from first hands.

PROVISIONS—Bacon is steady but unchanged. We note small sales at 10c for Shoulders; 13½@13½c for Plain Hams, and 14½c for Sugar Cured. City rendered Lard is quiet but firm at 14c. Mess Pork is held firmly at $22,50@23 per bbl, although there is but little inquiry for it.

GROCERIES—There is but little doing in groceries, which is owing mainly to the extreme high prices now demanded. Sugar is held at 14½@14¾c for Cuba, and 15 to 15½c for New Orleans. Sales of Coffee at 33@35½c—some dealers asking 37c for choice. Molasses may be quoted at 68@70c for old, and 80 to 85c for new.

FLOUR—The foreign news has stiffened up holders somewhat, but whether it will cause any advance or not, time alone will tell. At present, the market is very dull and languid, as there is no demand aside from the local trade.

FISH—Mackerel may be quoted firmer and a shade higher. No 3 Large are held at $11,50@12 per bbl, and No 2 do at $13. Sales of White Fish at $7,00 per half bbl, and Lake Herring at $5,00.

SEEDS—Clover Seed is dull with a drooping tendency; we quote nominally at $8,00. Small sales of Timothy Seed at $3,25—some holders asking $3,50. Flax Seed is selling at from $2,75 to $2,80.

HAY—Baled continues very dull, with scarcely enough doing to establish quotations; sale of 1 car at $24 per ton. Loose Hay sold from the scales at $20 to $30 per ton—mostly at $25.

WOOL—is quiet with very light receipts and a limited demand. There appears to be but little speculative inquiry for the article, and while buyers, generally, insist on a decline, holders do not seem disposed to make any concession. We note a sale of of 950 lbs at 73 to 75c, for common to medium.

DRIED FRUIT—is steady with a regular jobbing demand at 9 to 9¼c per pound for Apples, and 16 to 17c for Peaches.

BUTTER & EGGS—Roll Butter is steady, with sales at 28 to 30c for good to prime. Eggs are in better supply, and may be quoted nominal at 25 to 26c.

WHISKY—Common is unsettled and prices are so irregular, that it is impossible to quote correctly.—Herald.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

FEB. 20.—The change in the weather and the prospect of an early resumption of navigation, together with the unfavorable tenor of the foreign news, had a tendency to ease up the market for crude somewhat, though, as yet, there is no change to note in prices. Quotations may be fairly given at 20c in bulk and 22c in bbls, on the spot; sales of 200 bbls at 20c, free on board cars. As the river is still closed, the receipts must, of necessity, be very light, and we agree; and one to secure which we are persuaded that any lawful and wise movement would call forth an overwhelming public sentiment in its support.

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Baltimore Grain and Provision Market.

FEB. 19.—Grain—Receipts at the Corn Exchange amounted to 2,000 bushels Wheat, 4,000 do Corn, and 1,500 do Oats. Corn brought but very little attention to-day, and sales were confined to 1,000 bushels at $1,13, and yellow do at $1,15@1,17 ₩ bushel. No change in Wheat or Oats. Rye very firm at $1,30@1,35 ₩ bushel. Prime to choice Southern white Wheat at $1,95@2, good do at $1,85@1,93, fair do at $1,80@1,83; prime and very choice Southern red Wheat at $1,85@1,90, good do at $1,75@1,78, fair do at $1,70@1,73, and tough and ordinary at $1,65@1,68 ₩ bushel.

Provisions—We note sales of 50 bbls old Bacon Shoulders at 9½c ₩ lb. Prices firm for all descriptions at quotations, viz: Mess Pork at $21@21 50. Mess Beef at $16@16 50. Old new Prime Mess at $12@12 50 ₩ bbl. Bulk shoulders at 9½c and do Sides at 11@11½ cents. Bacon Hams at 13@14c, and Sugar Cured do at 15c; sugar cured Hams at 14½@15c for canvassed, and at 15@17 cents ₩ lb for canvassed. Dry rendered Lard at 14c, and Western do in bbls and tcs at 14½ and refined at 16c ₩ lb.

Philadelphia Fish and Seed Market.

Feb 19.—Fish are firm, and the demand for all kinds is better, owing to the speculative feeling in the market. We note sales of 1,000 bbls Mackerel, at $8 50@9; Herring and $7,50@8 per bbl for the three numbers; store sales range at $11@11 50 for 1's, $10@10½ for 2's, and $8@8½ for 3's. Codfish is in fair demand at the late rates, with sales to the trade at $10½@10½ per lb from store sold at $12½ per barrel. Pickerel are scarce, with sales to the trade at $7 per bbl for the very large, and $6 for the small. Shad are selling at $8@9 per bbl, and the demand is fair.

Seeds—There is more cloverseed offering, but the demand has fallen off, and the sales are limited at $8 50@9, the latter figure from second hands to go out of the market. Timothy is lower, and sales of 2,500 bushels were reported, at $3 per bushel. Flaxseed is steady, and selling at $2 25@3 00, some 6,000 bushels brought this figure.

New Orleans Sugar and Molasses Market.

Feb 7.—The market is unchanged. The stock on sale is light, the demand is confined, and mostly for the better grades, and prices are firm. Most of the quantity on the landing, both of sugar and molasses, has been sold and is awaiting shipment. To-days sales comprise 100 hhds sugar, in mass plots, at previous prices. Clayed sugar, fair to prime 8½@9½c; common to good common 10½@10½c; fair to fully fair 12½@13c; prime to choice 13½@13½c; yellow clayed and good fair off crop 12½@12½c ₩ lb. Of molasses, 1,200 bbls sold at 50c for common, 55c for centrifugal, 60@65c for good, 66c for prime, and 68c for new crop.

Boston Wool Sale.

FEB. 17.—There was an extentive auction sale of wool this afternoon by Harris & Co, which was attended to by a large company of manufacturers. The sales comprise 70c California, 27@37c; California lamb, 27c; California fleece fair, 25@35c; California superior pulled, 46c; do No 1 do 37c; black 60c; fornia superior pulled, 46c; do No 1 do 37c; black 60c; Spanish 34½@35c; white Spanish 28@29c; Cape 38½@ 39½c; washed Cape 65c; Mogodore 28@29c; Bengay 1grey Merino 33@34c; fleece do 34@35c; unwashed Smyrna 24@26½c; fine washed Smyrna 31c; washed fine white Montevat. 40c; washed white Karaisser 40@42c; unwashed Mogodore 16c; black Pigay, 33c; tare 3 lbs each 28c; black unwashed Smyrna 31c; white washed Donskoi 29c; half washed grey Attention 30@31c; Algerian 29½c, pulled wool 24c; French noils, 29@ Canada combing 61c; fleece do 61@71½c; fine 1 66c; extra 72c; medium 67@68c; unwashed fleece 38½@ 40c; washed do 63@65c; extra washed fleece 76@78c; No 1 do do do 70@72½c; No 2 do do do 71½@73c; No 3 do do do 70@72½c; No 2 do do do 71½@73