Pittsburgh Gazette.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 20, 1864.

OFFICIAL PAPER.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

SCHEDULE OF ADVERTISING RATES.

STANDING MATTER.

	Daily. 1 sqr	Daily. ½ sqr	3 times a week. 1 sqr	3 times a week. ½ sqr	Once a week. 1 sqr	Once a week. ½ sqr
One time	$ 75	$ 40	$	$	$	$
Two times	1 25	70				
Three times	1 50	95				
Four times	1 60	1 25				
Five times	2 20	1 30				
One week	2 50	1 40	1 70	95	65	45
Two weeks	4 25	2 50	2 90	1 70	1 45	85
Three weeks	6 00	3 50	4 00	2 20	2 00	1 10
One month	7 50	4 00	5 00	2 70	2 50	1 35
Two months	11 25	6 00	7 50	4 00	3 75	2 00
Three months	13 75	7 50	9 25	4 70	4 55	2 35
Six months	20 75	12 00	13 25	8 00	6 50	4 00
Nine months	27 00	15 50	18 00	10 50	9 00	5 25
One Year	33 00	18 00	21 25	12 00	10 70	6 00

CHANGEABLE ADVERTISEMENTS.

For one square, changeable one time each week confined to the immediate business of the advertiser. All larger advertisements in exact proportion:

	Daily.	3 times a week	1 time a week
One month	$ 9 25	$6 00	$ 4 70
Three months	17 25	11 45	8 60
Six months	24 60	19 00	15 75
One year	40 00	28 00	24 50

	3 times a week	1 time a week
	$ 3 00	$ 2 00
	8 00	6 00
	10 50	8 00
	14 00	10 00

Fist notices double the above rates.

Death notices, each insertion	50 cents
Marriage notices	75 "
Steamboat advertisements, per trip	$1 00
Executors' or Administrators' notices	2 75

Colored Regiment—Inhuman Officer. The 27th regiment U. S. colored troops, numbering about 750 men, under command of Major W. G. Neilson, passed through this city yesterday morning about 5 o'clock, on their way to Annapolis to join Burnside's 9th army corps. The regiment was raised in Indiana, and is composed of first rate material. The men are all stout and hearty looking fellows, and are thoroughly armed and equipped. From the little conversation we had with the men, we found them not in the least disheartened by the inhuman manner in which their brethren at Fort Pillow were treated by the rebels, but on the contrary, it seemed only to make them more anxious to soon have an opportunity of revenging themselves on the brutal murderers of their comrades.

Immediately on their arrival they were waited on by two of the gentlemen connected with the Subsistence Committee, to escort them to City Hall, where an elegant supper was waiting for them, but they were informed that "*the Major had gone to an eating saloon to get his supper, and they were ordered to wait until he returned.*" After waiting about an hour and a half, the Committee grew willing to see the men standing shivering on the streets, and and suffering from hunger, when a warm room, with tables covered with provisions, and an abundance of hot coffee, and the room was but a few steps off, finally induced the senior Captain to start the regiment to the Hall, but just as they were turning into Market street, the Major having at last finished his supper, appeared, and ordered the men back into the cars, and notwithstanding the fact that the men were exceedingly hungry, and exhausted, and in spite of the representations of the Subsistence Committee, that they had plenty of time, that the Hall was but a short distance away, that the supper was all prepared for his men, &c. &c., back they had to go, and they left here hungry, disappointed, and dispirited, as they had been looking forward to the supper with the liveliest interest. The only reason this *humane, considerate* officer had to give was, "that the train might go off and leave them"!!! Very likely, indeed, a train that had been waiting all night especially for these men, and for nothing else, would start off without them! We hope that this matter will be laid before the proper authorities, and that this regiment will not have long to suffer, from being under the command of so heartless an officer. We would suggest that the committee prepare a statement of these facts and send them on to the Secretary of War, and to General Burnside.

The Subsistence Committee were greatly chagrined and disappointed that after having gone to the trouble of preparing the supper, and staying at the Hall *all night* to give it to these men, that they should go unfed, and so large an amount of provisions be wasted.

The Flanegin Case. Alderman Flanegin, of the Seventh Ward, whose arrest we have already reported, had a hearing before Mayor Lowry, yesterday afternoon. The colored man, Lewis, who received the hundred dollar note from Beverly H. Peterson, for the purpose of getting it changed, stated that he spent a portion of it in eating and drinking with Flanegin, and at four o'clock in the morning they repaired to Lewis' house, when Flanegin divided the balance of the money, and told Lewis to say nothing about it. Mr. Flanegin did not pretend to deny the statement of Lewis, and plead drunkenness in extenuation of his conduct. He paid over fifty dollars, which he got from Lewis, and gave bail for a further hearing this morning. Officer Herron yesterday obtained four dollars from Mrs. Lewis, which had been given to her by her husband. This, counting with the eleven dollars found upon him, would still leave thirty-five dollars to be accounted for, and Lewis alleges that Flanegin must have taken more than fifty dollars.

The case looks ugly enough, but we think Lewis cannot be held for larceny, as he did not receive the money feloniously, but with the consent of Peterson. His offense, then, only amounts to a breach of trust, and hence Flanegin could not be held for receiving stolen property. Aside from this, the owner of the money is in the army, and will not be here to prosecute the case.

Sad Death of a Child. A sad accident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad, between Aqueduct and Sally's Stations, about fifteen miles west of Harrisburg, on Saturday. At the point where the accident occurred, there is a house on one side of the railroad track, and a canal lock on the other. A little child, about eighteen months old, attempted to go from the house to the lock, and in crossing the track, it is supposed that it fell, and as it could not proceed farther, was lying there when the mail train bound west arrived. There being a short curve in the road near by, the engineer did not observe the child until it was too late to stop the train in time to avoid an accident, and the little fellow was run over and injured to such an extent that he died in two hours. The child belonged to the lock-tender, whose name is Baker. The engineer did all in his power to prevent the accident.

The Pine Creek Drowning. Coroner McClung yesterday afternoon held a further investigation in regard to the death of the woman found drowned at the mouth of Pine Creek. The facts, as stated in the *Gazette* of yesterday evening, were substantially detailed before the inquest, with the exception of the alleged cries of "murder," which were not heard by any of the witnesses. A plashing in the water was heard, however, which was supposed to have been made by the drowning woman. Her name was Catharine Jenks, and she formerly resided in Brownstown, where her husband, from whom she has been separated for some time, now lives. She leaves six children. Investigations are now being made which may relieve the case of the mystery which now enshrouds it.

A Whole Family Burned to Death. On Friday night last, a fire broke out in a house occupied by a family named M'Mann, in Tarport, Pa. The parents occupied one room, and four children another. The flames spread before the family awoke. On awaking, the father attempted to rescue one of the children, but was suffocated before leaving the house, and, with the child, was burned. The mother attempted to arouse the other children, but could not rescue them, and, with them, was also suffocated. Thus the whole family of six were burned with the building.

DEAD.—Among the death notices in to-day's paper, are those of R. E. McGowen, Esq., the well known civil engineer, and Richard Beeson, Esq., a member of the Pittsburgh bar. These gentlemen were both well known to our citizens, and their deaths will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. Mr. Beeson was formerly a clerk in the Prothonotary's office, and also clerk of the United States Court for this district.

SALE OF STOCKS by Davis & McIlwaine, auctioneers, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth st., Tuesday evening, April 19th:

Allegheny Valley R. R. Co.	16.25
Pittsburgh & Steubenville R. R. Co.	14.75

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.—Nine thousand troops are expected to pass through this city within the next two days. The first regiment will arrive on Friday.

Our Book Table. DICK RODNEY; or, The Adventures of an Eton Boy. By James Grant, Author of "The Romance of War," "Jack Ensly," etc., etc. Boston: Crosby & Nichols. Pittsburgh: Davis, Clarke & Co., 93 Wood street. 434pp. 12mo.

The author of this story is well known as one of the most popular contributors to the English *Railway Libraries*, and to other series of books written for those whose chief object in reading is amusement—or, as the French say, *pour passer le temps*. Some of his stories, like "Dick Rodney," are well approved for boys' reading, which they were especially designed for, but he has also written several novels which readers who would not perhaps class themselves as boys any longer—if immaturity of taste and inexperience of life were at all implied or hinted at in so doing—have received with favor and spoken of with commendation. We think the publishers have made a judicious and excellent choice in selecting this clever and entertaining story of the 'Adventures of an Eton Boy' as an addition to the library of our young friends on this side the Atlantic.

MARMADUKE MERRY THE MIDSHIPMAN; or, My Early Days at Sea. By William H. G. Kingston, Author of "Peter the Whaler," "True Blue," "Old Jack," "The Three Midshipmen," etc. etc. Boston: Crosby & Nichols. Pittsburg: for sale by Davis Clarke & Co., 93 Wood street. 400pp. 12mo.

We can answer for it that the boy who becomes a reader of Mr. Kingston to the extent of the first page, will not be easily persuaded to close the book until the very last is reached, whereon this veracious history of "Marmaduke Merry, the Midshipman," is brought to a conclusion. As there is in Mr. Kingston's manner of telling a story a good deal of that Defoe-like realness and naivete, which are so sure to gain the hearts of all youthful readers—and as these excellent characteristics present themselves almost in the first sentence of his book—we are perfectly safe in what we have undertaken to answer for in this case.

CHURCH ERRATA. By George Cumming McWhorter, Author of a "Popular Hand-Book of the New Testament." New York: D. Appleton & Co. Pittsburgh: for sale by Davis, Clarke & Co., 93 Wood street. 174pp. 12mo.

We recently noticed this author's "Hand-Book of the New Testament" as an excellent and valuable compendium of useful information on an important subject, rendering easily accessible to the general reader much that could only have been attained by him after a long exploration elsewhere, turning over, comparing, and analyzing many learned and ponderous volumes. We are gratified to find that the present work is equally deserving of a kind reception. It contains thirteen essays generally on such subjects as will at once bespeak the interest and sympathy of all persons of a serious and thoughtful spirit, whatever may be the peculiarities of their expressed forms of belief.

Parlor Gymnastics at Concert Hall. We are glad to observe by an announcement elsewhere in our columns to-day, that the excellent system of Gymnastics so successfully introduced and taught by Dr. Dio Lewis, in Boston, has already made such headway in this city, since we last referred to the subject in connection with the opening of classes by the Misses Haskell at the Female College and at Neville Hall, that the pupils trained by these ladies in the graceful and healthe- and strength-imparting exercises of this beautiful art, are sufficiently *au fait* in its *mysteries*, or *open secrets*, to undertake a public exhibition. We earnestly urge that all persons interested in the progress of education—that fathers and mothers, especially, who, above all others, ought to have the deepest and dearest interest in such a subject—will visit Concert Hall to-morrow evening, and see for themselves what may be easily and pleasantly accomplished in a few weeks, by a judicious system of physical training. Besides the valuable lesson it will teach, the exhibition itself will be in every respect highly entertaining.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES

INDIAN PAINT, Plain and Ornamental Slate Roofer, and dealer in Pennsylvania and Vermont slate of the best quality at low rates. Office at Alex. Langdon's, near the Water Works, Pittsburgh, Pa.

A FINE OPPORTUNITY FOR PROFITABLE INVESTMENT.—The attention of capitalists is directed to the advertisement of Rev. J. S. Travelli, who offers for sale the new property in Sewickley. This establishment was fitted up, and has been occupied as a boarding school, and is well adapted for that purpose; but its adaptability as a first class, genteel boarding school house, or hotel, is unsurpassed in the neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The grounds comprise seven acres, running from the railroad to the Ohio river, affording every facility for bathing, boating, fishing, manly games and promenades, and accessible to churches, schools, charming drives and railroad facilities. The building and grounds might also be divided into two genteel residences, and are worthy of attention in that view to those seeking country homes. We understand it will be sold cheap and on favorable terms.

GRAND OPENING OF DAY GOODS—GREAT BARGAINS.—Mr. J. Finch, corner of Grant and Fifth streets, having just returned from the eastern cities, where he attended the large auction and forced trade sales of dry goods held there a few days since, will now offer the following named goods thirty per cent. less than market prices: One hundred pieces of gray dress goods at 12½ cents per yard; good madder prints at 18¾ cents per yard; good muslin shirting at 20 and 25 cents per yard; fifty pieces of extra fine dress mohairs at 50 and 60 cents per yard, worth 75 cents; plaid dress silks at 50 cents per yard; spring shawls of the latest importations at $3 50, $4, $5, $6, $7, $8 and upwards; two bales of Russia crash from auction at 12½ cents per yard; balmoral skirts from auction at $2 each, worth $3,75; hoop skirts cheaper than the cheapest. Remember the place, corner of Grant and Fifth streets, opposite the Court House.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The attention of our readers is directed to the brilliant assortment of Spring and Summer Goods just received by our friend Mr. John Wesley, No. 125 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock comprises a great variety of Fancy French, English, Scotch and American Cassimeres and Cloths, and fine Silk and Cassimere Vestings—all of which will be made up to order in the latest styles and in the best manner. A choice selection of Furnishing Goods also on hand and for sale, together with a full stock of Ready Made Clothing, well and fashionably made.

REMOVAL.—Samuel Graham & Co., Merchant Tailors, have removed to 73 Smithfield street, and would most respectfully call the attention of their friends and the public generally to their new stock of Spring and Summer goods, which they have just received. Their stock is of the very finest quality of English and French cassimeres, cloths, cassimeres and vesting. Also, a very extensive assortment of Scotch cassimeres. Don't fail to give them an early call. Every garment warranted to give full satisfaction.

GRAHAM & MCCANDLESS, 73 Smithfield St.

SEVEN HUNDRED VOLUNTEERS SICK IN CAMP. Young men, be warned in time, supply yourselves with HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. They are guaranteed to cure the worst cases of Sores, Ulcers, Scurvy, Fevers and Bowel complaints.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment are now retailed, owing to the high price of drugs, &c., at 30 cents, 75 cents and $1,10 per box or pot.

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

FOR LOAN.—The Dime Savings Institution has $20,000 to loan on bond and mortgage, at a reasonable rate of interest. Apply at its office, Smithfield street, opposite the Custom House.

D. E. MCKINLEY, Secretary.

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THIS morning will be opened at J. Finch's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets, opposite the Court House, a large stock of carpets, consisting in part of tapestry, ingrain, venetian, rag, list, cottage, swiss, together with a large assortment of rugs and oil cloths.

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. 410 Penn street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

THE public are invited to inspect the beautiful assortment of confectionaries kept by George Heaven, at his Brass Rod candy stand in the Allegheny New Market House.

DON'T get into the wrong place, but look for No. 55 Fifth street, for cheap boots and shoes.

FOR CHEAP and desirable dry goods go to Barker's, 59 Market street.

JOSEPH M. GAZZAM, Attorney at Law, 93 Grant street.

COUNTRY made rag carpets at J. Finch's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets.

T. SILL, Dentist, 249 Penn street, will attend to all businesses of his profession.

The Ohio River. The citizens of Louisville, Ky., are petitioning Congress to improve the navigation of the Ohio river, so that it may be navigable during the entire year. The *Democrat* of that city, says: Should the navigation of the Ohio river be improved, making of itself a grand ship canal of nearly 1000 miles to Pittsburgh, capitalists would not be long in discovering that the very place for a ship canal from the West to the East is through Pennsylvania. A vast proportion of the products of the Western States, which now goes to the Lakes to find its way to tide-water through the New York canal, would drift towards the Ohio, (thus more than quadrupling the commerce of the river,) and find its way through Pennsylvania to Philadelphia. It is estimated that ten millions would be required to improve the navigation of the Ohio river by locks and dams, and that the tolls necessary to pay a dividend on the investment will not exceed on ordinary merchanise one mill per ton per mile, while the rates on coal boats, rafts, &c., will be merely nominal. The toll would thus be only one cent and a half on a barrel of flour, from Louisville to Cincinnati, and two and a half cents on a keg of nails from Pittsburgh to Louisville. The boats would make more money than they now do, as they could run all the year, and always carry full trade.

Alleged "Bounty Jumper" Killed. A young man named Marcus Howard, of Marshall county, W. V., who had been arrested on a charge of enlisting for bounty, and then deserting to some other place, for the purpose of playing the same game over again, had a hearing in Wheeling, on Friday, and was ordered back into custody until the following day. When on the way back to prison, in charge of a guard named Frederick Knabe, Howard darted into an alley, and ran away at full speed. Knabe ordered him to halt, but he refused to do so, when Knabe drew up his gun and fired, the ball entering his back and coming out upon the side of the abdomen. Howard stopped and leaned up against the fence, but was afterwards assisted to the Athenæum. He suffered so terribly during the night that he frequently prayed that he might be permitted to die. His prayers were answered about seven o'clock on Saturday morning, at which time death put an end to his sufferings. Before his death he expressed a wish to see his mother, who was at once advised of what had befallen her unfortunate son. Howard was about twenty-one or two years of age, and was raised in Marshall county. It was quite dark when the shooting took place, and as Howard was some fifty yards in advance of Knabe, the shot is regarded as a most remarkable one.

SANITARY FAIR.—The Steamboat Committee of the Pittsburgh Sanitary Fair, will give to the steamboat found a splendid set of colors made by the loyal ladies of Pittsburgh. This is intended for boats navigating the Ohio and Mississippi rivers and its tributaries below Pittsburgh.

They will also give a full set of colors to any boat navigating the Monongahela or Allegheny rivers that shall return the largest subscription to said fund. E. C. GRAY, Chairman of S. B. Committee.

FUNERAL OF CAPT. S. A. M'KEE.—The funeral of Capt. M'Kee took place yesterday afternoon, and was numerously attended. Eight officers of the Regular army acted as pall bearers, and about one hundred veterans of the 102d Regiment, under command of Capt. Pollock, preceded the remains. An excellent brass band headed the procession.

THEATRE.—"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was greeted by another large audience last evening, in spiritual trolling. Will be presented tonight. Manager Henderson has made arrangements to present the "Octoroon" in good style, and the piece will be produced next week. New scenery has been painted, and it will doubtless have a good run.

DESERTERS FROM CAMP REYNOLDS.—A squad of men from camp, under charge of a lieutenant, visited the various places of public amusements in this city last evening and arrested a number of stragglers from camp. The number of soldiers absent from camp without leave, has rendered the most extreme measures necessary.

OBSTRUCTING THE STREETS.—Mayor Alexander, of Allegheny city, notifies the owners of drays, wagons, etc., through our advertising columns this morning, that he will, on and after next Saturday, strictly enforce the city ordinances in regard to allowing obstructions on the public streets and alleys.

MR. J. P. HUNT, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, has received the "Boston Pilot," "The Saturday Evening Post," and "The Scientific American," for April 23; also, "The True Flag," for April 30.

A CURIOSITY.—A little side-wheel steamer, of forty tons burthen, recently made her appearance on the Susquehanna, opposite Harrisburg, and it attracted a large crowd of spectators."

THE GLASS BLOWERS.—This troupe continues to do a good business at Masonic Hall. A matinee for the accommodation of children will be given this afternoon.

THE latest styles of Ladies' Shoes at McClelland's Auction House, 55 Fifth street.

HOOP SKIRTS, all sizes, at McClelland's Auction House, 55 Fifth street.

MARRIED:

SHERMAN—MCCHESNEY.—On Tuesday evening, April 14th, by the Rev A. D. Clark, D.D., Mr. CHARLES M. SHERMAN and Miss LIZZIE MCCHESNEY, both of the Borough of Manchester.

CROWTHERS—MCCHESNEY.—On Thursday evening, April 14th, by the same officiator, Mr. JOHN J. CROWTHERS and Miss MARY MCCHESNEY, both of the Borough of Manchester.

DIED:

WILSON.—On Monday evening, April 18, JOHN J., son of Charles and Sarah Wilson, aged fourteen months.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on WEDNESDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock, from the house of his parents, Strawberry alley, near Beaver street, Allegheny.

FORTER.—On Tuesday morning, 19th inst., at 2½ o'clock ISABELLA, wife of John Porter, aged 32 years.

The funeral will take place on THURSDAY, 21st inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., from the residence of her husband, corner of Sheffield and Chartiers streets, Manchester. 1d

DENNISTON.—On the 17th inst., at 12 o'clock p. m., Mr. ROBERT DENNISTON, in the 82d year of his age.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on WEDNESDAY MORNING, at 9½ o'clock, to proceed to the depot of the Allegheny Valley Railroad.

MCGOWIN.—On Tuesday morning, 19th instant, at his residence at Penn Station, Penna. Railroad, R. E. MCGOWIN.

Notice of funeral in Thursday morning papers.

BEESON.—At his late residence, No. 182 Lacock street, Allegheny, Tuesday, April 19th, RICHARD BEESON, Esq., in the 65th year of his age.

The funeral will take place at 10½ o'clock a. m., on THURSDAY, the 21st inst.

TWENTY-FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL Statement of the Condition of the ARCTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, on the 1st day of January, 1864:

ASSETS.

Cash in office	$ 7,074 86
Cash in Bank	22,922 20
Bonds and Mortgages (being first lien on Real Estate in New York and Brooklyn worth at least $313,000	145,800 00
Loans on Stocks, payable on demand (market value of Securities held as Collateral, $224,100	191,020 00
United States Stocks owned by the Company, market value	200,400 00
Real Estate (unincumbered)	9,557 33
Interest Accrued (of which greater part due January 1st, is already paid	6,547 68
Balance in hands of Agents, and in course of transmission from Agents	8,009 00
Bills Receivable for Premiums on Inland Risks, and other items	10,987 44
Cash Premiums, uncollected on Policies issued at office	1,838 55
	$606,054 06

LIABILITIES.

Claim for Losses outstanding Jan. 1, '64	$ 16,375 00
Unpaid Dividends	222 50
Accrued Taxes	4,188 [illegible]
	$20,446 06

J. MILTON SMITH, Pres't.

VINCENT TILTON, Secretary.
JOSEPH W. WILDEY, Assistant Secretary.

Applications recived by

JAMES W. ARROTT, AGENT,

apl4-1w 37 Fifth street, Pittsburgh.

NEW BOOKS.
The Campaner Thal. By Jean Paul.
Tae Veil Partly Lifted.
Counsel and Comfort. By a Country Parson.
Red Tape and Pigeon Hole Generals.
View of Slavery. By Bishop Hopkins.
Work and Play. By Bushnell.
General Grant and his Campaigns.
Louis Napoleon and the Battle of Armageddon.
With many other new works, just received.

T. B. WAKEMAN,
apl9 Sc 104 Federal Street, Allegheny.

BARLEY MALT.—Prime Fall and Spring BARLEY MALT, Constantly on hand and for sale by

D. H. GALWAY,
jan18m No. 235 Liberty street, Pittsburgh.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1864.

The following failed to get through last night:

VISIT TO OHIO REGIMENTS.

Washington, April 18.—Judge Swayne, of the United States Supreme Court, Governor Dennison, General Garfield, Professor Peck, and some others, visited three Ohio regiments—the sixty seventh, sixty-second and twenty-fifth, to-day and made addresses. Two of them had recently returned from South Carolina. Not the slightest allusion was made to politics, but in one of the regiments at the close of the address, the soldiers called out three groans for Mr. Long, and gave them with hearty good will.

THE BANK BILL.

The Bank bill was vigorously pushed by Mr. Hooper, on Saturday, and scarcely any amendments were permitted. The Democrats did their best to delay action, but it was finally pushed forward to an engrossment and third reading, and to morrow Mr. Hooper hopes to put it on its passage. Some leading Administration men express a doubt of their being able to pass it. One or two men who are interested in State banks vote steady with the Democrats.

LEGISLATING IN HARNESS.

The House at last begins to look like legislating in earnest, with the view to a speedy adjournment. The Bank bill went through to-day by a decided majority, being nearly in the same shape in which the original bill, subsequently amended to death, was reported. An effort to stop the inflation of currency and the rise in gold is already taking shape in general acts of both Houses. The Senate has passed the gold bill. The House has passed the bank bill, and will push forward the tax bill. The propositions in the House to-day to raise the tariff fifty per cent., is looked to the same end, it being supposed that it would check the excessive importations now going on under the idea that the tariff is soon to be raised, and so lessen the demand for gold. The vote on the bank bill to tax State banks, of which the Associated Press furnishes the particulars, is part of the same general policy. The Senate is engaged upon the amendments of the Finance Committee to the legislative appropriation bill. These amendments generally have been agreed to, with the exception of those for the Department of Agriculture, which reduced the House provision from one hundred and fifty seven thousand to one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Sherman offered an amendment embodying, essentially, the items embraced in the House bill, and making the total appropriations about one hundred and forty thousand dollars, which was adopted by a vote of 23 to 17.

An amendment by Mr. Fessenden, limiting the amount for printing and blanks in the Agricultural Department, was lost by a vote of 16 to 24.

THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS AUTHORIZED TO COMMISSION OFFICERS FOR NEGRO REGIMENTS.

An order will be issued to morrow authorizing the Governor of Illinois to commission officers for negro regiments. Gov. Yates has been asking for this for some time, claiming that he could raise negro troops much more rapidly if he had power to commission the men whom negroes know and had confidence in as officers.

STRENGTH OF LEE'S ARMY.

It is understood it is believed, at army headquarters that Lee now has a force equal to that with which he invaded Pennsylvania last Summer. Longstreet is supposed to be back, and it is reported that Beauregard has also come up from Charleston with a portion of his troops, and that Joe Johnson is being to some extent drawn upon.

THE GOLD AND STOCK PANIC.

The panic in New York speculative circles and tumble of gold and stocks gives decided satisfaction here.

Secretary Chase is expected back to-night, and it is understood that he returns in a decidedly better humor than when he went away; still none expects a permanent depression in stocks and gold until Congress shall take decided measures on the tax and currency questions, and until our military successes shall again give assurance that the bottom is not out of everything.

THE PORT PILLOW QUICKERY.

It is proposed that the Committee on the Conduct of the War shall at once investigate the atrocities said to have been perpetrated at Fort Pillow, with a view to securing a careful statement of facts for a basis of retaliation if our demand for redress be not complied with.

GEN. KILPATRICK.

Gen. Kilpatrick left the army this morning for the West, to assume a position already assigned to him under Gen. Sherman. He had quite an ovation from his old troops on taking his leave of them. Brig. Gen. Wilson is his successor in command.

NOMINATIONS RETURNED TO THE SENATE.

The President returned to the Senate to-day the nominations, being mostly Western, including four or five from Indiana, which the Senate sent back to him some time ago, on the ground that there were no vacancies. The President insists that there are vacancies, and a letter from the Secretary of War takes the same ground.

GEN. STOUGH.

It is understood, is about to be ordered from Alexandria to New Mexico, to relieve Gen. Carlton. Gen. Stough will be remembered as a former member of the Ohio Legislature from Cincinnati. The department of New Mexico is to be added to that of Colorado, to the command of which a Major General is soon to be assigned.

THE INVESTIGATION OF THE FORT PILLOW AFFAIR.

Senator Wade and Representative Gooch will go to Fort Pillow, accompanied by a shorthand reporter, on behalf of the Committee on the Conduct of the War, to investigate the circumstances of the late rebel atrocities.

THE WHISKEY BILL.

It is understood that when that portion of the tax bill affecting whiskey comes up Mr. Washburne will renew his fight for taxing the stock on hand, for which the House previously voted several times by decided majorities.

INCREASE OF SALARIES.

By the amendment of Mr. Fessenden the salary of Treasurer Spinner was increased to $6000. His amendment to increase the salaries of laborers, workingmen and messengers twenty per cent. was adopted, with the provision that no such salary should exceed $900.

INDIANS VISIT THE PRESIDENT.

The Chippewa Indian Chiefs, now in the city, to execute a treaty with the government, visited the President to-day. Chief Hole-in-the-Day made a speech in his native tongue, which was responded to by the President.

A GOOD MOVE.

Measures in Congress will soon cause nearly all our positions in South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, to be held by negro troops, thus relieving white troops for other service. Three negro regiments start for this destination to-morrow.

FORMING A POLITICAL CLUB.

Sundry opinions got together last night, and formed a political club for the ensuing campaign. They exhausted their energies and time on the formation of a constitution, which kept them till a late hour.

VETAX BILL.

Evening sessions will be held regularly from and after to-morrow. The tax bill will be made the special order of the day for to-morrow, and from day to day thereafter until passed. The other current business will be pushed over to the evening sessions.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SUPREME COURT.

The Supreme Court adjourned to day, *sine die*. Chief Justice Taney presided, apparently in his usual health and strength.

GEN. BALDY SMITH.

Gen. Baldy Smith came up yesterday from Fortress Monroe, and after an interview with Gen. Grant returned to-day.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The Army of the Potomac is all ready to move. All the camp followers are gone. The roads will be dry very soon, unless we have more rain.

OPENING A FAIR.

Messrs. Lincoln, Seward, Colfax, and others, have gone to Baltimore to open a Fair for the benefit of the Sanitary and Christian Commissions.

MAJ. GEN. WASHBURNE.

Major General Washburne is ordered to West Tennessee to take the command of Gen. Hurlbut, relieved. He leaves Washington this evening.

PARDONED.

President Lincoln has to-day pardoned nineteen deserters and others sentenced to be shot by court martial.

GEN. SPINNER.

Gen. Spinner, the United States Treasurer, has been seriously unwell, but is recovering.

LATEST DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, April 19, 1864.

SURGEON GENERAL.

Daniel W. Wilder was confirmed Surgeon General of Kansas and Nebraska to day.

RESULTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION CAUCUS.

The first results of the administration caucus held last night is seen to-day in the vigorous efforts to push forward the consideration of the tax bill. Debate will be confined as much as possible to the details of the bill, and burnsome cut off.

LETTERS OF PROMINENT DEMOCRATS TO JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE.

It will be remembered that Gen. Garfield, in the course of his speech in reply to Long, referred to letters, obtained by Rosecrans' spies, from prominent Indiana Democrats, one of them from a member of Congress, to John C. Breckinridge, written shortly before the battle of Chickamauga. At the time Holman and other Democrats were very noisy in demanding the names. Gen. Garfield produced the letters to-day, and produced a very decided fluttering in the Democratic ranks thereby. The following are copies:

ROCKHILL, IND., July 14th, 1863.

MAJ. GEN. JOHN C. BRECKINRIDGE—*Dear Sir*: I take the great pleasure of recommending to your favorable acquaintance the bearer, Mr. Morehead, of Green Castle, this State. Mr. Rankin wishes to visit the South, and not be subject to any danger from such a trial. Mr. Rankin was connected with the Union army as the quartermaster of the 10th Regiment Ind. Vols., but resigned immediately after the evacuation of Corinth, Miss., by your forces, and has had no sympathies or connection with the army since. Any duty that he may agree to perform, you may rely upon it that it will be faithfully done, and any favor shown him will be reciprocated by me, whenever an opportunity offers.

I am, General, yours with much respect.
(Signed,) JOHN G. DAVIS.

GREENCASTLE, IND, July 1, 1863.—*Dear Sir*: I take this method of introducing to your favorable consideration, Mr. Oliver S. Rankin, a resident of this place. Mr. — wishes to enter the service of the South in some capacity, so that he can be of some assistance to your cause. I can safely recommend him to you as an energetic and faithful man in any capacity you may place him, and I know that he can be of valuable assistance to your Mr. Rankin was for some time connected with the Union army, but became disgusted with the Department, and resigned in consequence thereof. Any favor shown him will, I am satisfied, never be betrayed.

I am, General, very respectfully, your obedient servant.
(Signed,) D. L. ECKLES
To Gen. John C. Breckinridge, C. S. A.

John G. Davis was a Democratic Congressman from Voorhees' district for eight years, and Eckles has been Circuit Judge in the same district.

Mr. Voorhees made an exceedingly lame effort at a reply, saying that he knew nothing of the case, and would therefore say nothing thereon, going on to endorse both the gentlemen as able patriots, and calling attention to the fact that the letters presented were only copies. He did not, however, deny their authenticity, though Mr. Garfield told him he would be very glad to have him do so.

Mr. Garfield stated that the letters were obtained by a rebel spy professing to be a rebel, and thus gaining their confidence, who afterwards used them to carry them through the rebel lines. It is understood that he is prepared with ample proof of their authenticity.

SHERMAN'S PACIFIC-RAILROAD BILL.

The Committee on the Pacific Railroad have reported Sherman's bill with important amendments understood to accede with the suggestions from the Secretary of the Treasury. No United States bonds are authorized by the several railroad companies. The companies may issue their own bonds in the sums of one thousand dollars, payable thirty years after date, bearing six per cent interest payable in gold and silver coin semi-annually, at the rate of 24 for each mile completed and equipped to the easterly base of the Rocky Mountains, and 96 for each mile, for one hundred and fifty miles west of said base, and eastwardly from the western base of the Sierra Nevada, and forty-eight for each mile between mountain sections, and twenty-four from base of Sierra Nevada west. The Secretary of the Treasury is required to endorse the guarantee for the payment of interest for forty nine years, and pay the first year's interest gratuitously. It authorizes the building of bridges over the Mississippi and Missouri rivers, not less than ninety feet above low water mark, and not more than forty feet above high water mark.

SECRETARY CHASE

Was on the floor of the Senate and House today. He was warmly congratulated by the friends of the government on the fall in gold, and the general surrender of Wall street. He does not regard this, however, as belonging to anything permanent, unless backed by legislative action. That to insure a sounder basis to our financial affairs he accordingly urges a heavier taxation than the Ways and Means Committee have embodied in their bill, and a corresponding increase in the tariff, and the passage of the general gold bill. He continues to express the belief that even after this they must depend for their perfect success on victories in the field.

THE CHIPPEWA CHIEFS

The Chippewa Chiefs had a very satisfactory interview with Commissioner Dale at the Indian Office. They not being satisfied with the treaty made at Red Lake, the Senate made such amendments to it as suited the views of the Indians. The action of the Government being stated by Mr. Dale in a brief address, the spokesman of the Chiefs made a reply in which he expressed himself well satisfied, and in favor of perpetual peace with the children of the Great Father, the President of the United States.

CASE OF FRANK BLAIR.

The report of the Frank Blair Investigating Committee is expected in a day or two. It will probably clear Blair, at least in part, but Missourians insist that the witnesses Blair has brought forward can be proved to be utterly unreliable, and that his efforts to implicate treasury agents will prove a signal failure.

Another action of the caucus provides for the appointment of a committee to remonstrate with the absent members, and endeavor to secure a general attendance.

THE PROPOSED SHIP CANAL.

Mr. Doolittle's ship canal project, in aid of which he has offered a bill granting 500,000 acres of Wisconsin lands, as intended to connect Lake Superior and Michigan. The bill requires the canal to be commenced within three years, and completed in ten.

NEW INDIAN AGENCY RECOMMENDED.

The Secretary of the Interior recommends to Congress the establishment of a new Indian agency of Apache, Kiowa and Camanche Indians, at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars. Also to increase the pay of the Green Bay Agency.

MR. STEBBENS, DEM., OF N. Y., SUPPORTS THE TAX BILL

Mr. Stebbens, of N. Y., though a Democrat, gave a very hearty support to-day to the tax bill. The party, however, will violently oppose it.

THE NEW YORK BANKERS.

A large number of the New York bankers were before the Senate Finance Committee to-day urging their objections to the bank bill which has just passed the House.

CHARGES AGAINST THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

The Senate Naval Committee has been investigating certain charges against the Department, but will report exonerating it.

ADJOURNMENT.

It will be an impossibility of adjourning at the time agreed upon, without more diligent attention to business is strongly urged.

THE PRESIDENT'S LAST EVENING RECEPTION.

The President returned from Baltimore this morning. He gives his last evening reception for the season to-night.

PROPOSED INCREASE OF TARIFF LOST.

The highly important resolution yesterday, to increase the tariff temporarily fifty per cent. was lost through the absence of members on our side.

GEN. GRANT AND THE INVALID CORPS.

Gen. Grant