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A few facts will give an idea of the success of this paper during the year now drawing to a close. Since January of the year we have added nearly *one thousand* new bona fide subscribers to our list, making it, unquestionably, the largest of any paper published in the State, outside of the cities of Philadelphia and Pittsburg, with the possible exception of one journal, which is with justice a political paper in the strict sense of the term.

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THE Secretary of the Treasury has decided to issue another hundred millions of the twenty loan.

THE plow makers of the Northwest had a convention at Chicago last week, at which it was resolved to advance the price of plows twenty per cent.

THE attention of the reader is invited to the advertisement of the "Pennsylvania Imperial Oil Company." This Company owns two acres of land in fee, on Allegheny River opposite Oil City. It seems to be a substantial Company.

A GERMAN chemist has discovered a process for making molasses from Indian corn, and a company with a capital of $1,000,000, has been formed in the West for manufacturing syrup by this process.

THE Philadelphia *Ledger* says that when it was started, in 1836, the united editions of all the daily newspapers of Philadelphia were between 7,000 and 8,000 copies a day. Now the whole number is about 175,000.

RECIPROCITY.—A correspondent of the Cincinnati *Telegraph* recommends the application of kerosene oil to the parts affected by rheumatism, as an effectual remedy for the painful complaint.

CONGRESS has passed the bill imposing a duty of two dollars per gallon on distilled spirits from the commencement of 1865. It now only awaits the President's signature to become law.

A NEW MATERIAL has been tried for hat bodies; it is prepared cork, and is said to be lighter, cheaper, more flexible, and more easy to work than the old materials; and the inventor fully believes it will revolutionize the hat trade.

THE six hundred and thirty-one National Banks now authorized have an aggregate capital of $428,151,020. The currency now amounts to $372,383,740, of which $1,632,900 were issued during the week ending December 17.

THE PRINCIPAL APPROPRIATIONS covered by the deficiency bill, which passed the House on Wednesday, are leadand gunpowder, contingencies of fortifications, medical and hospital department, horses, transportation, supplies and barracks—in all reaching about $93,000,000.

SATISFACTORY.—A good understanding has been reached by the Government with that of Canada. The Canadian Administration is discharging its obligations to us. One of the St. Albans' raiders has been re-arrested.—There is a strong detective force along the border, and the remaining rebels are expected to be taken soon.

FARRAGUT made Vice Admiral.—The President has signed the bill creating the grade of Vice Admiral in the navy, ranking with Lieutenant General in the army. Rear Admiral Farragut was nominated to the new grade, and approved without reference to a committee. Lieut. Commander Thornton and Commander W. H. Macomb were also promoted for distinguished conduct.

THE telegraph operators made a serious blunder lately in telegraphing the President's Message. The President was made to state the present debt of the nation at "ONE BILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY THOUSAND MILLIONS," &c.; when it should have been SEVENTEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY MILLIONS, six hundred and ninety thousand, four hundred and eighty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents. A material difference.

PERISHING THE LISTS.—The Boston and Cincinnati journals are publishing in full the list of tax-payers and the amount they pay under the special revenue law. The publication has developed the fact that wealthy men who spend over $6000 per annum in their household expenses, have no income "over $600." The publication creates a great hubbub, but mostly among those who have similar motives for concealing their wealth.

RE-OPENING OF A MILITARY HOSPITAL IN PHILADELPHIA.—The buildings lately occupied as the Christian Street Hospital, Philadelphia, are to be used, we learn, as a home for maimed soldiers, who are convalescent, or who have entirely recovered, and are awaiting the preparation of their artificial limbs.—The institution, it is stated, will be a department of the South Street Hospital, and under the authority of the same surgeon in charge, Dr. Lewis.

It is an object in the re-opening of this Hospital, to give men who have been disabled by loss of limbs, or other severe injury, an opportunity of education for some practical pursuits suited to their limited physical capacities, thus enabling them to gain support after their discharge from the service, and preventing them from becoming objects of public charity.

The educational objects of the institution will be under the direction of Chaplain John Long. Telegraph operating, book-keeping, penmanship, and other practical matters will be taught.

An advantage of the project, will be the direction of public attention to the claims of the maimed soldiers to favor and appointments. Influential persons have given assurance that a large number of these men will receive employment as soon as by a little training they can be rendered competent.—Mayor Henry, of Philadelphia, has set a creditable example in this matter, by the employment of a number of disabled soldiers in the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph Department.

There are now at South Street Hospital about three hundred patients of this class, a portion of whom with some maimed men from other hospitals, will be transferred to the Christian Street department.

The patriotic and benevolent who are inclined to aid this undertaking with their means or influence, can address the Surgeon in charge, or the Chaplain of the Hospital, Christian St. above 9th, Philadelphia.

CLOSE UP THE RANKS!—On Monday the Secretary of War issued an important order, requiring all officers and soldiers capable of duty to at once report to their respective organizations. Provost Marshals are instructed to use every exertion to hasten forward these men to the front, as well as to arrest deserters and shirkers. Surgeons in charge of hospitals are to send all men fit for duty to their regiments, and recruiting officers are exhorted to diligence and activity in filling up the ranks. This order evidences the necessity of our military commanders of departments using every effort in urging forward at once such officers and men as may be in their jurisdiction, and it shows that the Government is resolutely determined to put all the forces at its command into the field immediately. The successes of Generals SHERMAN and THOMAS are to be followed up by others, and to do this we must fill the vacancies made in the ranks by the casualties of battle.

WHAT WILL BE DONE AT THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS.—A Washington correspondent writing under date of Dec. 17, says:

The Committees of Congress are busily engaged. There will be little legislation beyond the ordinary appropriation and the financial bills to raise the "ways and means." Most of the appropriation bills are in a state of forwardness, and after the holidays business will be rapidly transacted. There will be changes in portions of the Revenue laws, though not a general revision. The Tobacco tax attracts great attention, and will be carefully considered. There is the usual collision of interests, besides a lamentable ignorance of the condition and capacities of the trade. The oil tax will be overhauled, and may be changed in the principle of its application. After all, the great difficulty with the Internal Revenue system is the imperfect manner in which the law is executed by subordinates. In the cities it is generally well enforced; in the country there is much looseness and neglect. Probably the repeated changes made by Congress have had much to do with this condition, as at each session changes are made which overturn existing rulings and usages, with which all parties are familiar.

EUROPEAN dates of the 11th inst., have been received. The political intelligence is unimportant. A violent gale on the east coast of India had caused a great inundation and the loss of thousands of lives. The Earl of Carlisle died on the 5th. The remains of Mr. Dayton were embalmed, and sent to Havre for shipment to New York. The obsequies took place on the 6th. In South London, a meeting of workingmen adopted an address congratulating President Lincoln on his re-election. A reform demonstration had taken place at Bradford, England. Resolutions demanding and extension of the elective franchise, and in favor of an energetic agitation of the question, were adopted.

"HOME ON A FURLOUGH."—This beautiful steel engraving—from Schussele—engraved by Sartain, and dedicated "to the loyal mothers, wives and daughters of this country," is having a large sale, far exceeding the most sanguine expectation of Bradley & Co., the enterprising publishers. It is printed on a 19 by 24 sheet, suitable for framing. It is sold at $2 50 per copy, which we consider cheap, for the character of the engraving. Copies can be examined at the Book Store of B. Bannan in this Borough, where they are for sale.

DEATH OF MR. DAYTON, U. S. MINISTER TO FRANCE.—The foreign news brings intelligence of the death of U. S. Minister Dayton, at Paris, on the 2d instant, of apoplexy. This is a loss at the present time. Mr. Dayton has been our Minister at the Court of France ever since the rebellion has been in progress. He is familiar, therefore, with all the questions which have arisen in respect to neutrality, and the complications which have grown out of the attitude assumed by the principal European powers. He has managed this difficult and delicate business with much tact.

CONSUMPTION OF COAL.—The Secretary of the Navy, in his report to Congress, says that the consumption of coal this year will be about five hundred thousand tons.

EVERY CHURCH MAY HAVE AN ORGAN.—It seems marvelous that a thin strip of metal, an inch and a half long, can be made to vibrate so as to produce a full, smooth, and sonorous tone, which can scarcely be distinguished even by a practiced ear, from that of an organ pipe; yet this is the result attained in the Cabinet Organs made by Mason & Hamlin, of Boston. Reeds have ceased to promise "reedy" sounds, and the most delicate and fastidious organist may luxuriate in the silver-tones of modern instruments, especially those from the factory of M. & H., who have, indeed, done much toward the marvelous change and improvement referred to.

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THE BATTLE AT NASHVILLE.

A Graphic and Interesting Description of the Fight.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 19.—The *Gazette* publishes a vivid description of the battle of the 15th. The day opened cloudy, with indications of rain. There was a dense fog at an early hour, but this soon cleared away, and at eight o'clock we were able to determine the enemy's position.

During the fight of the 15th, Hood withdrew with his wings from the river, and concentrated his lines everywhere, and was holding a strong position along the Granny White road. Hill's centre was protected by two lines of intrenchments. Our own troops were disposed in the following order:—

Wilson's Cavalry on the extreme right, Schofield's Twenty-third Corps, consisting of Couch's and Cox's divisions, were at first held in reserve, but before the main battle opened had taken position on the left of the cavalry, thus forming the right of our infantry line. A. J. Smith's Sixteenth Corps, consisting of the divisions of McArthur, Carrard and Moore, came next, on the left of Schofield.

On the left of Smith, the magnificent Fourth Corps of T. J. Wood, comprising the divisions of Kimball, Elliott and Beatty, was formed as second line of battle, and partially massed. Steedman with Cruft's Division and two brigades of colored troops, held the extreme left. Our plan of the battle was a continuation of that on the 15th, in pressing the advantage gained on the enemy's left.

At about half-past eight o'clock our batteries opened from a hundred pieces simultaneously along the entire lines. The Rebel artillery replied feebly. Schofield marched down the Granny White Pike, carefully concealing his strength, and placed his corps directly upon the enemy's left flank. Steadman, at the same time, worked his force forward, the enemy in the meantime strengthening his advance line.

Kimball's First Division moved forward to the charge, firing volley after volley, more than once, but still steadily pressed on until within half pistol shot, when the enemy's fire became so deadly that our men, in order to return it more effectually came to a halt, longer, perhaps, than any troops ever remained in such a position. They stood and fired fast and furiously at the enemy, but they could not remain and live. A few gave way and fled in disorder.

The whole line staggered, and had the Rebels done nothing more than kept up their deadly fire we should have been driven back, but they made a movement to shift their artillery, which our men received as an indication that they were about to abandon their line, and raising a loud shout, the division, with fixed bayonets, rushed impetuously forward and swarming over the works captured such rebels as had not fled. They had time to get away two guns but the rest fell into our hands.

As soon as the preliminary success was achieved, General Thomas, who was seen during the day in the very front of the line of battle, ordered a charge along the entire line. Schofield moved upon the left flank of the enemy, and before his veterans the Rebels gave way like frost work. The assailed flank crumbled in pieces as Schofield advanced, and was rolled back upon that portion of the line which just now was attacked by A. J. Smith's troops with a weight and energy that nothing could withstand.

McMillan's Brigade, foremost in battle, as on the previous day, rushed right up in the very teeth of three powerful rebel batteries, and carried at the point of the bayonet the salient point of the rebel works. In a few moments the enemy's works were everywhere taken, and their forces utterly routed. Their soldiers were captured by thousands, and every piece of their artillery is in our hands. Such as escaped death or capture fled towards the Franklin pike, and took refuge behind S. D. Lee's Corps, which held the gaps in the hills.

Woods and Steadman on the left were now prepared to assault the rebel right; which was still unbroken. Under cover of a tremendous fire from our guns, Colonel Post's brigade moved forward and Knight's and Sanford Beatty's division followed on his right, and immediately on Post's left, Thompson's colored brigade was drawn up, and Morgan's colored brigade was next on the left.

The enemy received his fire until Post's brigade commenced to climb the hill, when a perfect hurricane of shot and shell and canister tore through his ranks. In the face of this fire of our men steadily advanced. The colored troops tied with the whites in the persistent energy with which they forced their way up the hill.—

Thus thoroughly prepared to pass around to the left, met a terrible flank fire which confused their ranks. The troops on the right terrified by the terrible fire, paused an instant, and at this juncture the brave Colonel Post was mortally wounded. In a moment more Thompson, and our men, whose conduct had immortalized them, rushed back confused and bleeding, to the line whence they started.

Wood soon reformed his broken battle line, and issued orders for the renewal of the assault, while Post's veterans again assailed the hill directly, and Thompson's Africans moved on the rebel right. Elliott's and Kimball's divisions were hurled like a thunderbolt against the rebel left; Wood himself, accompanied by all his Staff, followed, and directed the charge.

The rebel fire blazed forth anew, but our soldiers, without hesitation or pause, carried the entire works, with all their guns, and drove the rebels in dismay from the hill. This was the last stand the rebels made, and the rout was complete, now being a rout, and had not night intervened the army would have been destroyed. The appearance of the battle field was horrible in the extreme.

Rain was falling rapidly and the ground was thickly covered with the dead and dying, the camp equipage torn and trodden in the mud, was mingled with scattered artillery wheels and fragments of exploded caissons. The correspondent says:

I pushed forward to the southward slope of the hill; it was almost dark; the rain was pouring steadily down; and, standing there amidst the dead and dying, I caught the last glimpses of our lines of battle, and heard the loud, long, exultant shout of victory as even through the darkness they pushed on after the flying foe."

The results of the battle are 5000 prisoners, 30 cannon and 5000 small arms.

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THE ARMY.

FROM THE FORTY-EIGHTH REG., P. V. V.

FORT SEDGWICK, VA.,
December 14th, 1864.

EDITORS MINERS' JOURNAL:—I have the honor to transmit the following, for publication in your paper:

A Sword Presentation.—By the members of Co. "I" 48th Reg., P. V. V., to their commander, Captain F. D. Koch.

On the first, the above mentioned, presented Capt. Koch with a very handsome sword, sash and belt, bearing the following inscription:

Presented to Capt. F. D. Koch, by the Members of Co. "I" 48th Reg. Pa. Vols. December 15th, 1864.

At 6 P. M., the company formed line in their company street; when this was done, the Capt. was requested to take his place in its front and centre; after which, Charles G. Wagner, stepped from the ranks and presented the above, with the following remarks:

Capt. F. D. Koch, Sir: I have been selected by the members of Co. "I" to present to you this elegant sword, sash and belt, and however I may feel my utter incompetency to fulfil the task assigned me I still know that perhaps no one feels more the deep responsibility resting upon me, in giving vent and free expression to the entire sentiments of the company, which is honored by your commanding; yes, we are proud to say our commander, and we have long as we do now, looked on you with pride, knowing you by long experience, to be well tried and trustworthy. And when such a feeling exists you can feel well satisfied that whenever duty calls we will follow.

Girded on this sword, and we feel well satisfied that it will never be dishonored, by being carried by such a noble officer and soldier, as you have proven yourself to be.

The Captain responded in the following manner:

MEMBERS OF CO. I:—Your surprise in this I acknowledge to be great, nevertheless agreeable. A sword as a token of your respect is far more than I ever expected; I am at a loss for words, to express myself in a manner no doubt that you expect me to respond. I feel that I am incapable of delivering an oration at a time like this, on such an occasion being entirely unprepared; however, I hope that I may be prepared at all times more trying than this, when I may not lack that courage as your commander, to lead you forth in battle, to brave every danger, be it ever so great, that you may achieve a glorious victory, in conquering your enemy, whereby we would connect that link so long broken.

I trust that in studying to promote your honor, I may insure my own, and never bring disgrace upon your doting parents with sorrow to their graves by a disgraceful or cowardly act of mine, which would give you a reason in after years to curse the hour you honored me with this sword; the esteem and respect of noble men, tried and true soldiers.

I am well pleased to learn from the expression of those, who I have the honor of addressing, that you are satisfied with what you have done in presenting me with this gift which I fully appreciate. My greatest pleasure is in knowing that its donors are safe and contented, and that I have done my duty as your commander, in caring for your welfare, and that of our country.

For the honor you have bestowed upon me in presenting this sword, sash and belt, accept my fervent thanks with that only hope that I may never sheath it disgraced.

At the conclusion of Capt. Koch's remarks, Sergt. Klase proposed three cheers for Capt. Koch, our noble commander. To which they responded with a hearty response, that rang in the hearts of many who were witnesses to the delighted scene. Very respectfully, your well wisher. SERGT. JAMES MCKEVOSKIE.

FROM THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHTH REG., P. V.

FORT SEDGWICK, VA.,
December 14th, 1864.

EDITORS MINERS' JOURNAL:—Doubtless ere this reaches you, the news of the great raid made by the 5th corps, under Gen. Warren, and a division of the 2d corps has flashed over the wires. My company, H, of the 198th Reg., P. V., was on picket on the left. We were relieved on Tuesday morning at the first, by the 2d corps, and marched about 6 miles into the woods, on the extreme left, when we struck tents for the night. Next morning at 4 o'clock we started on the march and traveled about 24 miles. We proceeded on our way passing Sussex Court House, crossing Stoney Creek, until we came upon the branch of the railroad, running from Weldon to the South Side road, upon which the enemy transported their supplies to Petersburg. We blew out our pickets and then commenced tearing up the road. It was a grand sight to see the men lay hold of the rails and turn over track and all, as far as they could reach from right to left, as the gleaming flames lit the soil, and oh! how it sent a thrill of patriotic joy through the heart as the cheers of the men rang out on on the air when the work was finished, and they were ordered back to their camps. Some suffered severely because the enemy did not pitch into us. We tore up the track for the space of 30 miles, captured immense stores of corn, &c. Burned a mill, a railroad station, railway bridges, burnt the hills and bent the rails. Some of the rails were plaited like a dutch girl plaits her hair. When we returned we burnt the Court House, and all private buildings that had shelter ed guerrillas during our march. Talk of the rebs starving, here in Virginia, some of the soldiers would like to starve with them. Some had any amount of hogs and cattle. Corn in the fields and sacked, ready to be cellar, together with fresh potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, wine, cider, onions, butter, eggs, salt, and in fact poultry and provisions of all kinds. I overheard a cavalry man interrogate a negro as to the whereabouts of the apple jack in the neighborhood, when the nig. yah yahed and said, "over dar, in dat cellar is six barrels, heah, heah." He seemed to enjoy telling it almost more than the men did capturing it. Very few of our men became intoxicated, or straggled, when we consider the number on the march, the severe marching they had to do, and the opportunities afforded. Three of our men were found in a state of quality, buried in a cellar. The guerrilla that shot them was captured and hung. The 5th Virginia cavalry attacked our advance, who received orders to fall back slowly to within supporting distance of the infantry, but our men could not be restrained; twelve of them charged with great impetuosity upon the rebs and the rest followed, defeating the 9th, which, by the way is a crack regiment, took a goodly number of prisoners, losing 3 killed and about 10 wounded. We slept just anywhere, sometimes upon the bare ground with nothing to cover but a rubber blanket, and the rain pouring upon us. We returned on the 12th, weary, foot sore, and completely satisfied to remain in quarters for some time. Last night I visited my brother, who is in the 6th corps, found the boys all well, but they say they prefer the Shenandoah Valley to this place. They occupy the left, the 5th is upon the extreme left, while the 9th is on the right. I am writing in Capt. A. C. Huckey's quarters, right in front of the bomb proof occupied by Col. Pleasants. The 2d. is well and doing well, and you can rest assured that you will hear a good account of him and the boys under him when the next move is made. He has the confidence of the men and as far as I can judge, officers and men throughout the regiment, understand each other, and everything moves along as well as in any regiment in the service. The boys speak highly of Capt. Huckley, and I can do as much for the noncoms. pan cakes, cheese, &c., that he sets before his visitors. The enemy are firing constantly, during the night, to prevent their men from deserting to our lines. And the rival pickets, here in the 9th corps, are so close that they can speak to each other without elevating their voices much above the natural tone.

While I was walking along the picket line of the 48th to-day, a reb signaled me to go down into the pit, as his orders were to shoot all that show their heads, and he had more humanity than the officer who issued the order. I think the boys of the 48th, and those of the 96th, that still remain in the army, are upon an average in better condition, physically than they have ever been. As I came amongst them, shook hands with them, and they saw my Lincoln badge upon my breast they clapped me upon the shoulder, and told me of the majority they had given for Abraham, and of the satisfaction it gave them to know that they, as a unit, contributed by their votes to the re-election of the man who has proven himself the friend of the poor, and that the rebellion will be crushed. Yours truly, D. M. E.

Co. H. 198th Reg., P. V., 1st Brig. 2d Div. 9th A. C.

FROM THE FIFTY-SECOND PENNSYLVANIA REGIMENT.

CAMP OF THE 52d REG., P. V., MORRIS ISLAND, }
S. C., December 7th, 1864. }

WHEREAS, we the Officers of the 52d Reg., P. V., are called upon to separate from one who has for over three years been closely connected with us, as a companion, associate and friend; from one, who has shared with us the trials, hardships and privations, attendant upon a three years campaign in the field; from one who during this time from his merits alone has risen from the ranks to the Majority and for some time has been our commander; from one, who has during this time proven to us as well as others, less closely connected with him, to possess that cool, calm, deliberation and judgment necessary to so responsible a position, possessing also that undaunted courage and determination in presence of the enemy so necessary to a true soldier and from one who has by his deeds of good decision and deliberate daring, endeared himself to all of those, who in any way have been connected with him and although there are those, who through malice, or to shield themselves from censure, have caused to be cast upon him a slur which time, the great revealer of all things, will prove to the world to be as false as the perpetrators: We the Officers of the 52d Reg., P. V., those who have known him but to admire from the commencement of his military career to the present, take pleasure in offering the following in testimony of our appreciation of his irreprochable conduct, unquestionable bravery and that decision and determination necessary to a commander:

Resolved, That as officers of the 52d Reg., P. V., it is with the most sincere regret, we part with Major Thos. B. Jayne, who has for over three years held a place among us with honor and credit, to himself and his regiment, and by his departure we not only lose a valued friend on his right, and immediately on Post's left, Thompson's colored brigade was drawn up, and Morgan's colored brigade was next on the left.

Resolved, That the foregoing preamble and resolutions be published in the *Miners' Journal*, Pottsville, *Record of the Times*, Wilkesbarre, *Scranton Republican* and *Wyoming Republican*.

By order of committee on resolutions, on behalf of the line officers.

CAPT. H. H. JENES, Secretary.

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SECOND SESSION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

In the Senate on Monday, a petition from three thousand citizens of New York, asking for the abolition of slavery, was referred to the Committee on Slavery. The citizens of Iowa petitioned for the repeal of the Reciprocity treaty. The Military Committee reported the House bill to enable aliens who have served in the army and the navy to become citizens of the United States. Mr. Grimes introduced a bill to create the rank of Vice Admiral in the navy, which was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs. Mr. Doolittle introduced a resolution authorizing the President to expend ten millions of dollars to build fortifications and floating batteries for the protection of the lakes and frontiers from attacks of piratical and hostile expeditions organized in British provinces by enemies of the United States. A long debate ensued, and the order of Gen. Dix, and the recent raids from Canada, were fully discussed. The resolution was finally referred to the committee on Foreign Relations. Mr. Lane introduced a bill to enable the people of Colorado to form a State government. Also, a resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue bonds to pay for feeding refugee Indians. Mr. Brown, of Missouri, offered a resolution calling for such facts concerning the arrest of Lieutenant Governor Jacobs, of Kentucky, which was laid over. The House resolution relative to the adjournment for the holidays was concurred in. A bill to protect the Missouri from pre-emption claims was introduced, and the Executive session, adjourned.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Rice introduced a bill to create the grade of Vice Admiral in the Navy. Mr. Arnold a bill to establish a navy-yard and depot at Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Wilson introduced a bill declaring what States are not entitled to representation in the Electoral College; Mr. Grimnell a bill to amend the revenue laws by changing the time for levying the tax on whiskey; Mr. Brown a bill making appropriations for the repair and preservation of the public harbors on the lake Superior and Michigan. Mr. Davis offered the resolution declaring that Congress has a constitutional right to an authoritative voice in declaring the foreign policy of the United States, which had been reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and laid on the table. Under a call of the previous question the resolutions were adopted. The Committee on Ways and Means reported a bill providing for an additional duty of fifty cents per gallon on distilled spirits in bond on hand January 1st, 1865, and altering from February to January, in the 55th section of the internal revenue bill. A demand for the previous question on the bill was not seconded. After some discussion the additional tax on whiskey was stricken out, and the bill passed. The House then went into Committee of the Whole, and Mr. Spalding, of Ohio, made a speech. Adjourned.

The Senate, on Tuesday received a petition from the Mother Superintendent of the Sisters of Charity, stating that the Sisters were not a certain uniform, manufactured only in France and asking for a reduction of the duties on the same. Also petitions for an increase of pay of army officers. The House bill to extend the time allowed for the withdrawl of certain goods from public stores was passed. A bill to increase the number of cadets in the West Point Military Academy, and to raise the standard of admission to the same, was introduced by Mr. Wilson, and referred to the Military Committee. The Naval Committee reported a bill to create the rank of Vice Admiral in the navy. Passed. The Committee on the District of Columbia was instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring all residents of the District to take an oath of allegiance to the government. The Judiciary Committee reported a substitute for the House bill relative to the termination of the reciprocity treaty. Ordered to be printed. The resolution relative to the arrest of Lieutenant Governor Jacobs, of Kentucky, after some discussion, was called up, slightly amended, and passed. A committee of conference was appointed on the bill to establish a Bureau of Freedman's Affairs. After an Executive session adjourned.

The House of Representatives adopted a resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the treatment of rebel prisoners similar to that bestowed upon Union prisoners. The Committee on Ways and Means were instructed to inquire into the expediency of so amending the internal revenue law as to remove the difficulties of writing valid and legal in cases where there has been a failure to attach the proper stamps. The Committee on Public Lands were instructed to inquire into the expediency of setting aside land for soldiers who have been permanently disabled during the present war. A committee of conference was appointed on the bill to establish a bureau of freedman's affairs. A bill granting to certain States a republican form of government was passed with the 4th of January. A bill giving all persons of color in the army, June 30, 1863, the allowances, &c., granted to others of the same race, was passed. The Senate bill creating the grade of vice admiral in the navy was adopted. A House bill authorizing the promotion of officers in the navy and marine corps fifty numbers on the list for gallant conduct. A resolution authorizing the appointment of a commission to examine different ports and harbors with a view of establishing a navy-yard on the lakes, was agreed to. The Secretary of the Treasury was asked to inform the House under what law goods, wares, &c., are permitted to pass from the United States through Canada, and again into the United States. In Committee of the Whole several speeches were made. Adjourned.

In the Senate, on Wednesday, petitions from surgeons in the army and others for increased pay were referred. The whiskey bill was considered and passed—25 yeas, 12 nays, 12 absent. The Committee on Military Affairs were instructed to inquire into the expediency of requiring all officers absent on leave from the army to wear a uniform. The Senate went into executive session and adjourned.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Worthington, member elect from the new State of Nevada, appeared, was qualified and took his seat. On motion of Mr. Ancona, of Pennsylvania, a resolution of inquiry was adopted as to the expediency of reducing or suspending the duty on imported printing paper. On motion of Mr. Coffroth, of Pennsylvania, a resolution of inquiry was adopted as to the expediency of amending the conscription act so as to allow substitutes to be put in anywhere. Mr. Mason introduced a bill, which was referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, to levy duties on tobacco and its manufacture. Mr. Cox's resolution asking for all communications to the War Department not before published, was passed. The House then considered the Deficiency Bill. Messrs. Brooks, Stevens of Pennsylvania, Washburne, Dawes and Morrill spoke. The committee rose, and the bill was passed with slight amendments. Adjourned.

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SCHUYLKILL HAVEN LITERARY ASSOCIATION.

SCHUYLKILL HAVEN, Dec. 21th 1864.

EDITORS MINERS' JOURNAL:—The Schuylkill Haven Literary and Library Association met, and was called to order by the President in the chair. The question: Resolved, that the expectation of reward is a stronger incentive to exertion than the fear of punishment, was discussed by J. G. Wineberger and R. Hesser on the affirmative; W. A. Fields and James K. Helms on the negative. Decision given in the negative. The exercises for next meeting are as follows. Oration—J. G. Wineberger. Declamation, J. K. Helms. Essay, Jonathan Paxson. Reader, H. Wilson. Leading disputants, Messrs. C. Koons and Isaac Paxson, on the following important question: Resolved, that war is justifiable. As we have organized this Society with a view to self-improvement, we take this method of inviting all to attend, and should any one feel disposed to contribute books towards the increase of our library, all such donations will be thankfully received.

The Association adjourned to meet Monday evening, Jan. 2, 1865. JAMES K. HELMS, Sect.

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THE COAL TRADE.

Pottsville, December 24, 1864.

The quantity sent by Railroad this week is 47,074 04—by Canal 2,076 13—for the week 49,150 17 tons, against 42,810 for the corresponding week last year.

There will be a pretty general stoppage of collieries until after the holidays to make repairs &c., in this region. The Mahanoy and Broad Mountain Railroad stopped yesterday, and will not probably resume transportation for ten days or two weeks.

The trade sums up this week as follows compared with last year:

	1863.		1864.		INC. & DEC.
	WEEK.	TOTAL.	WEEK.	TOTAL.	
P. & R. R. R.		2,838,221		2,762,460	476,761
Schuyl. Can.		885,542	2,077	1,000,500	114,958
L. Val R. R.		1,185,155		1,295,419	100,264
Leh'h Can.		699,857		758,967	58,550
Scranton. S'th.	15,079	869,451	15,950	933,695	64,244
" N'th	6,154	318,460	5,569	328,249	9,789
Penna. C. C.			2,447	248,368	248,368
By R. Road				504,567	257,448
By Canal		661,955		848,076	19,926
Del & Hud C.		828,150		1,236,088	230,329
Wyo'ng So.		583,249		583,283	34,034
Do. N.		76,353		93,967	17,099
Broad Top.		298,134	3,998	377,491	79,353
Shamokin.	4,630	282,612	7,613	318,183	35,272
Trevorton.	162	60,636	512	65,096	4,100
Sh. Mt.	770	77,998	270	68,021	49,887
Lykens Val.	421	63,674	678	60,682	43,092
	27,240	9,736,433	40,119	10,108,532	
			27,240	9,736,433	
			12,869	452,399	

Coal Trade for 1864-65.

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