THE CITY.

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FEBRUARY 4, 1863.	FEBRUARY 4, 1864.
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New organization.—22d Regiment U. S. Colored troops, infantry, 106.

New organization.—25th Regiment U. S. Colored troops, infantry, 271.

New organization.—183d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, infantry, 331.

New organization.—Provost Guard Battalion of Philadelphia, infantry, 91.

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New organization.—Nevins' battery, artillery, 19.

Old organizations.—By recruiting officers, 691.

Old organizations.—Provost Marshals, 1,003.

For the regular army, 34.

Making the following totals for new organizations.—Infantry, 1,167; cavalry, 562; artillery, 19; total, 1,748; total for old organizations, 1,728; grand total, 3,476.

The above number were from the following counties, towns, wards, &c.:

Old Regiments—First ward, 10; Second, 3; Third, 5; Fourth, 1; Sixth, 12; Seventh, 94; Eighth, 32; Ninth, 1; Tenth, 93; Eleventh, 37; Twelfth, 10; Thirteenth, 6; Fourteenth, 12; Fifteenth, 176; Sixteenth, 19; Seventeenth, 5; Eighteenth, 10; Nineteenth, 4; Twentieth, 17; Twenty-second, 73; Twenty-third, 37; Twenty-fourth, 16; Twenty-fifth, 11; Mount Joy, Lancaster county, 1; North ward, Columbia, 1; Thirty-first sub-district, Lancaster county, 3; E. Lampeter township, 6.

Enlisted and mustered in by Provost Marshals, Philadelphia—First Ward, 3; Second, 1; Third, 46; Fifth, 42; Sixth, 54; Seventh, 59; Eighth, 63; Ninth, 5; Tenth, 29; Eleventh, 10; Twelfth, 44; Thirteenth, 21; Fourteenth, 31; Fifteenth, 47; Sixteenth, 46; Seventeenth, 39; Eighteenth, 56; Twentieth, 94; Twenty-first, 9; Twenty-second, 14; Twenty-third, 40; Twenty-fifth, 7.

First ward, Allentown, 7; Third, 1; Fourth, 2; Emaus' ward, 2; Millerstown, 5; Bushkill ward, Easton, 15; Lehigh, 15; West, 15; Chester county, 3; N. E. ward, Lancaster, 23.

Thirty-third sub-district—Ninth district, 14; Sixteenth, 26; Forty-third, 4; Fifty first, 5; Fortieth, 16; Thirty-first, 23; Twenty-third, 26; Second, 1; Thirty-fourth, 22; Twenty-fourth, 3; Forty-fourth, 8; Fifty-second, 9; N. W. ward, Pottsville, 2; Tremont township, Schuylkill county, 4; New Castle, 9; Wyoming, 1; Scranton, 1; Carbondale, 1.

183d Pennsylvania Volunteers—Sixth ward, 1; Seventh, 142; Tenth, 26; Twelfth, 5; Thirteenth; 56; Fourteenth, 33; Fifteenth, 1; Sixteenth, 6; Eighteenth, 45; Twentieth, 1; Twenty-fifth, 23.

Provost Guard Battalion—Twelfth ward, 80; Twenty-second, 1.

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Twenty-fifth Regiment U. S. Colored Troops—Sixth ward, 1; Eighth, 1; Tenth, 1; Fifteenth, 3; Eighteenth, 1; Twentieth, 1; Twenty-third, 1.

New recruits for re-enlisted six months' cavalry—Second ward, 5; Fourth, 1; Fifth, 4; Sixth, 1; Seventh, 44; Eighth, 104; Ninth, 3; Tenth, 63; Eleventh, 10; Twelfth, 6; Fourteenth, 1; Fifteenth, 27; Fifteenth, 17; Sixteenth, 20; Seventeenth, 57; Eighteenth, 15; Nineteenth, 1; Twentieth, 13; Twenty-second, 50; Twenty-third, 38; Twenty-fourth, 1; Twenty-fifth, 12.

Nevins' Artillery Battery.—Seventh ward, 14; Tenth, 1; Twelfth, 1; Twenty-second, 1.

New recruits for re-enlisted six months' infantry.—Second ward, 1; Seventh, 6; Tenth, 9; Eleventh, 45; Twelfth, 66; Thirteenth, 18; Fourteenth, 1; Sixteenth, 3; Seventeenth, 4; Eighteenth, 82; Twentieth, 24; Twenty-second, 11; Twenty-third, 1.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.—The following are the questions which were asked yesterday morning at the examination now proceeding at the *Boys' Central High School:*

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God made the country, and man made the town.
What *wonder, then*, that health and virtue—*gifts*
That can alone make sweet the bitter state,
That life holds out to all—should most abound,
And least be *threatened*, in the fields and groves!
Our groves were planted to afford you *shade*
The pensive wanderer in their shades. At eve,
The moonbeam, *sliding softly in* between
The sleeping leaves, is all the light they wish—
Sweet, warbling, all the music. We can spare
The splendor of your lamps; they *but* eclipse
Our softer satellite.

The exercises at the Normal School were as follows:

CONSTITUTION.—1. To whom is a Senator from N. York accountable for his discussions in our National Legislature? State how each Congressman's responsibility is secured.

2. Write the clause verbatim relating to the election of Vice President.

3. State an instance in which the proceedings of the State Legislature should be suited to the operations of the Congress of the United States.

4. Is Congress unrestricted in its right to add new States to our Republic? Support your answer by the Constitution.

5. Give all the instances in Article 1st in which a two-third vote is required.

6. Why should the National Judiciary have power to decide a case arising under the Constitution?

7. Quote the clause which decides what is the supreme law of our country.

8. What is the object of the provision that vessels bound from one State shall not be compelled to pay duties in another State?

9. If the judge of the Supreme Court should relinquish his position at the present time, how would this important post be filled?

10. What would be necessary to obtain money from the National funds to improve the defences of Philadelphia?

Give constitutional authority for your answer.

The following words were given out as an exercise in spelling:

Fowled, Kelpy, Hemorrhage, Gnemon, Philippics, Limn, Quincy, Incinnati, Fuschia, Soleos, Quay, Chattanooga, Couch, Sobriquet, Pyrotechnics, Yawing, Sedan, Seoul, Seine, Reseed, Reign, Rhode, Jicparidze, Chloroform, Heinous, Calendar, Guinsier.

In addition to the above, the following exercise was given to be properly punctuated:

Luther outstripped in elevation the highest of the Saxon Alps. The stern purity of John Calvin swee me more than Blanc clothed in ice and snow. Cranmer towers higher than the Derby Peak. John Knox impresses me more than Ben Nevis ever did. The stalwart men of the Puritan age impress me more powerfully with a loftier mien than the statelliest of our stately oaks. I should like much to see the banyan, the bread fruit, the palm, the ferns of the islands of the Pacific; but I may get greater good by reading the life of the martyr of Erromango.

RETURN OF ANOTHER REGIMENT.—The 88th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Ballier, returned yesterday, having been mustered out of service. They were received by a Committee of Councils (of which Mr. Frank C. Wolbert is chairman), with Rigdelph's Band, the Henry Clay Guards, Captain Dwyer, with the Liberty Cornet Band, convalescent soldiers from the Nicetown Hospital, with Hospital Band, the committee of reception appointed by the citizens of the Eleventh and Twelfth wards, and a large concourse of friends and citizens generally.

The route of procession was as follows: From the depôt to Prime street, down Prime street to Passyunk road, down Passyunk road to Federal, down Federal to Fifth, up Fifth to Prime, down Prime to the Union Citizens' Refreshment Saloon. From there to Third street, up third to Pine, up Pine to Eighth, up Eighth to Spruce, down Spruce to Third, up Third to Vine, up Vine to Fifth, up Fifth to Coates, down Coates to Fourth, down Fourth to Callowhill, down Callowhill to Third, up Third to their headquarters, Northern Military Hall, Third street, below Green.

The route presented a very fine appearance, and created much enthusiasm along the route of the procession.

A PLEASANT OCCASION.—Yesterday a very pleasing scene occurred at Sansom street Hall. The occasion was a supper to the men of Co. A, 183d Regiment, P. V., who presented each of their officers with a handsome sword. The sword of Lieut. Kerr was a magnificent specimen of workmanship. The golden scabbard was elaborately ornamented in relief, and the grip ivory, pearl, and ornaments, capped by a golden eagle, holding in his beaks a gold star, from which sparkled a single diamond. The blade, figured with gold, bore the motto, "Never sheath, render," particularly appropriate to this young hero of so many hard-fought battles of the Army of the Potomac. This sword, belt, and gloves, and all of the finest quality, were enclosed in a rich rosewood box.

The swords for Lieutenants De Gour and Keyser were also very beautiful, the scabbards being of silver, the grips ivory, all richly mounted, and the blades handsomely embossed, with the names of the recipients in old English, each sword having a suitable inscription. The whole affair was highly creditable to all parties interested, no less than to the well-known manufacturers, Messrs. C. W. Simons & Brother, of Sansom street, to whom the presentation committee confided the getting up of these testimonials.

A GOOD MOVEMENT.—We understand that the Third Reformed Dutch Church, corner of Tenth and Filbert streets, (Rev. Dr. Wortman, pastor,) have made arrangements for paying off their debt, consisting of a ground rent of about $18,000, a large amount of which is already in the treasury. The people have taken hold of the matter most earnestly and liberally, determined to see it successfully through. The work will probably be consummated in a few days. One lady of the congregation, well known for her liberality, has subscribed $3,500, and many others have given with an equal generousness according to their ability. This is as it should be.

WILL ARRIVE.—The 88th Regiment of Pennsylvania Volunteers is expected to arrive in this city shortly, from Culpeper, Va., where it is now stationed. They belong to the 1st Army Corps, and have participated in ten battles—commencing with Cedar Mountain and ending with Mine Run. They left the city 900 strong, and now number about 250 men. Nearly all of this number have re-enlisted. Lieutenant Colonel Wagner is the highest officer in the regiment, but was detached from it and ordered to command the post near Chelten Hill, where the colored recruits are sent to. The regiment is at present under the charge of Captain Steeper. A meeting of the friends of this regiment will be held in this city when the time of their arrival is positively known.

FRED'K A. VAN CLEVE, Esq., chairman of the Exemption Committee of the Fourteenth ward, informs us that the committee will continue its sessions, at Spring Garden Hall, every evening this week, from 7 to 9 o'clock. Any person desirous of escaping the draft in this ward, by the payment of twenty dollars, had better call immediately. Several thousand dollars are yet wanted to effect this desirable result.

TWENTY-FOURTH WARD WAR MEETING.—A mass meeting, convened by Professor Saunders, chairman, will be held to-night, in Commissioners' Hall, Thirty-seventh and Market streets, West Philadelphia. Able speakers have been secured. All similar meetings in the Twenty-fourth ward, we have reason to know, have been large, enthusiastic, and efficient.

MARINE DISASTER.—The brig John Barnard, Capt. Jamieson, from Cardenas via Turk's Island, loaded with sugar and salt, before reported ashore near Cape Henlopen, where she filled, has been taken off and towed up to this city by the steamtug Maj. Breverton, where she arrived yesterday morning. She will be immediately repaired.

DROWNED.—Coroner Taylor held an inquest, yesterday, on the body of a young man, named James Muller, who fell overboard at Christian-street wharf and was drowned. A verdict of accidental drowning was rendered. The body was taken home by his brother.

THE COLORED CAMP.—A full band is shortly expected to be permanently stationed at the camp for colored troops, near the City Line station. Strict an account has long been denied, as there has been none there since it was established.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Last evening a man fell overboard at Market street wharf, and would have drowned, had it not been for some police officers, who were near at hand, and rescued him. He was taken to the Sixth ward station-house.

WESLEYAN LITERARY ASSOCIATION.—The semi-annual election of officers of this association was held at their appointed place of meeting on the 1st inst. The following officers were elected to serve for six months, viz: President, J. Morton Thomas; Vice President, John D Murphy; Secretary, John McClintock; Assistant Secretary, Samuel S. Childs; Corresponding Secretary, Thomas C. Martin; Treasurer, James M. Lamon; Librarian, A. Webster. This association is at present in a flourishing condition, possessing an extensive library, consisting of the works of standard authors, and having a treasury comfortably filled with money, the principal part of which is expended in the purchase of books. The trustees of the Kensington M. E. Church, corner of Richmond and Marlborough streets, have generously tendered them the use of part of their handsome and comfortable edifice for their meetings, which are held every Monday evening. It is the object of this association to receive into membership none but persons of sterling morality and integrity.

CITY COUNCILS.

The regular stated meeting of both branches of the City Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT BRANCH.

President LEAMING (U.) in the chair.

The journal of the last stated and special meetings was then read.

Mr. NICHOLSON (O.) said that as the chairman of the committee on the reception of the 88th Regiment P. V. had extended an invitation to the president and members of Select Council to participate in the reception, and it was to take place shortly after four o'clock, he moved that the Chamber adjourn to do so.

Mr. MILLER (U.) said that if the Chamber adjourn it will prevent the passage of the bill from Common Council, extending the city bounty, and, therefore, would prevent recruiting. The effect of it would be that New Jersey would obtain all these men. Let us pass this bill first.

Mr. UHLER (U.) said we should wait till they do come before we adjourn. He had been on committees when he was required to wait several hours beyond the stated time of arrival. Why should this Council be present at the reception of this particular regiment, when those who arrived previously were not attended to? One is as good as another. He felt it was his duty to do honor to those who are going out, by passing this bounty bill.

No action was taken at this time on the motion to adjourn.

Mr. KING (O.) presented a protest, signed by the minority members of the Select Branch, against the action of that Chamber, in meeting Common Council in joint convention on Monday last, to elect the directors of the Philadelphia and Erie and North Pennsylvania Railroads. The protest states that it was not held at the regular stated meeting, according to law, or within the time prescribed by law. It was held at the request of the President contrary to all former precedents, and without the consent of a quorum of members. It was done by a minority of this Chamber, without law and order. It was a violation of rights and privileges, and subversive of law and order. The protest was signed by nine of the Opposition members.

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NAYS—Messrs. Adams, Billington, Brady, Briggs, Cresswell, Eckstein, Everman, Gray, Haines, Oram, Peale, Stokley, Sulger, Vankirk, and Harper, President—15.

The ordinance was then adopted.

Mr. GRAY submitted a number of ordinances, advancing salaries in the various departments, which were adopted—viz: city commissioners' office—salary of the clerk, $1,200; messenger, $600; police—superintendent of police and fire alarm telegraph, $1,500; assistant superintendent, $1,100; assistant clerk of the mayor, $1,100; city controller's office—to auditing clerks, $1,000; receiver of taxes office—chief clerk, $1,500; search clerks, $1,000; messenger, $800.

Mr. CRESWELL (U.) submitted a report upon the sinking funds of the Gas Trust, showing the total amount of securities for account of the sinking funds of Philadelphia Gas Works, $989,300; on account of sinking fund of the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, $11,190; Germantown Gas Company, $8,800; Manayunk, $7,000, and Richmond Gas Company, $1,300—total, $1,017,290.

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Mr. CRAWFORD (O.) offered the following:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, That the Committee on City and Defence be directed to communicate with his Excellency, Andrew Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania, and ascertain if there is any order from the War Department by which our citizens can learn the exact quota of each ward, and the city of Philadelphia; and if so, furnish a copy of the proclamation of the President of the United States, dated October 17th, 1863, and February 1, 1864, in order that the Councils of Philadelphia may take prompt measures to provide a loan, or otherwise legislate to pay the bounty, in order to secure the said quota as soon as this is authoritatively known.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Defence.

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The ordinance was then adopted.

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Mr. CRESWELL (U.) submitted a report upon the sinking funds of the Gas Trust, showing the total amount of securities for account of the sinking funds of Philadelphia Gas Works, $989,300; on account of sinking fund of the Southwark and Moyamensing Gas Company, $11,190; Germantown Gas Company, $8,800; Manayunk, $7,000, and Richmond Gas Company, $1,300—total, $1,017,290.

Mr. BRIGGS (U.) offered a resolution authorizing the construction of a railway in the vicinity of the premises of M. W. Baldwin & Co. Agreed to.

Mr. MARCER (U.) offered a resolution requesting Select Council to meet in joint Convention on Thursday, February 11th, for the purpose of electing heads of departments. Adopted.

Mr. CRAWFORD (O.) offered the following:

Resolved, by the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, That the Committee on City and Defence be directed to communicate with his Excellency, Andrew Curtin, Governor of Pennsylvania, and ascertain if there is any order from the War Department by which our citizens can learn the exact quota of each ward, and the city of Philadelphia; and if so, furnish a copy of the proclamation of the President of the United States, dated October 17th, 1863, and February 1, 1864, in order that the Councils of Philadelphia may take prompt measures to provide a loan, or otherwise legislate to pay the bounty, in order to secure the said quota as soon as this is authoritatively known.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Defence.

Mr. LOUGHLIN submitted the formal protest of the Democratic members of Common Council against the action of Council in admitting Mr. McCurdy as a representative from the Twenty-fourth ward.

Mr. WETHERILL (U.) said the protest states that it was not held at the regular stated meeting, according to law, or within the time prescribed by law. It was held at the request of the President contrary to all former precedents, and without the consent of a quorum of members. It was done by a minority of this Chamber, without law and order. It was a violation of rights and privileges, and subversive of law and order. The protest was signed by nine of the Opposition members.

The PRESIDENT said he would not refuse to enter the protest upon the journal, although in his opinion it was very disrespectful.

Mr. BRIGHTLY (O.) moved that it be entered on the journal. He then spoke for some time against the action of Select Council at the special meeting held Monday, maintaining that it was all contrary to law.

Mr. WETHERILL (U.) said it was evidently an error, as set forth in the protest. A special meeting was called for a special purpose, and the reason for doing so was that if it had been deferred till the next meeting it would have been too late. A quorum of members attended to what was called.

Mr. NICHOLSON (O.) said there is a law which cannot be altered. It gives a person the right to enlist in the place he desires. Members of some wards are negligent in collecting money to secure bounties, is their own lookout, and Councils had nothing to do with it. The protest should pay a high premium.

After considerable debate the bill was concurred in without a dissenting voice.

Mr. WETHERILL (U.), on leave, offered a resolution of instruction to the Committee on Finance and Protection, to inform Select Council what steps should be adopted whereby the distribution of men and money would be equally divided. Agreed to.

Mr. MILLER (U.) offered a resolution to encourage volunteering, as follows: It pledges the city to continue the payment of such bounties as may be proper from time to time so long as a draft can be prevented, or till the war ends, believing that it is proper and right that those who do not themselves enlist should be generous to those who peril their lives for their country. Agreed to.

Mr. ZANE (U.), on leave, offered a resolution of instruction to the Committee on Protection and Defence to present, at the next stated meeting, an ordinance fixing a heavy penalty on any person or persons who are found selling the warrants or certificates of payments to soldiers at a discount. Referred to that committee.

The election of trustees of gas works was postponed till four o'clock next Thursday.

Mr. DAVIS (U.), chairman of the Committee on Water Works, presented an ordinance making an appropriation of $6,236 60 to the department for supplying the city with water, for the purpose of paying certain unpaid bills for the year 1863. Agreed to.

Mr. MILLER (U.), chairman of the Committee on Protection and Defence, presented an ordinance appropriating the sum of $15,000 to the trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, as a reimbursement to them for loaning the city the same amount, for the purpose of paying the families of volunteers.

Mr. WETHERILL (U.) offered an amendment to the same, to the effect that the money be reimbursed from the appropriation made for the relieving of the families of volunteers. Agreed to.

The ordinance as amended passed.

A lengthy report from the same committee was received relative to the survey of the city under Professor Bache, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. ZANE (U.) offered an ordinance appropriating the sum of $1,000 for the purpose of printing a manual for the use of the members of Councils. Referred to the Committee on Printing and Supplies.

Mr. DAVIS (U.) offered an ordinance authorizing the opening of North and Carlisle streets, which was referred to the Committee on Highways.

Mr. MILLER (U.) offered an ordinance appropriating the sum of $1,000 to supply the police stationhouses in this city with surgical instruments and stretchers for wounded persons, to be kept under the supervision of the Committee on Health. Agreed to.

Mr. MILLER (U.) presented a resolution of instruction to the Committee on Finance to take into consideration the report of the committee appointed to verify the accounts of the City Treasurer on the 10th of December, 1863, and report whether any or what action could be taken in the matter.

He said that there was a $4,000 interest on this money, which had not been accounted for. The City Treasurer denied that it was not the city money, but he thought he did not deny that it was not the public money.

The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. ZANE (U.) called up the resolution locating certain companies of fire-engine companies, which was postponed from the last meeting.

The Washington Engines, of Frankford and Germantown, and the Western Engine Company, of this city, were added; and, on motion, the resolution was indefinitely postponed.

The resolution from Common Council, increasing the salaries of the clerks in the office of the Receiver of Taxes, was concurred in, and also the one increasing the salaries of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, and the assistant clerk of the Mayor.

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A motion was then made to increase the League Island Committee from five to eight, which, after a long debate, was withdrawn, and the Chamber adjourned.

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A petition was presented from the Reliance Fire Company, asking to be located as a steam fire-engine.

Mr. KERR, a petition for a bridge over the Schuylkill at South street.

One for the opening of Morris street, and others of minor import.

Mr. MARCER presented the resignation of Mr. John S. Painter, late of the Sixteenth ward, which was read and accepted. Mr. F. assigns as his reason for resigning his removal to another ward.

Mr. GRAY (U.), from the Committee on Finance, made a report on the subject of extending the city bounty to volunteers. A communication was enclosed from Mr. Dawson, secretary of the Bounty Fund Commission, in which it was stated that there had already been paid out 4,463 bounties, of which only a few hundred were re-enlisting veterans. The muster-rolls of the latter were now beginning to come in. New recruits were presenting themselves at the rate 150 to 200 per day. In order that all who offer may receive the bounty, it is necessary to make a further appropriation. The committee recommend the adoption of an ordinance making an appropriation of two millions of dollars.

Mr. KERR (O.) moved an amendment to make the sum $3,625,000. The quota of the city, as estimated, was 19,500 men. There were yet 14,500 to be provided for, and, at $250 for each, an appropriation would be required equal to that which he proposed.

Mr. LONGSHORE (O.) favored the amendment, on the ground that it would fill up the quota of Philadelphia entirely by volunteers.

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