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THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 27, 1860.

CITY AFFAIRS.

☞ *Remember the Orphans.*—The Annual Fair for the benefit of St. Paul's R. C. Orphan Asylum, will open at City Hall on Friday Evening, December 31st, and continue for two weeks. Admission 10 cents.

☞ THE SICK AND THE ORPHAN.—The Annual Festival for the aid of the Infirmary and the Orphan's Farm School, opened in Concert Hall, Fifth street, on the 24th inst., and will continue every day and evening during the week. Admission 10 cents, to pay rent of Hall.

ADVERTISE! ADVERTISE!—As the Holidays have come, those who have Goods suitable for GIFTS, &c., should let the public know what they are and where they may be had on the most favorable terms, that good selections may be made for that purpose, in pursuance of a time-honored custom. There is no medium through which this may be done to better advantage than the columns of the Old GAZETTE. Try it. It will pay!

The Public Meeting on the 25th.

In pursuance of a call numerously signed, a public meeting was convened at the Mayor's Office on Tuesday afternoon, to consider the startling information that the munitions of war in the Arsenal near this city were about to be transferred, under an urgent order of the Secretary of War, to Southern military posts. Great excitement having seized the public mind upon the receipt of this intelligence, the streets were thronged by anxious and excited inquirers. Whilst the small and faithful garrison of Fort Moultrie, in the harbor of Charleston, were denied reinforcement by the traitor, at the head of the Government, here at the North it seemed our public depositories of arms were to be despoiled and transferred to States threatening immediate secession from the Union and treason against the Republic. Under such circumstances it was not to be wondered at that on a holiday like Christmas, great agitation should prevail and loud threats of popular interposition to prevent their removal by an act of unauthorized power. Under this view of the subject and for the purpose of inquiring into the facts of the case, as well as to derive calm and judicious action should the exigency demand, the meeting was organized by the unanimous call of Gen. W. M. ROBINSON, to the Chair as President.

Vice Presidents—Hon. WM. F. JOHNSON, Hon. CHARLES SHALER, Col. EDWARD SIMPSON, Mr. R. H. J. PATTERSON.

Secretaries—Col. J. H. FOSTER, Mr. S. F. VONBONNHORST, Mr. G. W. BROWNING.

The call of the meeting having been read, Governor Johnston addressed the meeting in a calm and dignified exposition of the wanton dereliction of duty of our President, of the United States, in view of the threatening aspect of public affairs and the overt acts of treason on the part of South Carolina, containing, at the same time, great circumspection in any movement on the part of the people which might bear even the semblance of any breach of law to arrest the contemplated removal of the public arms of the United States, but rather that inquiries should be made at Washington of the aim and object of their removal, and suggesting a demand upon the President of the United States that the order should be countermanded without delay.

Mr. Thomas Williams followed in a manly denunciation of the President and Secretary of War, and viewed the order for the removal of the public arms from the North to Southern garrisons as but another link in the catalogue of treason which had characterized the recent acts of the administration, and resolute determination that the arms should not be removed out of the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

Judge Shaler was also emphatic in his denunciation of the antimonly order in question, but was inclined to consider the subject with coolness and moderation.

Gen. Robinson followed with a few remarks, after which Alderman Steel offered two resolutions, one of which, constituting a committee to telegraph to the President to countermand the order, and the other to make inquiry of the commanding officer at the Arsenal of the time of removal, were both adopted.

The committee to address the President of the United States, consisting of Hon. W. Wilkins, Gov. W. F. Johnston, Gen. Wm. Robinson, Hon. Thos. Williams and Judge Shaler, before leaving the hall transmitted the following telegraph to James Buchanan, President of the United States:

SIR:—An order issued by the War Department to transfer the effective munitions of war from the Arsenal in this city to Southern military posts, has created great excitement in the public mind. We would advise that the order be immediately countermanded. We speak at the instance of the people, and if not done, can not answer for the consequence.

(Signed,) WM. WILKINS,
W. F. JOHNSTON,
W. ROBINSON,
JAMES WILLIAMS,
CHARLES SHALER.

Copies in manuscript of this telegraph were also forwarded to the President, the Secretary of State, and Attorney General, with a request for an immediate answer which is looked for with some interest.

The other committee consisting of the Mayor, G. W. Jackson, Dr. McCandless, W. M. Hersh, waited on the Old war at the Arsenal, who stated that such was the order of the Department, and unless countermanded, would necessarily involve the discharge of that duty.

The following is a statement of the number and character of the guns named in the order, and the points to which they are to be transferred:—To the Fort at Ship Island 21 Columbiads of 10 inch calibre and the same number of 8 inch calibre. To Galveston, Texas, 23 Columbiads of 10 inch calibre, and 7 thirty-two pounders. These guns weigh in the aggregate 593 tons. The small arms removed, according to the statement of Major Taliaferro, are very few—so few that their removal could not be attributed to any sinister purpose. We understand, however, that a carpenter has been employed for some time back by the government authorities in making boxes to export guns, who alleges that he has made a large number, sufficient to hold an immense number of small arms.

The following call for a meeting was presented to Mayor Wilson:

To His Honor George Wilson, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh.—SIR: You are requested to call a meeting of the citizens of Pittsburgh and vicinity, at the earliest practicable period, for the purpose of expressing their opinions upon the act of the War Department in ordering the valuable ordnance in the Arsenal at this city to be forwarded to Southern posts; also, to take such action in the premises, either by memorializing the President upon the subject, or otherwise, as the exigency may seem to require. Respectfully,

J. K. Moorhead, R. Simpson, J. Marvin Foster, Thos. Robbins, Wm. Coxe, J. K. Montgomery, Wm. Marshall, Jr., John Gosney, C. H. Weber, David Reisner, Robert Patterson, R. H. J. Patterson, M. L. Kingsley, J. L. Russell, John Shaler, Geo. A. Ferguson, R. C. Phelps, Joseph Ukelings, Wm. Wade, W. C. Markwell, Robert Hill, Geo. W. Jackson, Joseph Dilworth, M. Brady, Jr., W. Bagley, Thos. Bagley, Pittsburgh, Dec 24, 1860.

In obedience to the wish thus expressed, Mayor Wilson has announced a meeting, as will be found in our advertising columns, to-day at 2 o'clock. By this morning's telegraph it will be seen that the War Department at Washington say they say "take no action with reference to the recent movements at Pittsburgh and Allegheny until official information is received from the Officer in charge of the arsenal there." It is also stated that the purchase of the cannon was long since made for the points whither they are to be removed, and without any reference to political occurrences whatever. This may change the aspect of affairs. No guns have been removed yet, but Major Taliaferro has made arrangements, we understand, to remove them to-day.

The undersigned committee, appointed at the informal meeting of the 25th instant, in relation to the removal of ordnance, munitions of war, small arms, &c., from the Allegheny Arsenal, desire to present the following authenticated statement concerning the same, most kindly them from the proper officers, who very kindly imparted all the information desired.

GEO. WILSON,
G. W. JACKSON,
ROB'T. H. PATTERSON,
A. G. M'CANDLESS,

ALLEGHENY ARSENAL,
Dec. 21st, 1860.

ROB'T. H. PATTERSON, Esq.—*Dear Sir:* Agreeable to request, I furnish herewith an abstract statement from the books in my office of the shipment of arms, ammunition and military stores since the 1st of July, 1860. These shipments have been made in accordance with the ordinary routine of business which has prevailed at this post for the past ten years.

In relation to the recent order for the shipment of manual to ports in the South, which appears to be the immediate cause of the present agitation and excitement among the citizens, I think that the clear and full explanations given your committee last evening, by Major Symington must have been entirely satisfactory. Sincerely hoping that the explanations made and the statements herewith furnished to your Committee may tend to allay the apprehensions and agitations of the community,

I remain very respectfully, your friend and obedient servant,

JOHN B. BUTLER,
Paymaster, &c., U. S. A.

To the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, Geo. W. Jackson, Robert H. Patterson and others.

Statement of stores shipped from the Allegheny Arsenal, since July 1st, 1860:

Where shipped.	Date.	Quantity.	Articles.
Do	Ky.	100 "	Rifle Muskets & accoutrements.
Do	Pa.	10 Rifles, 24 Rifle Muskets, 12 Pistols, 24 Swords, 46 sets Rifle and Musket Accoutrements and 8 sets of Horse Equipments.
Do	Ala.	114 Rifle Muskets and 150 sets of Musket Accoutrements.
Do	Miss.	14 Rifle muskets.
Do	Miss.	Machine for manufacturing Musket Balls, 1 Sword, 8 Swords and 1 Pistol.
Ft. Leavenworth	20	20 sets Horse Equipments, 100 Carbines, 200 Sabres for the Dragoon Regiment.
Leavenworth Arsenal, K. T.	20	20 sets Field Artillery Harness, 10 sets Field Carriage Implements, 125 sets of Horse Equipments.
Kansas Arsenal, San Antonio, Texas		1,000 Pistol Holsters, 200 sets Horse Equipments.
West Point, New York		25 Saddles.
Newport Barracks, Ky.		100 Rifle Muskets, 100 sets Musket Accoutrements.
Fort Jackson and St. Philip, La.		22 Pack Horses for Barbette Carriages.

The following are the numbers and weight of the canon ordered to be sent away:

For the Fort on Ship Island, Mississippi.

21	10 inch Columbiads	15,200 lbs. each	319,200	lbs.
23	8 " "	9,240 " "	191,960	"
4	32 Pounder Iron Guns	7,250 " "	29,000	"
	Total		539,000	"

For the Fort in Galveston Harbor, Texas.

23	10 inch Columbiads	15,200 lbs. each	349,600	"
23	" "	9,240 " "	443,520	"
7	32 Pounder Iron Guns	7,250 " "	50,750	"
	Total		843,870	"

Making a total of 1,376,870 lbs or nearly 688½ tons in all.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, with January, commenced its seventh volume. The Publishers announce that the new volume will contain features of remarkable interest and attractiveness. Among these, may be named, a new Novel, by Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe, Author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and "The Minister's Woolng." A new Novel, by Charles Reade. Author of "Christie Johnstone," and "Peg Woffington," etc. New Stories, by Harriett Prescott. Author of "The Amber Gods," and "Sir Rohan's Ghost." A new Romance, by the author of "Charles Auchester," and "Counterparts." Also, contributions in prose and poetry, by Henry W. Longfellow, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, Ralph Waldo Emerson, John G. Whittier, Bayard Taylor, Edwin P. Whipple, Henry Giles, Richard B. Kimball, George S. Hillard, Rose Terry, Rev. Dr. Bellows, Mrs. Fanny Kemble, Charles E. Norton, Winthrop Sargent, T. W. Higginson, J. T. Trowbridge, and other distinguished authors. Published by Ticknor & Fields, Boston, at $3 00 per annum.

Thanksgiving Sermon, by Rev. R. Hill. We received a copy of this sermon, delivered by the pastor of the First Lutheran Church, on Thanksgiving day. We had read it previous to getting the copy referred to, and were much pleased with the sentiments it contained. It reviews the condition of the country as confronted with its prospects at a more peaceful period, and alludes to the horrors of intestine war, should such a thing befall the country, but winds up with a noble expression of confidence in the perpetuity of the Union, and of a hope that the Supreme Arbiter of events will bring present disturbances to a peaceful and prosperous end.

CHRISTMAS.—The day passed off quite pleasantly, we presume, to those who made it a holiday. The streets were thronged with people, especially in the afternoon, when some of the thoroughfares in the vicinity of the toy stores and confectionaries were so crowded that it was impossible to pass along the pavements. The new hose carriage of the Allegheny Fire Company arrived about the middle of the day and was hauled around the city by the members, escorted by the members, with their hose carriages, of all the other fire companies. Two or three trifling disturbances occurred, but no arrests were made. The day was ushered in by a dense fall of snow, which at first threatened to diminish the pleasure of the holiday. It however ceased in good time for the ladies and young folks, besides giving those with fast horses and light cutters an opportunity to take a Christmas sleigh ride. The snow was not deep enough for good sleighing.

BURGLARY.—Thomas Stone made information against a man named Thompson, charging the latter with burglariously entering his house by means of certain instruments, and abstracting one dollar bill, two quarter dollars, in coin, six ten cent pieces, one three cent piece and a lot of coppers. Thompson was committed for trial at the proper term of Court. He bored a hole through the door of Stone's house, by that means unfastening it, and thus obtained an entrance.

DIARIES FOR 1861.—The place to buy Diaries is Hunt & Miner's, Fifth street, next to the Post Office. They have now the best assortment they have ever had, and sell them at much lower prices than ever they sold them before.

LECTURE ON COMMERCIAL LAW before the students of Duff's College, to-day, (Thursday) at 3½ o'clock, by W. T. Dunn, Esq., Attorney at Law—subject, "Contracts of Sales." A number of highly interesting recent legal decisions will be cited.

ATTENTION, COMPANY!—The Republicans of the 4th Ward, Pittsburgh, will meet in the School House, *this evening* at 7 o'clock, to nominate Ward officers.

MR. THOMAS MAXWELL, an old and tried Republican, is up for Constable in the 4th Ward. Mr. Maxwell has served in this office for some years, and has always proved himself an efficient officer.

THE Pittsburgh Almanac, for 1861, with Hill's calculations. The edition of this popular almanac is nearly all sold. Dealers wishing them had better order soon.

HOLIDAY BOOKS AT COST.—Hunt & Miner will close out the balance of their holiday books cost, at cost.

[For the Daily Pittsburgh Gazette.]

PROPHETIC CALCULATIONS.

MESSRS. EDITORS:—I send you the following brief extracts from a curious production, which was originally published in the North-Western *Orient*, at Waukegan, Ill., in the spring of 1856, and afterward copied into other papers—files of which I have in my possession:

"These United States are about to be scourged with a sanguinary civil war. * * * * * * * * This seat of war will be transferred to the South. Confusion will arise among themselves. They will become reduced by internal broils between different factions of their inhabitants and masses. A President will be elected who will yield them the patronage of government, with the army, navy and war munitions. Anarchy, will confusion, and a painful period of insecurity will succeed the present state of order and tranquility."

"The autumn of '56 will afford the last President that will be elected under the constitution, and he will not fulfill his term. Then clouds, dark and portentious, shall close around and above us; with one united voice the supplication will ascend, Help! help! or we perish. Then will angelic hosts rally to the rescue. * * * * * * * A youth will then appear commanding public attention. By acclamation he will be chosen to preside. Upon him will devolve the duty to arrest violence, and restore order from chaos, and he will prove adequate to the task. 'The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him—the spirit of wisdom and understanding.' He will be the type of a perfect man, complete in form and appointments. He is the pattern to which the race will ultimately attain."

"In 1860 troubles will have seriously thickened. In '66 the apex will have been attained. Our agonies will be protracted and severe; but they will have a termination. We must first be purged—then we may administer to others."

"Europe, Asia and Africa will also be scourged by wars; pestilence and famine. * * * * * * * The wars will be exceedingly sanguinary and protracted, and finally result in a universal, general jail delivery from religious and political despotism, from ancestral bigotry and from all violence and injustice. * * * * * * * * * * * *

"We are approaching a crisis. Nature's labor throes to produce 'a new Heaven and a new Earth' must first be encountered; and, when the paroxysm is past, restoratives will be wisely administered. * * * * * * * * * * *