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SATURDAY, MORNING, JAN. 4, 1862.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the *Gazette*, by G. E. SHAW, Optician, 55 Fifth street,—corrected daily:

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Bayard Taylor's Lecture on Monday Evening.

By an announcement in another column, we find that BAYARD TAYLOR, Esq., will, on Monday evening, deliver a lecture on "*The American People Socially and Politically.*" We doubt not that a large number of our citizens will make arrangements to be in Lafayette Hall, on that evening, to hear Mr. TAYLOR on a subject so interesting at any time, but more so, if possible, than ever, at the present time, when our fate or fortune forces us to think of ourselves comparatively —"not comparing ourselves with ourselves," (a practice that is under the ban of apostolic condemnation,) but measuring ourselves *with* other nations, as a preparative *measure* to that which we may haply be forced to come to at last, to wit: *measuring* ourselves *against* them! Who should be abler to help us to a correct view of the American People in all their characteristics, social and political, than the most widely traveled American living? But besides having traveled widely in almost *every quarter* of the globe, Mr. Taylor is a close observer of men and manners, and a charming describer of them. We therefore conclude that he is eminently qualified to treat the interesting and timely subject on which he is to lecture, with all the advantages which his natural taste and faculty for observation, for collecting and comparing the striking differential facts that distinguish races and nationalities, and for drawing a vivid, life-like picture of the scenes which he recalls, give him over many other contemporary travellers. To give our readers timely notice of the inviting theme which Mr. Taylor will present on Monday evening, we refer to the subject this morning—and doubt not that a crowded audience will greet the distinguished lecturer, eager to hear what a great traveler in other lands has to say about the people of his own.

Soldiers' Religious Aid Committee.

The Committee appointed by the large Union meeting held on Monday evening last, in the Second United Presbyterian Church, for the purpose of "inaugerating some efficient plan for supplying the religious wants of the army," desire to inform the christian public that they have organized and commenced the work assigned them.

They find the sphere of their duties a large one, and earnestly bespeak your sympathy, your prayers, and your hearty co-operation. Something has already been accomplished, but the *great work* is all before us. We *must*, as we love our country, our own firesides, our friends, and above all the cause of our Master, save the soldier, so far as in our power, from the demoralizing influences of the camp. The Committee request:

First—That the pastors of the various churches within the cities and county appoint a Weekly Soldier's Prayer Meeting; and, further, that during the coming week of world-wide prayer, those who have gone from our midst should be often and especially remembered in our approaches to Almighty God.

Second—That a collection be taken up in each church on the second Sabbath of January, or as soon thereafter as may be, and the sums raised be forwarded to D. Robinson, Treasurer of the Committee—address: Commercial Bank, Fourth street, Pittsburgh.

Third—The Committee will thankfully receive donations of books, religious, moral and historical, and papers of a religious and moral character, to be forwarded to supply "camp libraries," and furnish hospital reading. Sabbath schools throughout the county are earnestly appealed to remember fathers and brothers away on the battle field. Donations of this class may be left at the store of Brown & Kirkpatrick, 175 Liberty street.

M. B. BROWN, *Chairman*
Soldiers' Religious Aid Com. for Alleg'y Co.

Our Book Table.

"Hickory Hall; or, The Outcast: A Romance of the Blue Ridge. By Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth. Philadelphia: T. B. Peterson & Brothers; Pittsburgh: For sale by W. A. Gildenfenny, No. 45 Fifth street, near Wood. Price, 50 cents."

The admirers of Mrs. Southworth will be glad to receive a new work from her prolific pen,—and especially so with the assurance which endorses the volume before us—that it is "equal to anything ever before written by her." Besides the commendations to which the authoress may be entitled, we are happy to say that both in type and paper this novel is far superior to the ordinary cheap publications, in which people are invited to find such amusement as their fancy may crave, at the expense of some present torture, and perhaps lasting injury, to their eyesight.

Mr. HENRY MEARS, Fifth street, has also received this work of Mrs. Southworth's—and keeps Peterson's publications constantly for sale in Pittsburgh.

The Western University.

This institution will re-open on the 6th instant. Such arrangements exist there that every class and every pupil receives all the attention they need, which cannot be where all the sciences and various languages are taught by a single individual. While they profess to impart information, they also especially endeavor to teach the pupils to use their own powers. With a large corps of Professors, spacious rooms, every facility for illustrating the different branches of science, and a well furnished gymnasium to promote health, the best advantages are afforded to all who wish to study either the preparatory, scientific or collegiate course.

Death of Pennsylvania Soldiers.

The following Pennsylvania soldiers have died in the vicinity of Washington since last report:

Samuel Willison, company E, Fourth cavalry, at camp; Franklin J. Parsing, company D, Fifty-seventh volunteers, at camp; Thos. C. Wykoff, company I, Fifty-seventh volunteers, at camp; Samuel Dout, company G, Twenty-third volunteers, at camp; Elias Neiss, teamster, company F, Twenty-third volunteers, at camp; Mark Wanner, company E, First artillery, at Seminary Hospital; Amos Bushman, company D, First volunteers, at Columbian College Hospital; Louis Eisele, company B, Fortieth volunteers, at camp.

WOMAN ARRESTED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT MONEY.—A woman, whose name we suppress out of respect for her family, was arrested yesterday evening by the Mayor's police, for attempting to pass a counterfeit $10 bill on the Bank of Royalton, Vermont, on Mr. Simon Johnston, druggist. She had purchased a quantity of medicine, for which she tendered the counterfeit note in payment. Mr. Johnston had her arrested and taken to the Mayor's office, where she entered bail for a hearing, which takes place to-day. She denied having any knowledge of its being bogus, and alleges that she received it from her brother.

IMPROVED WATER FILTER AND COOLER.—Mr. F. A. Sherry, agent for the sale of "Dunshee's Improved Water Filter and Cooler," will be in this city next week, for the purpose of disposing of rights under the patent. The inventor resides in McKeesport, and claims to have perfected an apparatus which will purify the foulest water, either salt or fresh. The agent will hereafter notify the public where the "Filter and Cooler" can be seen.

FIFTH WARD NOMINATIONS.—The following nominations have been made in the Fifth Ward, Second Precinct: Judge of Election, Frederick Willbarine; Inspector of Election, John McElroy; Select Council, Richard Thompson; Common Council, Robert A. Colvill, Fred. Kersch, Robt. J. McGowan; Assessor, Joseph Irwin; School Director, Joseph Kaye; Constable, Wm. J. McFredrict.

NOT TRUE.—The report that the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad had passed into the hands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, is untrue. The lease has not been signed, the subject having been postponed until to-day.

FROM YESTERDAY'S EVENING GAZETTE.

Republican Ward Committees.

At a meeting of the Republican Executive Committee held on Thursday, the following Committees of Vigilance were appointed for the several wards. It is to be hoped the persons named will attend the polls in their respective wards, on the day of election, and carefully see that the votes are all brought out, and the tickets properly distributed, and that they severally use their best exertions for the election of the Republican ticket:

First Ward—Geo. Wilson, R. C. Elliott, John Gracey, Geo. Humbert, Jas. Kennedy, Andrew Humbert, W. Patterson, R. S. Burkhimer, Thos. Rees, J. M. Roberts, D. Fitzsimmons.

Second Ward—Wm. Phillips, Thos. Steel, John L. Boyd, Samuel Barnes, W. Woods, Aaron Floyd, Ferd. E. Volz, Geo. Wilson, Alegernon S. Bell, Minas Tindle, Robert Rodgers, Albert Howard, Jas. Vick, Alex. Reed, Jas. S. Laughlin.

Third Ward—Jos. Lewis, Henry Haley, Jno. Paul, A. M. Brown, David Simms, Joseph Hastings, Wm. Simpson, Jno. Small, George Glass, Chas. Crosby, Jos. Hays, Jas. S. Sutherland, William Smith, Jno. Strain, Andrew Simms.

Fourth Ward—John Hare, Harvey Donaldson, Jno. Maguire, J. McMichael, Jno. Curts, Geo. Ogden, jr., N. McDonald, W. T. Ferguson, Geo. O. Sessions, Geo. F. Schuchman, Dawson McGowan, Rowan McClure, John Davis, jr., Wm. Lavely, Robt. J. Anderson.

Fifth Ward—Joseph French, James Taylor, Joseph Schmidt, George Caughey, Richard Thompson, Thomas S. Blair, Wm. Crawford, Daniel Herwig, Wm. Seibert, George Hill, George Speer, John Graham, Edward Kaye, James Scott, W. Bowers.

Sixth Ward—Alex. Summers, John Wallace, James L. Kerr, Joseph Butler, Theodore Robbins, Thomas Carr, David Warden, Jared M. Brush, William Dithridge, John Scott, John Phillips, John Ward, George Ward, Gustavus Thumm, George Lamborn.

Seventh Ward—James M. Sheets, Robert Sproul, James Robb, Robert Thompson, Hugh Young, Charles W. Hubbard, Jacob Roll, William Moore, C. Sackett, Adam Weaver, George Gumbert, Henry Snively, Edward Doty, M. K. Moorhead, W. C. McCarthy.

Eighth Ward—Robert Coward, James McWhinney, Lewis Garber, Joseph Caskey, Joseph Little, Jacob Keebler, Christian King, Joseph Stetler, Jacob Bowman, John Allen, Thomas Neely, Wm. Hutchinson, John A. Sergeant, Jos. Nixon, Henry Tainall.

Ninth Ward—Chas. Armstrong, John Harrison, Samuel D. Hill, Wm. Bailey, Daniel Davidson, David Robb, David McKee, Jas. Mackrell, W. Welsh, Thos. De Armit, Hugh Hammond, Thos. Roswell, Jr., David McClelland, Josiah B. Poor, John Paisley.

WM. F. JOHNSTON, *Chairman.*

First Ward—Geo. W. Coffin, J. H. Barber.
Second Ward—W. Woods, J. S. Laughlin.
Third Ward—D. B. Ferguson, G. W. Leonard.
Fourth Ward—W. F. Johnston, S. Lindsay, Jr.
Fifth Ward—Jos. Kaye, David Mercer.
Sixth Ward—A. G. M'Quilkins, J. W. M'Guigey.
Seventh Ward—I. Bennett, Lewis Roll.
Eighth Ward—D. Hutchinson, F. Fredrickson.
Ninth Ward—Wm. Wills, Wm. Williams.

Gen. Negley to Gen. Rousseau.

A pleasing incident in camp life was witnessed on Tuesday last, at Camp Wood, on Green river, Kentucky. Gen. James S. Negley, on behalf of his Pennsylvania Brigade, presented to Gen. Lovell H. Rousseau, of the First Kentucky Brigade, a magnificent stand of colors. The presentation speech, at the suggestion of Gen. Negley, was made by George D. Prentice, Esq., of the Louisville *Journal*, and responded to by Gen. Rousseau. The preliminary correspondence between Gen. Negley and Gen. Rousseau is very cordial and patriotic, as the following extracts will show:

Gen. Negley says: "I have the pleasure to assure you that this gift is not intended as an idle compliment, but is expressive of the sympathy and national interest Pennsylvania feels for her sister State. She has witnessed with painful solicitude the cloud which has hung over your land, like the mist over Niagara, hiding from the thoughtless and unwary an abyss of destruction. She has seen Kentucky, the cradle of science and birth-place of heroes and statesmen, arrested in her flight of ambition; the hands of progress turned back on the dial-plate of time; all the fond conceptions of a rich and happy people blighted by the schemes of Judas-patriots and heartless traitors; her wisest citizens hugging the phantom of peace until they were bound like slaves and compelled at the point of the bayonet to swallow the deadliest draughts which could be distilled from the upas of rebellion; she has wondered whether the sons of Kentucky had degenerated from the spirit of their forefathers and had lost the sensibility of honor and chastity of feeling which nourishes manly sentiments. Many prayers have been offered for the success of those whose devotion to their country shows them worthy of being free, who consider no sacrifice too great when liberty is the reward. It is with such sentiments Pennsylvania sends you aid, and offers her sons a willing sacrifice for your defence. Those who come, have left tearful eyes and aching hearts behind. No long service has turned their hearts into marble. No dissolute camp has changed their manly feelings. Their valor springs not from reckless habits or indifference to life, but from the stern resolve that Kentucky shall be free."

Gen. Rousseau replies: "In behalf of my brigade and of Kentucky, I thank you not only for this expression of Pennsylvania's sympathy and national feeling for her sister State, but also for the noble and patriotic language you have employed. Pennsylvania, in the alacrity with which they have responded to the call of a distant sister assailed for her fealty to the Union, has won for herself a proud place in the history of these times. Fighting at your side beneath the field of fixed and inseparable stars which you present to us, we trust to prove that Kentuckians have not lost the spirit of their fathers; but that as they bore the flag of the Republic over many a hard fought field, and never brought a stain upon it, so we shall not now for the first time bring disgrace upon our mother's honored name."

New Counterfeits.

New and dangerous counterfeits have just been issued on the Commercial Bank, Bristol, Rhode Island; and the Bank of Royalton, Vermont. The *Bank Note Reporter*, (in an extra slip,) thus describes these notes, the offerings of which were cunningly withheld until after the regular issue of the Detectors:

Commercial Bank, Bristol, Rhode Island.—10s, imitation; vig. (on upper left,) old man seated with hammer, anvil and wheel, rev below; farmer holding sickle on right end—well done.

Bank of Royalton, Vermont.—10s, imitation; vig. man, two boys, drove of sheep, stream of water, &c.; female erect, holding an ear of corn in one hand, letter X in the other, left above on right end; female seated with sheaf of wheat, 10 above on left end.

The above notes were extensively "shoved" in this city last evening. The police have been notified of more than a dozen instances in which business men have been victimized—principally on Market, Wood, Fifth and Wylie streets. Many others have doubtless been "caught up" who say nothing about their loss. None of the swindling rascals have yet been arrested.

Better refuse all tens on the above banks.

Condition of the Fruit Trees.

We have heard fears expressed, in various quarters, for the safety of the fruit crop, in this region. These apprehensions are based upon the fact that, under the influence of the remarkably mild weather of the past few weeks, the buds have swollen to an unusual degree. Some even assert that, should the winter only be tolerably severe, the fruit cannot now escape being killed, or at least seriously damaged. Experienced fruit growers, however, assert that the fruit trees generally are in fine condition, and at present there are no indications of a failure. The peach buds have swollen considerably, but not so as to endanger the crop. What may befall the orchards in the future, of course, is another matter, but we are glad to state, upon competent authority, that thus far the appearances are decidedly favorable.

THE PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAILROAD.—On Monday the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, under their articles of agreement with the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, entered on possession of the latter work, and will take measures at once for its completion. H. J. Lombiert, Esq., one of the oldest railroad men in the country, has been selected for General Superintendent, taking the place of Edward F. Gay, Esq.

Clark's School Visitor.

This popular monthly comes to us in a new shape, and in an entirely new dress. It is now printed in a form of sixteen pages, on fine white paper, and handsomely embellished. Having been improved in mechanical execution, it is fair to presume that its literary merit will be fully sustained. As a source of instruction and amusement for teacher and scholar, it has perhaps no superior, and at the low price at which it is issued, places it within the reach of all. The editor, Mr. Clark, is now in this city, and will receive renewals of subscription for the year 1862, for the nominal sum of twenty-five cents, each—or one-half the price of subscription to new subscribers. The volume commences with the New Year, and now is the best time to subscribe.

The Relief Fund.

Owing to a change of Treasurer, and the fact that all accounts for the past year have to be settled up to the 28th of December, the Relief Committees of the several wards will not be able to pay out any money upon their pay rolls issued subsequently to that date, until the latter part of next week. Their custom has been to pay every two weeks, but the change alluded to will render necessary a delay of a week or ten days. For instance, in the Second Ward the allowance for the past two weeks is due on Saturday, the 4th inst., but the Committee will not be able to pay until the latter part of next week. This will doubtless be the case in other wards. The delay is unavoidable, and the recipients must exercise a little patience under their disappointment.

"Union" City Committee.

The following named gentlemen have been appointed as a City Executive Committee, in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the late "Union" Convention:

First Ward—J. C. Buffum, James A. Kean.
Second Ward—W. A. Lare, G. N. Armstrong.
Third Ward—C. W. Lewis, Joseph Hastings.
Fourth Ward—J. Caldwell, Martin Connelly.
Fifth Ward—Francis Dunn, Davis Richards.
Sixth Ward—John Y. McLaughlin, W. Floyd.
Seventh Ward—John Hays, Wm. Dickson.
Eighth Ward—Jos. Sharlino, Reuben Leonard.
Ninth Ward—Wm. Davis, Thomas S. Rowley.

HARPER'S WEEKLY AND THE ILLUSTRATED NEWS.—J. P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth st., have just received *Harper's Weekly* and the New York *Illustrated News* for January 11th. These fine pictorials contain many striking features, and are unusually interesting. The battle at Drainesville, in which our Pittsburgh boys figured so conspicuously, is sketched in both papers. The Mason and Slidell affair is happily hit off in both papers, which contain a vast deal of useful and entertaining matter, for old and young.

ROW IN A BEER HALL.—On Thursday evening, John Miller visited the beer hall of George Paukner, Federal street, Allegheny, and after delivering some beer demanded payment for a lot previously delivered. Paukner denied owing him anything on a previous account, and a fight ensued between the parties, in which Miller was roughly handled by the proprietor and his wife, assisted by the bar-keeper, Charles Hoffman. The accused were arrested and held to bail by Mayor Drum, to answer a charge of assault and battery.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A little daughter of Crawford Criss, Esq., a soldier in the army, was most severely burned on New Year's day, at her home, near Hammondsville, Ohio. Her clothes caught from the blazing wood-fire, as she was standing on the hearth. Her mother and older brothers were absent at the time, and the poor child suffered, without relief, all the afternoon, and will probably die.

HARPER'S WEEKLY.—Mr. W. A. Gildenfenny, Fifth street, has received *Harper's Weekly*, for next week. It contains a sketch of the battle of Drainesville, besides many other illustrations of the war.

[For the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

Gratitude has been considered one of the cardinal virtues. Republics have been pronounced ungrateful, because, sometimes they did not recognize merit. These men who desert their party, and join the enemy—unless from principle—have always been execrated; but when that party raised them from obscurity, and gave them what many other persons strive for in vain—an opportunity; when these men turn their backs on the party and friends who gave them place and power, the world does not forget their baseness.

A few years since, Henry A. Weaver, an unsuccessful merchant, whose career might have been pronounced a failure, was nominated and elected Mayor by the Republican party. He was elected for a second term, in place of Mr. Philadelphia, Charlstown and other Navy Yards. In the meantime the men resolved not to work under the present regulations until some course of action has been decided upon.—*N. Y. Eve. Post.*

The Burnside Expedition.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 31.—Commodore Goldsborough is here inspecting the transport fleet. Probably all of the vessels ordered to rendezvous at this place are now here, and most of them are in readiness to sail. The regiments are also ready to embark. Whether the order will come to-morrow or next week it is difficult to tell. Several provision laden schooners have already sailed from here for Fortress Monroe, and others are on the way there from New York, which will not be reported at Annapolis.

Major Ross Wright has arrived, with five companies of the Fifth Rhode Island regiment, detailed for the expedition.

Gen. McClellan's Illness.

WASHINGTON, January 2.—Gen. McClellan has been very ill from an attack of the typhoid fever, which is prevalent here, but is rapidly recovering. He rallied this morning in such a manner as to give hopes of his speedy restoration to health. He is under homeopathic treatment.

A strong effort will be made to induce Congress to repeal the reciprocity act, in retaliation for the unfriendly spirit shown by Canada.—*Dispatch to N. Y. Evening Post.*

Kentucky News.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—Captain Alfred Bacon was not killed at Paducah, as previously reported, but in a skirmish between the federal and rebel pickets near Calhoun, McLean county, Kentucky. A guard, composed of men from the Third Kentucky Cavalry regiment, was attacked by a larger force of the rebels, and five of our men, including Captain Bacon, were killed, and twenty taken prisoners.

The Gale Eastward.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—The several steamboat trains from New York, arrived this morning without serious detention, but the passengers report a tremendous gale on the Sound.

In Boston and its vicinity many chimneys were blown down, and buildings unroofed, but no loss of life as yet reported.

Assistant Bishoprick of Pennsylvania

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—William Bacon Stevens was consecrated Assistant Bishop of Pennsylvania this morning, at St. Andrew's Church.

No Battle at Paducah.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—The Cairo operator says there was no foundation for the statement that there had been a fight at Paducah.

DIED:

JOHNSTON—On Friday morning, January 3d, at 1½ o'clock, of Consumption, RACHEL, wife of J. W. Johnston, aged 22 years and 11 months.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral this (Saturday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her husband, No. 10 Ann street, Allegheny City, to proceed to Allegheny Cemetery.

DR. CHARLES H. STOWE,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON,
Office, No. 52 FEDERAL STREET,
(Opposite Colonnade Row, near Suspension Bridge,)
jy16:1y ALLEGHENY CITY.

DR. M. O. JONES,
103 WYLIE STREET,
oct21:ws PITTSBURGH.

CHARCOAL IRON AND NAILS—We have now arriving Iron and Nails of all sizes, and will sell in large and small quantities for cash or approved guilt edged paper, at the very lowest rates, offered by manufacturers.
ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.
d23 Agents for Kittanning Charcoal Iron Works.

DRY APPLES—35 sacks to arrive and for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

SOLDIERS, TO THE RESCUE!—Young men rushing into the exposures and dangers of a soldier's life, should prepare themselves for the fatal fevers, the dysentery, the sores and scurvy, which are almost certain to follow. Holloway's Pills, used occasionally during the campaign, will insure sound health to every man. Only 25 cents per box. 214

WM. FORREST, Carpenter and Joiner, Jobbing Shop Virgin alley, between Smithfield street and Cherry alley. All kinds of House Repairing done on short notice and in workmanlike manner. Charges moderate. Leave your orders. All orders promptly attended to.

DOCTOR C. BEALS, Water Cure and Homeopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. Corner of Penn and Wayne streets.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 246 Penn st., attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

CRUDE OIL.—500 bbls. Oil Creek Petroleum for sale by
JAMES DALZELL & SON,
dec17 Nos. 69 and 70 Water street.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The correspondent of the Associated Press did not, as is publicly and privately alleged, repeat or circulate the report, that Gen. McClellan has dismissed the charges brought by Gen. Rosecrans against Gen. Benham, nor has he until now said a single word upon the subject. The facts are briefly these: The charges involve the conduct of Gen. Benham as to the pursuit of Floyd, and the cause of the escape of the latter with his army. Gen. Benham has denied the truth of the charges, and asked for a court martial, but this was refused at the present time, from the fact, that the chief witnesses, attached to the army of Western Virginia, are now serving in Kentucky, and cannot be even temporarily withdrawn. In other words the trial is postponed to await the convenience of their attendance without detriment to the public interests.

The long contested land claim between Gen. James H. Lane and Gans Jenkins, involving the title to a valuable quarter section of land adjoining Lawrence, Kansas, has been finally decided by the Commissioner of the Land Office, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, and the Secretary of the Interior, unequivocally in favor of Gen. Lane. The merits of the case have been exhaustively presented on both sides, by eminent legal advisers, and involved the original parties in a personal conflict on the claim, resulting in the wounding of Gen. Lane and the death of Gans Jenkins. The case has excited great interest throughout legal circles in the various departments of the country at large. The decision vindicating Gen. Lane in his right to the property was rendered on the last day of December. At the commencement of this year, Gen. Lane presented to the attorney of Mrs. Jenkins the sum of $1500, as a free will New Year offering of kindness and sympathy.

The opinion of Comptroller Whittlesey, acquiesced in by Secretary Chase, is that, according to the present law regulating the compensation of members of Congress, they can receive mileage only for the regular sessions; therefore, the mileage for the July extra session remains to be provided for by future legislation. It may be stated that several Senators were paid the two mileages before the opinion was effectually furnished for ministerial guidance.

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Harrington, has been absent from the Department for a week or ten days past, on account of sickness.

It appears by the report of the Superintendent of Public Printing, John D. Defrees, that the Government Printing Office has been conducted with the utmost efficiency and satisfaction. The wisdom of Congress in superceding the former arrangements by the present establishment is fully indicated. As compared with the prices formerly paid to public printers, there has, during the past seven months, been an actual saving to the government of $60,000.

Capt. Dickinson, of the 3d Infantry of regulars, and Capts. Skillington and Munson, of the New York 79th, late prisoners at Richmond, have arrived at Washington.

Michigan Legislature Convened.

DETROIT, Jan. 3.—The extra session of the Michigan Legislature convened at Lansnig yesterday. The Governor's Message suggests the liquidation of the direct Federal tax by relenting the Federal Government from reimbursing the State, on account of the war expenses, to an equal amount. Twenty-four thousand men have been furnished by Michigan for the war, of which 10 regiments for three years, one battery of artillery, and one regiment of three months' men, have been raised at the expense of the State, costing $539,000, of which $92,000 have been refunded by the U. S. Government. In view of the manifest disposition of foreign powers to intermeddle with our domestic affairs, he recommends that provision be made for the organization of a uniform militia to constitute an active force, and their speedy enrollment, to be subject to draft at any time, and while not favoring the erection of extensive fortifications, advises the Legislature to urge upon Congress the immediate necessity of establishing, at some convenient point in the Northwest, an arsenal and manufactory of arms and munitions of war, and also a naval station, to be located in Michigan, as being most advantageous, both for extent of her coast and her unrivalled resources for ship building.

In alluding to national affairs, he attributes our complications abroad and troubles at home to the inactivity of our army, and says that the people will not tamely submit to see our armies used to protect the slave property of rebels, when the most active means should be taken to suppress the rebellion, showing nothing and apologizing to nobody for our actions.

From Kentucky.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 3.—The *Journal* has information that Johnson's and Buckner's forces torn up the Louisville and Nashville railroad for three-fourths of a mile, about four miles beyond Green river, piled up the cross ties, laid the rails upon them, and set fire to the whole mass, repeating the same operation at different distances as far as Glasgow Junction, besides felling as many trees as possible across the track. They were engaged in blowing up the tunnel, 300 feet long, near the Junction.

The crew of the Pink Varble have returned from Nashville. They say that at the great fire at Nashville, which consumed $700,000 worth of property, on the 22d ult., C. G. Armstrong's pork house, formerly of this city, contributed materially to the flames, and that stored shells exploded terrifically in every direction. The rebels have promised to pay for the shell, as it was engaged in bringing them machinery under a permit from Secretary Chase.

From Port Royal.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The U. S. steam transports Cahawba and Roanoke have arrived from Port Royal with dates to the evening of the 30th ult. The U. S. sloop of war Cumberland was passed on the 1st inst., in latitude 36, longitude 75, on a cruise.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Letters from Port Royal to the 3d ult., state that Commodore Dupont is preparing for a new naval demonstration. The gun boats are concentrating there, and the sailors are practicing with a large number of launches for the work of landing troops. About 10,000 troops could be spared from Hilton Head, in addition to Gen. Stevens' brigade, to operate against Charleston, Savannah, or the rebel force at Cossawhatchie. The latter is most likely the point to be attacked.

Fire in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—A fire commenced at 2 o'clock this morning in the basement beneath the American telegraph office, but fortunately did not extend to the upper portion of the building, in which the instruments were located, and telegraph communication with the rest of the world remains unimpaired. Trenwith's periodical store, occupying part of the basement, was completely burned out. The fire probably originated there. Howards' express office, on the Chestnut street front of the building, was much burned, and most of the express matter damaged by water or fire. The building is not seriously injured.

From Fortress Monroe.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 3.—Passengers by the Old Point boat state that a flag of truce had come down from Norfolk, but brought no news. The Union prisoners from Richmond were expected to reach Fortress Monroe to-day, and will probably arrive here by the boat to-morrow morning. Arrangements are making to give them a grand reception here. There will be a military escort, and our Union citizens will also make a demonstration worthy of the occasion.

Gov. Andrews' Message.

BOSTON, Jan. 3.—Gov. Andrews' Message to the Legislature gives a general review of the finances of the State and her contributions to the war, and expatiates at length on the blessings of the American Union and the guilt of the traitors who are endeavoring to crush it.

The Asia at New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The steamer Asia will be up about noon. Her advices have been anticipated by the dispatches from Halifax.

Markets by Telegraph.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—There is more demand for Flour, and 5000 bbls were sold at $5 37½ for superfine; $5 62½@5 75 for extra; $5 75@6 00 for extra family, and $6 40 for fancy. Small sales of Rye Flour at $4. and Corn Meal is firm at $3. There is a good demand for Wheat, and 6000 bush red were sold at $1 32@1 35, 2000 bush Rye brought 72c. Corn is in fair demand, and 3000 bush new yellow were sold at 56@60c. Oats are dull at 32c. In Groceries very little doing. Provisions are dull; sales of Mess Pork at $12 00@12 50; and Cloverseed were sold at $4 50. Whisky has advanced to 21c.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 3.—Evening.—Flour in fair demand at $4@4 05 for superfine, and $4 15@4 25 for extra and family. Wheat firm but not quotably higher. Corn, and white at 35@40c. Corn steady at 27c. Oats are in good demand at 27c. Rye scarce, and it would sell at 43@44c. Barley unchanged and quiet at 43@50c. Whisky firm at 19½c, with a good demand. Hogs are firm and 5c higher; receipts light, only 4000 for the last 24 hundred; the prices closed at $3 25@3 40. There is a fair speculative demand for Mess Pork at $9 25@9 26; sales of 7000 bbls. There is a good demand for Lard, chiefly from a Liverpool house; sales of 900 packages at 6¾c, the rate for bbls. There is a good demand for bulk sides; sales of 25,000 bbls at 8c; shoulders would bring 5¾c. Green meats are in good demand at 5½c for shoulders.

Exchange ½c premium.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Evening.—Cotton is quiet at 36@37. Flour is quiet; sales 7000 bbls at $5 45@5 50 for Souts; $5 00 for Ohio, and $5 80 for Southern. Wheat firm; sales of 42,000 bush at $1 30 for Chicago Spring; $1 30@1 33 for Milwaukee Club, and $1 40@1 24 for red. Corn has declined 1@2c; sales of 42,000 bush at 64@65c. Beef firm and active; repacked 10 @12c. Pork heavy. Lard at 7@8c. Whisky at 21c.

AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.
SATURDAY EVENING, JANUARY 4.
LOOK AT THE ATTRACTION FOR TO-NIGHT.
TOM CRINGLE.
Tom Cringle ..... Mr. Henderson.
Elizabeth ..... Ettie Henderson.
INVISIBLE PRINCE.
Don Leander ..... Ettie Henderson.
To conclude with
ROBERT MACAIRE.
Robert ..... Mr. Stewart.
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EMBRACING THE
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And all the prominent Battles up to the present time. The exhibition will commence on MONDAY, Dec. 23d, and continue every evening during the week, at MASONIC HALL.
Doors open at 6½ o'clock. Panorama will move at 7½ o'clock.
Admission 25 cents; Children under 12 years of age half price.
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There will be exhibitions on FRIDAY and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS for the benefit of Schools and Families. de23:dlw

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GOLD MEDAL PIANOS,
FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
Manufactured by
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A fine supply of the above superior Instruments just arrived as the splendid
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LEGAL.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS of Allegheny county, at No. 23, December Term, 1861.
In the matter of the Trust of John S. Hamilton, now deceased.
And now, to wit: Nov. 2, 1861, on petition of Thos. B. Hamilton, Esq., Trustee of John D. Miller Hamilton, and by virtue of an order of the Court of Common Pleas of said county, I will expose to sale, at the Court House, in the City of Pittsburgh, on SATURDAY, the 4th day of January next, at 10 o'clock, a. m., all that certain piece of ground situate in Lower St. Clair township, Allegheny county, and bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a point on the corner of Lewis street and Miller alley, in John D. Miller's plan of lots, running thence south 44 degrees 32 minutes, west 94 feet 9½ inches to the corner of Lewis street and Miss Maria Boggs' line; thence along the line of the said Maria Boggs north 39 degrees and 30 minutes west, 300 feet 4¾ inches to the old Washington Road; thence along said road 36 degrees 57 minutes east, 125 feet 1 inch to the corner of said road and Miller alley; thence along said alley south 55 degrees 23 minutes east, 345 feet 1¼ inches to the place of beginning, containing 1 rod 1 perches and 82 hundredths of a perch.
Terms cash. THOMAS B. HAMILTON,
de18:td3taw Trustee.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration cum testamento annexo upon the estate of Henry Smyser, late of Mifflin township, Allegheny county, deceased, have been granted to the subscriber. All persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment, and all those having claims against said estate will present them to A. H. MILLER, Kuhn's Law Building, Diamond street, Pittsburgh.
CHARLES J. SMYSER, Adm'r.,
de18:6w Mifflin township.

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