Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING, JAN. 18, 1862.

CITY AFFAIRS.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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

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An Extra Dish.

The other day the good people of a certain house in Cleveland, Ohio, were thrown into considerable surprise, by a little incident, which is worth mentioning. A few gentlemen boarders are accommodated at the said house, one of whom is somewhat celebrated for gallantry. While the family and boarders were at dinner, and in the idst of general quiet, the door of the room was hurriedly opened, and a woman, bearing in her arms a bundle of considerable dimensions, her hair dishevelled, her countenance pallid and ghost-like, and her general appearance indicating that something terrible was agitating her, entered, and assuming a strikingly tragic attitude, looked wildly into the face of each one present. The gallant young man's knife and fork dropped from his nervelass fingers, and the changing color of his face denoted his emotion. It was a moment of severe suspense. The woman's eyes were at last fixed upon the gallant young man, and darting towards him she threw the bundle she held upon his plate, exclaiming in a husky, deep-toned voice, "Sir, take that; it is yours," and making her way rapidly out of the door, disappeared before the company fully realized that she had gone. In another moment, the gallant young man made his exit through another door, and was soon after seen running at the top of his speed towards the depot, where, we are informed, he took the first outgoing train. The bundle was opened in due time, and developed an infant of about five weeks, of which the members of the good family aforesaid are taking every care they can with their limited supply of the article so necessary to the growth and comfort of little creatures of this nature.

Death of Capt. Leopold Sahl, Jr.

We regret to learn that Capt. Leopold Sahl, Jr., of the Moorhead Cavalry, who was wounded some ten days ago, near Hancock, Md., in an engagement with a party of rebels, died at Cumberland last evening, from the effect of his wounds. It will be recollected that Capt. Sahl was lead into an ambuscade, and attacked by a superior force, during which he was shot in the thigh, two bullets having taken effect in close proximity to each other, shattering the thigh bone in a terrible manner. He also lay for some three hours upon the ground, before his removal to a place of safety and comfort. His case had been alternating between hope and fear for several days past, but the brave soldier and warm hearted friend now sleeps his last sleep. We learn that, after all the efforts which had been made to save the limb, his physicians were forced to resort to amputation, in which operation he expired. The remains will be forwarded to this city, by way of Wheeling, with an escort, and are expected to reach here at one o'clock this afternoon.

Selling Impure Meat.

Two hogs, belonging to a man named Bannon, were confiscated yesterday, in the Allegheny market, by the Clerk, Mr. McGonnigle, for the reason that the hogs had been slaughtered after receiving injuries which rendered the flesh, in certain parts, very unsightly, to say the least. They were taken under a city ordinance, which provides that all impure meat offered in the market shall be seized by the Clerk and handed over to the Mayor for his disposal. Bannon threatens to sue for the recovery of the pork, but he will no doubt be prosecuted under a section of the revised penal code, for offering impure or unwholesome meat for sale. These hogs had evidently "broken down" and been trampled upon in the cars, during shipment, and were killed to save the meat from utter loss. The flesh exhibited numerous bruises, external and internal, although the meat was not tainted.

WE take great pleasure in calling attention to the card of Messrs. Shriver & Lazear, Wholesale Grocers. Both members of the firm are well known as energetic, upright and reliable business men, whose interests have long been identified with Pittsburgh. Mr. Shriver, formerly of the firm of Shriver & Dilworth, has occupied a high position in commercial circles for years, and his numerous friends and patrons will be gratified to learn that he is again in the harness. Mr. Lazear, late of the firm of Beck & Lazear, is also a most estimable gentleman, and those having business with him, will find him agreeable, prompt and correct. Their location is on the corner of Smithfield and Second streets, in the large and commodious house formerly occupied by John T. McCombs & Co., where a large and well selected stock of groceries can always be found.

The Concert To-Night.

After what has already been said, we presume it is only necessary to remind our readers that Madame Anna Bishop, assisted by several talented artistes, will give a grand concert this evening, at Concert Hall. The choicest seats have of course been taken, but there is still room in eligible parts of the hall, for those who wish to attend. The programme is of a high order, and will be admirably executed throughout. Nothing further need be said on the subject.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK FOR FEBRUARY, 1862.—Mr. John P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, has received *Godey* for the coming month. It is quite needless to enumerate the contents. Everybody that is interested in sewing, knows already that a double-plate engraving, colored, has become one of the features of this magazine, and that engravings on steel and on wood profusely illustrate the subjects to which its pages are devoted. Hence it is a special favorite with the ladies, who will not fail to resort to Mr. Hunt's for their copies.

A PLEASING NOVELTY.—Many of our readers will be gratified to learn that the original Peak Family, or "Swiss Bell Ringers," will give a series of exhibitions in this city, commencing on Wednesday evening next. This celebrated troupe have recently filled a very successful engagement at Niblo's Garden, in New York, and their entertainments have been exceedingly popular wherever they have appeared. The business manager, Mr. C. C. Chase, is now in the city, making the necessary arrangements for the troupe.

EVERETT'S LECTURE.—Reserved seats for Mr. Everett's lecture will be for sale at the Library Rooms, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, this morning at nine o'clock. It is proper to note in this connection that the Committee secured the services of Mr. Everett at a large expense, making it absolutely necessary, to prevent loss, to fix the price of admission at 50 cents.

FROM ROMNEY.—The Wheeling *Intelligencer* learns by passengers arriving from Patterson's creek, on Wednesday evening, that the scopsh to the number of 2,500 had occupied Romney.

On the night of the evacuation of Romney, four hundred sick had to be removed, which accounts for the want of transportation and the necessity of destroying tents and provisions.

RE-APPOINTED.—Officer Samuel Long has been re-appointed High Constable of Allegheny, by Mayor Drum. While Mr. Long has always been accounted a first rate officer, he has at the same time maintained a high character as a man and a citizen. His reappointment will give universal satisfaction.

MAP OF EASTERN VIRGINIA AND PART OF MARYLAND.—Mr. John P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, has received a new and beautiful map of Eastern Virginia and part of Maryland—a colored lithograph, showing very distinctly the mountains, hills, rivers, railroads, etc., etc. The price is only 25 cents.

MR. HENRY MINER, Fifth street, has received the *Tribune Almanac and Political Register* for 1862.

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

FROM YESTERDAY'S EVENING GAZETTE.

Organization of Allegheny Councils --Inauguration of Mayor Drum, etc.

The new Councils of Allegheny met in Joint Session this morning, at ten o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the returns of the late election, and administering the oath of office to the Mayor and Councilmen elect.

On motion of James Marshall, John Atwell, Esq., was called to the Chair, and S. Riddle was chosen Secretary.

The report of the Return Judges was then presented and read, and there being no objections they were considered approved.

The roll was then called, when all the members answered excepting Messrs. C. C. Smith and Gotlieb Faas.

The oath of office was then duly administered by Alderman James Miller, of the Third Ward.

On motion, Messrs. James Marshall and John Hopkins were appointed a Committee to wait upon his Honor, Mayor Drum, and conduct him to the Council Chamber. The Committee soon after appeared, in company with the Mayor, when the oath of office was administered by Alderman Miller.

Mayor Drum was called upon for a speech, and said:

Gentlemen—I return my sincere thanks to the citizens of Allegheny for the honor they have conferred in re-electing me to the office of Mayor. I will endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully, and to the best of my ability; and, with the experience of the past year, I hope to meet the reasonable expectations of my fellow citizens. (Applause.)

On motion, Messrs. J. Brown, Jr. and J. Love were appointed a Committee to conduct Mr. J. P. Fleming, Director of the Poor elect, to the Chamber. After a short absence the Committee returned, and Mr. Fleming took the oath of office.

Messrs. Faas and Smith, absentees, now appeared and were duly sworn, after which the Joint Session adjourned.

In Select Council, Mr. James Marshall was unanimously re-elected President, and Mr. David Macferron Clerk.

In Common Council, Mr. A. D. Smith was unanimously re-elected President, and M. McGonigle Clerk.

A. Hunsbaugh was continued as Messenger and Door Keeper.

The rules of the past year were adopted for the government of the present Councils, whereupon both branches adjourned to meet in Joint Session on Tuesday evening next, to elect City officers.

The Military Impostor.

In yesterday's paper we gave the particulars of a singular case of imposition, practiced by a soldier upon a worthy family named Showers, in Allegheny, by representing himself as William Showers, a son who has been absent some five years. He was looked up for a hearing last night, and this morning was brought before Mayor Drum, when the following additional facts were ascertained:

David Fisher, alias Wm. Showers, came to Philadelphia several days ago, quite ragged and destitute looking, and applied for a position as cook, at a recruiting station belonging to Col. Lyale's Regiment. The recruiting officer informed him that they had engaged all the cooks they wanted, but he could enlist as a private if he so desired. He did so, and was soon after comfortably clothed in the regimental uniform. Finding the officers very anxious to recruit one or two hundred men, he made up a very plausible story, stating that he lived in Pittsburgh, where there were scores of rolling mill men idle, and willing to enlist. He stated that he could enlist twenty men himself—and if he failed, he would give his head for a foot-ball. The regimental officers held a meeting, and determined to send a lieutenant out here with Fisher, which was accordingly done. Instead of recruiting men, however, he found out where the Showers family resided, and was having a "good time" palming himself off as their son. The lieutenant was before the Mayor this morning, and admitted that he had been badly humbugged by Fisher, as he had been unable to recruit a single man.

In explanation of this singular conduct, Fisher stated that he became acquainted with Wm. Showers at Fort McHenry; that he left him in Baltimore, before going to Philadelphia, and was requested by him to visit his father and mother, and represent himself as Bill Showers, to see if they would know him! He said he did not think he had done any harm, as it was all a joke! There was nobody but himself, however, that seemed to appreciate the joke—and the lieutenant was particularly mortified at the rascally treatment which he had received.

The next trouble was to know what to do with this "prodigal son." He had committed no offense known to law, although the Showers family were justly incensed, and anxious to see him punished. Mayor Drum committed him to jail, to await the departure of the lieutenant, who will take him back to Philadelphia. If it be true that "it's a smart child that knows its own father," may it not also be true that "he's a smart father who knows his own child?"

Verdict in the Case of John Diller.

Our readers will remember the case of the Commonwealth vs. John Diller, reported by us some weeks since. It was an action under an act of Assembly, to try the question of the sanity of the respondent, brought at the instance of his wife, who alleged that he was a monomaniac so far as the proper disposition of his money was concerned, and that he was laboring under a permanent delusion in reference to his family. The object of the proceedings was to have a Commissioner appointed to manage his property, that it might not be wasted, and that justice might be done to his family.

David Reed, Esq., was appointed Commissioner to try the case, and after a session of two days the case was postponed until the present week, when it was resumed. Numerous witnesses were examined on the part of the prosecution, but the case not being satisfactorily made out, the counsel for the plaintiff, Mr. White, did not press a verdict of insanity.

No testimony was offered by defendant's counsel, J. H. Hampton, Esq., who rested upon the insufficiency of the testimony adduced.

The jury yesterday found a verdict for the defendant, without leaving the box—thus deciding that he was not only *not* insane, but that he was not even a monomaniac upon any subject. This finding is conclusive, and settles the question as to Mr. Diller's ability to manage his large property. The costs, which will fall upon him, amount to some $300.

Suit for Professional Services.

An interesting case was disposed of in the District Court, this morning, before Judge Williams. The case was Hon. A. W. Loomis, vs. Lewis Peterson—being an action for professional services rendered. Mr. Loomis had been employed for several years past as the attorney of Mr. Peterson, and had rendered services in the trial of several important causes, for which Mr. Peterson refused to pay. The bill of Mr. Loomis was as follows: For professional services in the case of Lewis Peterson vs. Samuel M. Kier, $1,000; in the cases of Sylvanus Lothrop for use of Hillery Brunot vs. Lewis Peterson, (two cases) $150 each; and for the trial of the latter cases in the Supreme Court, $200—making a total of $1,500.

A large number of attorneys were examined as witnesses, and after receiving the charge of the Court, the jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for the full amount claimed, $1,500.

The Funeral of A. B. Smith.

The remains of young Smith, of the Pittsburgh Rifles, who fell in the battle of Drainesville, have been conveyed to the residence of his mother, on Greenwood street, West Manchester, from which place the funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. Several of the Home Guard companies are making arrangements for attending the funeral, and a call for a meeting of the Park Rifles will be found in another column. It is fitting that our citizens should pay the fullest measure of respect to the memory of one who has laid down his life in defense of his country.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK JAIL.—Two prisoners, confined in the Fayette county jail, at Uniontown—Cresswell, charged with passing counterfeit money, and Able, indicted for the murder of Dugan—made an ineffectual attempt to escape on Monday night, by undermining the wall. They were detected and properly secured.

HUNT'S MERCHANTS' MAGAZINE AND COMMERCIAL REVIEW, FOR JANUARY, 1862.—This number commences the 45th volume of this valuable publication, which is now so long and well established in public favor that it ranks among the first authorities on the special class of subjects to which its writers devote themselves. The January number opens with an article in which the now historical Trent affair is discussed in a temperate and judicious manner. The facts and the law are both well stated, and the conclusion arrived at is one that fully sustains our Government in the course it has pursued. We need not enumerate the remaining articles—suffice it to say, that the various reports and reviews embody an amount of important information in reference to the several departments of trade, domestic and foreign, which could not easily be found elsewhere. With the commencement of the year, and a new volume, is a good time to subscribe. The publisher is William B. Dana, New York, from whom the *Merchant's Magazine* may be obtained direct, or it may be ordered from any periodical dealer.

THE CONTINENTAL MONTHLY FOR FEBRUARY, 1862.—Mr. W. A. Gildenfenny, No. 45 Fifth street, near Wood, has received a supply of this new and exceedingly promising periodical. The January number, as we remarked on receiving it, was a good beginning, but we find the February number is still better. We, therefore, with increased confidence can anticipate, for this young aspirant for fame, a prosperous career in the future—as we believe in the principles, so far as we have yet seen them developed, which it seems to have begun well and effectively to advocate.

MR. W. A. GILDENFENNY has also received the *Tribune Almanac for* 1862—a most useful and convenient work of reference.

NOW IS THE TIME to purchase winter clothing, and to our readers who desire to do so, we would commend the establishment of Messrs. Wm. H. M'Gee & Co., corner of Federal street and the Diamond, Allegheny City. They have now on hand a full stock of ready-made clothing, and having an experienced cutter and a large selection of suitable goods, they are also prepared to make men's and boy's clothing to order in any desired style, at short notice, and on the most reasonable terms

SOLDIERS, see to your own health, do not trust to the army supplies; Cholera, Fever and Bowel Complaint will follow your slightest indiscretion. Holloway's Pills and Ointment should be in every man's knapsack. The British and French troops use no other medicines. Only 25 cents per box or pot. 21G

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DIED:

SMITH—At Camp Pierpoint, Va., on the 14th inst., ALEXANDER B. SMITH, in the 21st year of his age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his mother, Greenwood st., West Manchester, on SATURDAY, 18th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m. 2t

CROSSAN—On Friday morning, 17th inst., at 10 o'clock, of Typhoid Fever, MARTHA STOCKTON, third daughter of Jno. McD. and Mary L. Crossan, aged 13 years, 1 month and 25 days.

The funeral will leave the residence of her parents, Monongahela House, on SUNDAY, 19th inst., at 2 o'clock, p. m.

LONG—On Friday evening, 17th inst., at a quarter past six o'clock, JOSEPH LONG, Esq., in the 73d year of his age.

The funeral will take place from his late residence, No. 39 Perry street, on MONDAY AFTERNOON, at two o'clock. Religious services at one and a half o'clock precisely. Friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend without further notice.

From Washington.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. *Evening Post*, in a dispatch of the 16th inst., says:

The tax bills prepared by the Committee of Ways and Means are nearly ready for presentation to Congress.

The proposed General Banking law has been printed, and will probably be acted upon by Congress next week.

Gen. Blenker appeared before the Investigating Committee this morning, and made a satisfactory statement. The Committee's report will come before the House of Representatives on Tuesday next.

The Pacific Railroad Committee will probably agree to a postponement of all action on that subject until next year.

A Washington letter to the same paper, bearing date the 15th instant, says:

The story started by a Philadelphia paper, that Secretary Chase was selected by the President to break the news to Mr. Cameron of Mr. Lincoln's determination to make a change in the Cabinet, is pronounced in high circles to be absolutely false in every particular. Mr. Cameron voluntarily *resigned* his position, and neither the President nor any member of the Cabinet suggested the thing to him. The statement of the *Evening Post*, yesterday, that the cause of the resignation had nothing to do with the slavery question turns out to be perfectly correct.

Mr. Cameron openly says as much. The cares of office and the villainous practices of some of his friends, together with an "incompatibility" between himself and General McClellan, were the genuine reasons for his resignation.

The same correspondents says that it is stated on good authority that Adjutant General Thomas has resigned—his age rendering him unfit longer to endure the heavy cares of his office.

AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.

LAST NIGHT OF

MR. J. COLLINS,

Who will sing PADDY MCGEE, WIDOW MACREE, CRTOKEEN LAWN and DANCE A FOX HUNTER'S JIG.

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MADAME ANNA BISHOP will be assisted by Mr. EDWARD SEGUIN, the American Baritone, Eleve du Conservatoire Imperial de Musique, Paris, and GUSTAVE DE SPIESS, the eminent Pianist, (Pupil of Liszt.)

Doors open at 7¼. Concert will commence at 8 o'clock.

TICKETS.....50 CENTS.

The sale of tickets will commence on Thursday morning, Jan. 16, at Mr. WELLOBE'S Music Store, 81 Wood street, where seats may be secured without extra charge, and a diagram of the Hall can be seen. The sale of secured seats will close at 5 o'clock, p. m., on the day of the concert.

The Grand Piano used upon this occasion has been kindly furnished by John H. Mellor, Esq.

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THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

XXXVIIITH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, JAN. 17, 1862.

SENATE.—Mr. Chandler, of Michigan, presented the credentials of Hon. Jacob M. Howard, Senator elect from Michigan, in place of Mr. Bingham, deceased.

Mr. Howard then appeared and took the oath.

Several petitions in favor of emancipation were presented.

Mr. Trumbull presented a petition from Mr. C. L. Sanford, who represents himself as a contractor with Messrs. Cumming & Tucker, on the strength of the information he received from the War Department, but he is now surprised to learn that Cameron says the Heads of Bureaus had made all the contracts. He asks the passage of a law to legalize his contract and prevent loss to honest contractors. Referred.

Mr. Wilmot, of Pa., presented a petition asking that homeopathic physicians be appointed in the army.

Mr. Collamer, of Vt., from the Committee on Post Offices, reported back the House bill in relation to the letters of sailors and marines. The bill which extends the privilege of sending letters not prepaid to sailors and marines, was then passed by the Senate.

Mr. Fessenden, of Me., from the Committee on Finance, reported back the House joint resolution declaratory of the purpose of Congress to impose a tax.

Mr. Carlile, of Va., objected to the consideration of the resolution, but subsequently withdrew his objection. The resolution was then passed—yeas 39, nays, Mr. Powell.

Mr. Dixon, of Ct., from the Committee on Contingent Expenses, reported back the resolution to pay Mr. Stanton, the contestant of Mr. Lane's seat, the usual compensation and mileage.

Mr. Hale said Mr. Stanton had already received one mileage.

Mr. Fessenden, of Maine, moved to amend the resolution so as to be exclusive of mileage. Agreed to.

The resolution as amended was then passed.

Mr. Foote, of Vt., from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported a resolution ordering the removal of the army bakeries from the capitol.

Mr. Wilson introduced a bill in relation to volunteer service in any particular State.

Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, offered a resolution to pay $1000 out of the Contingent Fund for the funeral expenses of Senator Baker. Referred.

Also, a resolution in relation to the pay of the first Senators and Representatives from Minnesota.

Mr. Browning, of Illinois, introduced a bill for the better organization of the artillery of the army of the United States. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Sumner, the Senate then went into executive session.

After an executive session of three hours, the Senate confirmed the nomination of Cameron as Minister to Russia, by a vote of 24 against fourteen.

HOUSE.—Mr. Train, of Mass., introduced a bill transferring the penitentiary building of the District of Columbia, to the War Department, for the use of the U. S. Arsenal. Referred.

On motion of Mr. Fenton, of N. Y., over one hundred bills from Court of Claims were referred to the Committee on Claims.

Mr. Stevens, of Pa., from the Committee on Ways and Means, reported a bill for the support of the West Point Military Academy. On his motion, the Committee obtained permission to sit during the session of the House. He took occasion to explain the reason why the appropriation bills were not sooner reported, adding that he had been informed that numerous libelling letter writers and journals had been finding fault with the Committee for not reporting an equitable tax bill. The Committee, however, are gathering facts, and work for hours after attending to their business in this hall. He desired to say that the criticisms and libels of the press would not make them move one minute faster than a due regard to the public interest would permit.

The House resumed the consideration of the fortification bill, in Committee of the Whole on the State of the Union. During the debate on the amendment, Mr. Arnold, of Illinois, said it would be better to act on the bill specifically, the items being based on official estimates. It was not to be supposed that this bill embraced all the fortifications necessary to the confirmation of this appointment but the Select Committee have the subject under consideration, and will at an early day report the result of their deliberations.

Mr. Crittenden, of Ky., suggested that we have not money enough to carry on the war within our borders. To this should all our energies be directed. It was no time to enter into expensive precautionary measures against a foreign war, which he hoped was far distant. Let us defend the government, and when peace shall ensue to the country we can provide against the danger of foreign war.

Mr. Wright, of Pennsylvania, agreed with Mr. Crittenden that there should be no new works commenced unless there was an absolute and overruling necessity for them. He had been informed that the bill appropriated between five and six millions of dollars. In order to afford time for examination into some of the items, he ineffectually sought a postponement of its consideration. All the amendments proposed were voted down. The Committee then rose, when the bill, as originally reported, was passed by the House.

Mr. Holman, of Indiana, from the Committee on Army Contracts, reported a resolution, which was adopted, calling on the Secretary of War to communicate to the Committee a copy of the contracts for the purchase of horses for Colonel Williams' regiment of cavalry now in Kentucky.

Mr. Steele, of N. J., of the same Committee, reported a resolution that they inquire into the several orders or contracts, one for 50,000 and another for 25,000 Enfield rifles, whether these contracts have been extended or annulled, whether they have been sold or an offer made to sell them, etc. Without transacting any other business, the House adjourned till Monday.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 17.—Navigation is entirely suspended here, in consequence of the gorging of the ice 20 miles above this city, extending to a point some distance above town. Troops are now being sent to Cairo by railroad, but their advance is materially retarded by the inadequate means of crossing the river here, the ferry boats not being able to run and the ice not being sufficiently strong to bear heavy weights. The weather is moderating again, however, and prospects of a speedy opening of the river are fair.

Gen. Price, member elect from the Fifth Congressional District, left for Washington-to-day.

No person will hereafter be allowed to leave this city until his baggage be inspected by an officer appointed for that purpose, and trunks sealed.

Some of our papers are ventilating the antecedents of the newly appointed Senator from Missouri.

Movement of Troops in Missouri.

ROLLA, Jan. 17.—The brigade which has left here for the West within the last three days, is composed of the 35th and 36th Illinois, and the 25th and 44th Missouri, and Bischoff's and Hoffman's batteries, under command of Gen. Osterhaus. Another brigade, under Gen. Sigel, will probably leave in a day or two, and Gen. Sigel will doubtless assume the command of the entire division at the proper time.

CHICAGO, Jan. 17.—A special dispatch to the *Times*, dated twelve miles from Columbus, with Gen. Grant and staff, left Cairo yesterday at 10 o'clock, and overtook McClernand's, Paine's and Cook's columns during the afternoon. I am not permitted to state where we are going, or what troops we have. Heavy pickets are placed in all directions, but there is no skirmish yet.

New York Legislature.

ALBANY, Jan. 17.—Resolutions were reported to-day in the Assembly in favor of Congress levying a direct tax to defray the interest of the entire indebtedness of the national government, etc., etc.; that said tax be made permanent, and be increased yearly, whenever an increase of the national debt is duly authorized by law; that the people of the State of New York will cheerfully co-operate with her sister loyal States and the Federal Government in willing submission to all burdens necessary to be incurred, and that by adopting the policy here indicated the government will command the confidence of all persons having money to lend, and be able to obtain all the fiscal means needed for a vigorous prosecution of the war.

Another Rebel Device.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 17.—The *Journal's* Mandersville correspondent says that the rebels are driving into and killing cattle in the ponds and watering places on the route of the advance of the Federal army, to render the water unfit for drinking.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 16.—The barque John Tucks, with D'Epineuil's Zouaves, the schooner Col. Satterly, with the signal corps of Gen. Burnside's expedition, the hospital ship of the expedition, and several other vessels of the fleet, left with favorable wind this forenoon.

The Constitution, from Boston, arrived this forenoon. Her destination is unknown.

A French war steamer arrived below this afternoon, said to be the Guerierre de la Mer.

The regular Thursday flag of trace, to-day, took to Craney Island several passengers for the South. The boat brought back the following released prisoners: Capt. Brewer, Brigade Quartermaster, Rhode Island Brigade; Lieut. Knight, of the First Minnesota Regiment; Capt. A. G. Kellogg, Co. K, Second Connecticut Regiment, and a private. Nineteen citizens came over to go North.

The only news in the Southern papers is an exaggerated account of the affair between Humphrey Marshall and General Garfield, in which it is stated that the former was retreating when attacked. The fighting is said to have been very hot, and the rebels, of course, gained a victory, with a small loss.

One hundred and sixty prisoners of war are expected here to-morrow, to be exchanged and sent North.

The gunboat Rhode Island arrived from Galveston this morning. Her dates are: Galveston, Dec. 28th; Ship Island, 31st; Mobile, 31st; Fort Pickens, Jan. 2d; Key West, 8th, and Port Royal, 12th. She brings a large mail.

The gunboats Louis, New London and Water Witch left Ship Island on the 31st of December, for Biloxi. The result was not learned, but as the Rhode Island was leaving the New London was seen returning with three schooners in tow.

The schooner Venus was captured off Galveston by the Rhode Island. She was bound from Port Isabel, for Franklin, La., with a cargo of tin, copper, lead and wood valued at $10,000. She was sent to Ship Island.

The Confederate steamer Florida is inside Horn Island. The Wissahickon is off that place.

The Confederate batteries at Pensacola having repeatedly fired at our small vessels, Fort Pickens opened on the Confederate steamer Times, which was landing stores at the Navy Yard, on the 1st January. The rebel batteries responded, and the firing was continued till evening, Fort Pickens firing the last shot. The rebel guns were well aimed, and the most of their shells burst inside the Fort. Only one man was wounded, however. One of our shots burst in a large branch in Fort Barancas. In the evening our firing set Warrington on fire. The conflagration continued all night, and the place was still burning on the evening of the 2d, when the Rhode Island left. The fire was seen at a distance of 35 miles at sea.

The Rhode Island will sail for Philadelphia this evening. In consequence of the fog she was detained off the Capes all day yesterday.

The Mount Vernon, which arrived here yesterday to coal, left her station off Wilmington, N. C., on the 13th. The Chippewa and Monticello were off Cape Fear, and the Fernandina and Mands were off New Inlet. The Mount Vernon encountered a storm on Monday night, and arrived here yesterday afternoon. She saw part of the Burnside fleet off Hatteras.

The Mount Vernon reports that she burnt a light ship on New Year's night, which was being fitted out for a gun-boat, under the guns of Fort Caswell.

The rebel steamer Gordon is on the stocks for repairs, according to the reports of contrabands on board of the Mount Vernon, on account of the damage received in her encounter with the Mount Vernon on the 15th of December.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 17.—The correspondence of the New York *Herald* says:

There was a protracted executive session of the Senate to-day, lasting three hours and a half. A formidable opposition was manifested to the confirmation of Gen. Cameron as Minister to Russia. The whole time of the executive session was occupied with debate on this subject, and resulted in adjournment without final action. The objections made to the confirmation of this appointment were chiefly on the ground of alleged mismanagement of the War Department, and favoritism in the appointment of military officers, and the award of contracts for war supplies; by means of which, it is charged, vast amounts have been unnecessarily expended. It is believed the nomination will be ultimately confirmed. After the expression of the causes of opposition, Senators will forego their objections, but the array against the nomination will deprive the confirmation of any complimentary complexion, and amount to a censure of the conduct of the War Department.

Gen. McClellan has continued to improve in health. His interview with the Committee on the Conduct of the War yesterday, was mutually satisfactory. Without entering into any details of his plans, he convinced the Committee that the result which all desire—the suppression of the rebellion, and the end of the war, will be attained with certainty, and even with more dispatch than the most sanguine were inclined to believe.

The Committee on a Proposed National Armory west of the Alleghanies has not a sufficient number of times to learn that its members disagree so thoroughly, that it will be impossible to secure a majority in favor of any place. Probably the Committee will recommend that three commissioners be appointed by the President to select a site.

Gen. Siegel is strongly pressed for a Major Generalship by Senators and Representatives from the North West, and Chicago, through Mr. Arnold, particularly urges his appointment.

The House Committee on Naval Affairs have before them the subject of the employment of workmen and laborers in the several Navy Yards, their pay, &c., and will soon report whether any further legislation is necessary.

WASHINGTON, Jan 17.—The Fortification bill which passed the House to-day appropriates an aggregate of $5,960,000.

Twenty-three Republicans and fifty-four Democrats and Unionists voted to confirm Representative Lehman in his seat. The sixty-seven against him were all Republicans. Sixteen Republicans and fourteen Democrats and Unionists were absent, or not voting.

The Colonels and officers of the 59th and 88th New York regiments, and the officers of the battteries attached to it, Major O'Neill commanding, to-day sent to the Senate Military Committee a memorial heartily and unanimously endorsing the appointment of Col. Meagher as their Brigadier General. Gen. Shields also addressed a most cordial letter to Senator Wilson, the Chairman of the Committee, earnestly advocating the confirmation of his friend and country man.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The fortification bill which passed the House, makes the following appropriations for the year ending 1863:

For Fort Montgomery, at the outlet of Lake Champlain, N. Y., $100,000; Fort Knox, at the narrows of the Penobscot River, Maine, $100,000; fort on Hog Island Ledge, Portland harbor, Maine, $100,000; Fort Warren, Boston harbor, $75,000; Fort Winthrop, Boston harbor, $50,000; fort at New Bedford harbor, $100,000; fort at Willet's Point, opposite Fort Schuyler, N. Y., $200,000; fort on the site of Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, N. Y., $300,000; fort at Sandy Hook, N. J., $300,000; Fort Delaware, Delaware river, $60,000; Fort Carroll, Baltimore harbor, $200,000; Fort Calhoun, Hampton Roads, Va., $200,000; Fort Taylor, Key West, Florida, $200,000; Fort Jefferson, Garden Key, Florida, $200,000; fort at Fort Point, San Francisco bay, Cal., $200,000; fort at Alcatraze Island, San Francisco bay, Cal., $150,000; for contingencies of fortifications, including field works, $500,000; for bridge trains and equipage for armies in the field, $250,000; for steel and siege train for armies in the field, $250,000. For the year ending 30th of June, 1863, for fortifications on the Northern frontier, including fortifications at Oswego, Niagara, Buffalo, Detroit and Mackinaw, $750,000; for Fort Montgomery, at the outlet of Lake Champlain, N. Y., $50,000; Fort Knox, Penobscot river, Maine, $50,000; fort on Hog Island Ledge, Portland harbor, Maine, $50,000; Fort Winthrop, and exterior batteries, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, $50,000; fort at New Bedford harbor, Mass., $50,000; Fort Adams, Newport, R. I., $50,000; Fort Schuyler, East River, N. Y., $25,000; fort at Willet's Point, opposite Fort Schuyler, N. Y., $50,000; Fort Richmond, Staten Island, N. Y., $25,000; fort on site of Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, N. Y., $50,000; for commencement of casemat at the battery on Staten Island, N. Y., $100,000; for a new battery at Fort Hamilton, at the Narrows, N. Y., $100,000; Fort Mifflin, near Philadelphia, Penna., $25,000; for a new fort opposite Fort Delaware, on the Delaware shore, $200,000; Fort Monroe, Hampton Roads, Va., $50,000; Fort Taylor, Key West, Florida, $100,000; Fort Jefferson, Garden Key, Florida, $100,000; for an additional fort at the Tortugas, Florida, $200,000; for a fort at Ship Island coast of Mississippi, $100,000; for the contingencies of fortifications, $100,000; for bridge trains and equipage $250,000.

From Cairo.

CAIRO, Jan. 17.—Advices from Cape Girardeau state that the expedition which left here for Dallas and Bloomfield, returned this morning, bringing 23 prisoners, among them Capt. Day, of Jeff. Thompson's army.

Reports from Paducah say that heavy cannonading was heard up the Tennessee river this morning. Gen. Grant sent instructions to all the hospitals here to be in readiness at short notice.

We have nothing of importance from the expedition.

From Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 17.—Gov. Dawson left here on the 31st of December, on account of a personal difficulty. He was pursued, whipped and robbed, twelve miles east. The desperadoes who committed the assault have been arrested; three of them, while endeavoring to escape from the officers, were killed.

The Pirate Sumter at Cadiz.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—The following copy of a dispatch was received per the Arabia at Halifax:

LONDON, VIA QUEENSTOWN, Jan. 4.—*Hiram Barney, Collector of New York:* The Sumter has arrived at Cadiz, having burnt three vessels. [Signed] C. A. ADAMS, U. S. Minister.

WHEELING, Jan. 17.—The bill known as the Pennsylvania Railroad Bill was defeated in the lower house of the Legislature, to-day, by a vote of 24 to 9.

Markets by Telegraph.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Noon.—Flour in demand; sales 1,000 bbls. extra family at $6 25, extra at $5 75 and superfine at $5 25@5 50. Rye flour dull at $5 75, and corn meal at $3. Wheat dull and lower; sales 4,000 bush. red at $1 37 and white at $1 45@1 50. Rye steady at 75c. Corn steady at 54½c. Oats unchanged; sales 3,000 bush. Penna. at 33½c. Provisions dull; sales of mess pork at $19 50 and lard at 8c. No change in groceries. Rice firm at 7½@8c. Whisky firm; sales of 3,000 bbls. Ohio at 24@25c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Noon.—Flour quiet; sales 9,500 bbls. at unchanged prices. Wheat advanced. Corn dull. Provisions unchanged. Whisky dull and nominal at 22c.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 17.—Evening.—Flour firm at $3 95@4 00 for superfine. Oats firm at 28c. and corn at 32c. Rye in demand at 53c. Wheat in demand at 87c. for red and 92c. for white. Whisky firm at 16c. Hogs higher; sales at $3 35@3 45; receipts 2,400. Provisions firmer; mess pork sold at $9 25@9 50. Green meats firmer at 5½@5¾c. for shoulders and hams. Lard is in good demand at 6¾c. and not much offering; bulk sides 4c. but not much demand. There is a demand for coffee, with sales of 200 bags at 20¼@20¾c. Sugar and molasses firm. Exchange firm at ¼ discount and par buying, and par to ¼ premium, selling rate.

NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Evening.—Exchange flat at 113¼@114. Money easy. Stocks firm; Chicago and Rock Island, 56¾; Illinois Central, 62¾; Bonds 90¾; Michigan Southern