Pittsburgh Gazette.

FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 14, 1862.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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

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Washington.

At no period, perhaps, since the triumphant close of the Revolution, have the thoughts of the people turned so involuntarily and so generally to Washington as at the present time. And this becomes more the case as the anniversary of that great man's birthday approaches. The memory of Washington will live forever, and becomes more and more venerated as time rolls on. Let his natal day, now close at hand, be appropriately commemorated, not only by Congress, as has been proposed, but by the people generally throughout the country. As was truly said by the Hon. John J. Crittenden, on the floor of Congress last Monday, when introducing a resolution that on the 22d the Farewell Address of Washington should be read before that body, with other appropriate ceremonies—"There is one name which stirs every American heart; it is the name of Washington; a name which suggests to every mind the highest virtues of the American citizen; the name honored throughout the world, and which commands the pride and homage of every honest heart, and in the day of our trouble we should await ourselves of its happy influence." To this every true American heart will respond with a hearty Amen! Let the name and the memory of Washington be commemorated in every appropriate way. And this reminds us to say that just now there is within our city a most admirable oil colored portrait of Washington, being exhibited by Mr. Jordan, who proposes to furnish copies of the same. What better way to honor and keep alive the memory of Washington than by having a correct likeness of him? And we think it most fortunate that such an admirable and correct likeness of the great man has been produced for the benefit of the public, and at a price that will put it within the reach of so many. Never before, we venture to say, has there been such a perfect copy of the original "Stuart painting" produced. It is a triumph, of which the author may well be proud, and we can but commend it to the notice of our citizens, as being a portrait fit to grace and do honor to any man's parlor.

The Pennsylvania Troops—The Proposed Expedition from Philadelphia.

Governor Curtin left for Washington yesterday, to consult with the Department there, and also to visit the various camps, that he may personally be able to inspect the troops, ascertain their sanitary condition, and with all the means in his power, contribute to their just and honorable wants. It is the purpose of the Governor also to urge on the favorable consideration of the War Department, the practicability and policy of, organizing the troops now in camp in this State, for the purpose of fitting out an expedition to sail from the port of Philadelphia. In bringing this matter to the attention of the national Government, (says the Harrisburg *Telegraph*,) we infer that it is not the purpose of the Governor of Pennsylvania to urge any action on the national government, that may not in harmony with the plans and preparations of the War and Navy Departments. In this particular it is not the disposition of the authorities or people of Pennsylvania to attempt an intrusion either on the notice or the attention of the national administration, but simply to suggest their willingness to labor in a cause in which their all is invested, and then await acquiescence and direction.

We sincerely hope that the mission of the Governor looking to the achievement of these purposes, may be successful, and that the valor and the enterprise of Pennsylvania may be permitted to seek every channel and highway in which there is a prospect to serve their country and distinguish themselves.

NEW MUSIC.—Messrs. Root & Cady, of Chicago, have recently issued the following:

"The Vacant Chair; or, We shall meet, but we shall miss him."

"Song of the Negro Boatmen; at Port Royal, 1861, by J. G. Whittier, Esq. Music by H. T. Merrill, author of "Take your gun and go, John."

"The Enchantress Schottische," composed and arranged for the piano, by A. J. Vass, author of "Skating Quadrille," &c.

The "Skating Polka," composed, by C. C. Smith.

"Nellie Lost and Found"—Number 6 of a series of Songs and Ballads, by Henry C. Work.

All the pieces above enumerated are got up in a style of such excellence, in every respect, as reflects the highest credit on the good taste and enterprise of the publishers. We trust these "new pieces" will soon have a wide acceptance among the lovers of music throughout the country.

RELIEF TO THE FAMILIES OF SOLDIERS.—The House of Representatives has passed a supplement to the act of last session, to create a loan and to provide for arming the State, authorizing the several relief boards appointed by the fourteenth section of said act, to extend support and relief to the families and dependents of all such volunteers, residents of this State, as are now in the active service of the United States in any volunteer organization of another State, the same, to all intents and purposes, as if the said volunteers had been originally enrolled and mustered into service by the Governor of this Commonwealth. This act is wise and just, as it will give relief to the parents of our many brave men who enlisted in companies out of this State.

AT IT AGAIN.—We are requested, by a resident of the Sixth Ward, to call attention to the fighting and throwing of stones between the boys of the Sixth and Eighth Ward Schools. Yesterday, these quarrels were renewed, much to the annoyance of those residing in the vicinity. A boy, riding a horse along Franklin street, narrowly escaped being killed, the animal having been struck with a stone, which caused him to start, and throw the boy violently upon the cobble stones. It seems that nothing but the arrest of the ringleaders will stop these fights. The Mayor dislikes to drag boys up as prisoners, but he will be compelled to do so.

IMPORTANT TO OIL SHIPPERS.—Mr. R. C. Clyde, gives notice, in another column, that all persons shipping oil to this city, in bulk, will be expected to pay him a small per centage, under the patent laws. He is the inventor of this method of shipment, and, as such, is entitled to the benefit of his discovery. Large quantities of oil are now shipped to this market in flats, without barrels, and we understand that one firm alone has contracted for the delivery of five hundred barrels per day, in this way. Those interested are referred to the advertisement.

SUICIDE OF A CHAPLAIN.—Rev. Mr. Gerwig, formerly pastor of the German Lutheran church, at Lawrenceville, and acting as Chaplain to a Western Virginia regiment, committed suicide, a few days since, by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was on duty, with his regiment, and was in the quarters of one of the officers when the report of the pistol was heard. No cause is assigned for the act. He was a German refugee, and has a family residing in Lawrenceville.

INTERESTING TO TEACHERS.—A bill has been introduced into the lower branch of the Legislature, to make the school week consist of five days only. In most of our school districts, outside of the city, the teachers are required to be at their posts five and a half days of the week, and in many places the directors exact six full day's labor from the teachers. What the prospects for the bill are we cannot say.

A NEW BANK is to be started at Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Pa., under the provisions of the Free Banking Law of the State. It is to be called the "Farmers' Bank of Mount Joy," and to start with a capital of $100,000, with the privilege of increasing the same to any amount not exceeding $500,000.

A "PET" to a Western Hospital" is inadmissible. It is written on both sides of the sheet, and the name of the writer is not given. We consider of no such communications.

THE ILLUSTRATED WEEKLIES.—Mr. W. A. Gildensenny, Fifth street, near Wood, has received "*Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*" and "*The New York Illustrated News*" for next week. The former makes the late "Ball" at the White House the subject of several illustrations, which will be either sad or funny according to the reader's humor. Both papers will, however, supply quite a fund of amusing and interesting matter on all manner of subjects, social, military and miscellaneous.

FROM YESTERDAY'S EVENING GAZETTE.

Mysterious Shooting Affair in Clarion County.

A few days since, a practising physician named David Bachman, residing near Reidsburg, Monroe township, Clarion county, was shot under very mysterious circumstances. While returning from the spring to his house, at eight o'clock in the morning, and when directly opposite a pig pen, at the east end of John Lloyd's dwelling, and built outside of the fence, he was fired upon from the pen by some person who was then unseen by him, the shot striking both the right and left hands and a large portion of them entering the abdomen. The Doctor screamed with pain from his wounds, yet did not fall nor drop the bucket, but hurried forward to his house, about thirty rods distant, and entered very much exhausted from the rapid bleeding of his many wounds. In an examination of the pig pen after the firing, a shot gun, which had been very recently fired, was found concealed beneath a bundle of straw, which belonged to Mr. Lloyd; there were also two bullets found with the gun.

About an hour after the shooting, the Doctor stated to a person present, that he believed the gun had been fired by his neighbor, John Lloyd, though he alleged there had never been any words nor hard feelings existing between them; and Mr. Lloyd, on his examination, also stated that no angry words had ever passed nor was there anything like unfriendly feelings manifested at any time. The case presents some curious features. The gun was fired from the pig pen on the premises of Mr. Lloyd, who strongly denies having any knowledge of the shooting, and his family appear to have been wholly ignorant of anything unusual having happened, until Lloyd was arrested. Lloyd has an excellent character, is strictly moral in his habits, and his neighbors believe him wholly incapable of such an act.

This was the second attempt made upon the life of the doctor during the past few days. The first time he was shot at with a rifle, the ball passing very near to his person. Many stories, derogatory to his reputation have been freely circulated since the above unfortunate affair transpired, and it is intimated that the attack was the result of jealousy. These injuries are not serious, and Mr. Lloyd has been committed to jail to answer.

In this connection we may mention a terrible tragedy, which occurred some years ago, in Rock Grove, Illinois, in which Dr. Bachman played a conspicuous part. A German hired man, in the employ of a respectable widow, made proposals of marriage to her, which were rejected. The German, imagining that the lady desired the attentions of another, determined to kill him. Early one evening, Dr. Bachman, then a resident of Rock Grove, called at the house of the lady, to get some flour for his family, when the German (mistaking him, as alleged, for another,) attacked him with a large butcher knife, stabbing him several times in the breast, once through the arm, and drawing the knife across his back inflicted a frightful wound, from which a portion of one of the kidneys protruded. The German was arrested and committed to jail, where he made a rope of his sheet and hanged himself. The doctor survived his frightful injuries, but it does not seem that there is some strange fatality following him.

Not So Much of a Joke After All.

We have already alluded to what we regarded as a joke on the part of the Firemen's Association—to wit: the election of Dr. A. G. McCandless, President of the Common Council, as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and W. M. Hartzell, Reporter of the *Dispatch*, as Second Assistant. It would seem, however, that in whatever light the Association regarded the matter, the gentlemen elected treat it seriously, and have accepted "the honor conferred." Now it may turn out that the Association has done a very wise thing, as both gentlemen possess the ability and the energy to make excellent officers. They will be duly commissioned by the Mayor, and enter upon their duties at the "first tap of the bell." The following are their letters of acceptance:

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12, 1862.—G. W. Leonard, Esq.: Dear Sir: Yours of the 11th was duly received. Permit me, through you, to tender my most grateful acknowledgments to the Firemen's Association for the distinguished honor conferred. And as I am not familiar with the duties of the office I will ask the indulgence of those self-sacrificing and noble fellows who risk and endure so much for our city's interests. You may expect errors in your Chief; let me assure you they will be of the head and not of the heart. "I'll try" has achieved much. Yours, fraternally,

A. G. MCANDLESS.

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12, 1862.—George W. Leonard, Esq.: Dear Sir: Yours of this date, informing me of my election to the position of Second Assistant Engineer of the Fire Department of Pittsburgh, is hereby acknowledged. For the honor conferred the Firemen's Association have my thanks. I shall endeavor to discharge the duties appertaining faithfully and impartially.

Very res't yours. WILL M. HARTZELL.

The Interest on the State Debt.

The following note from Hon. Henry D. Moore, State Treasurer, is highly complimentary to the Banks of the Commonwealth:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA, HARRISBURG, February 12, 1862.

Editors Gazette: At the press of our State have very generally alluded, in commendatory terms, to the fact that the interest on our State debt was paid in specie, or its equivalent, on the 1st inst., I deem it but an act of justice to the Banks of our Commonwealth to state that it was through their liberality and patriotism that the payment of the interest was made in this form, without any cost to the State—they having responded most cordially, with very few exceptions, to my appeals to them for this purpose; and it is but another evidence of the noble manner in which the Banks of our Commonwealth have sustained our State and National Government in this hour of trial to our country. Such action as this is certainly worthy of a public recognition, and it is with very great pleasure that I call your attention to it.

Yours, truly, HENRY D. MOORE, State Treasurer.

SAD ACCIDENT.—On Monday of last week an interesting child named Wm. Henry McDonough, son of Thomas McDonough, of Somerset township, Washington county, was so severely scalded, by falling backward into a tub of hot water, near which he was playing, that he survived but nine hours. His body, from the shoulders to the knees, was rendered completely raw. Although his sufferings must have been intense, the little fellow bore up bravely, refraining from weeping himself, and chiding his sorrowing parents for giving way to grief. He was aged about four years, and was a particular favorite in the neighborhood.

THE QUESTION IS SETTLED as to the best place to buy our Dry Goods, Barker & Co., 59 Market street, are continuing their great sale at greater reductions than before. It is a rule of this house to close out their stock every season, and judging by the prices they are selling at, we should think they would not experience much trouble this time. If you have not been, go, and if you have, go again—you will be well paid in doing it.

AN ELEGANT CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT.—One of the best places within the range of our knowledge to purchase clothing, or furnishing goods, is the establishment of Messrs. W. McGee & Co., corner of Federal street and the Diamond, Allegheny. They never fail to render satisfaction to those who favor them with a call, and will sell at very reasonable prices. Remember the locality, corner of Federal street and the Diamond, Allegheny.

CAMP ORR.—We are pleased to hear that John H. Negley, Esq., of Butler, has been appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the 103d Regiment, now at Camp Orr, Kittanning. This we believe, perfects the organization of this regiment. We are informed that Colonel Lehman expects to receive marching orders early next week. The regiment will probably rendezvous at Harrisburg, and may be ordered to join one of the Southern expeditions.

PATRIOTISM IN ARMSTRONG COUNTY.—The military force from Armstrong county foots up 1,578 men; stridulive of the three months men. This would make over fifteen full companies, or a regiment and a half. Not so bad for Armstrong.

The Allegheny Valley Railroad Election.

Eds. Gazette: The card of Mr. F. R. Brunot, in your edition of Wednesday, would be permitted to pass without notice, had he not (unintentionally, no, doubt) misled the public in regard to the late election for Directors of the A. V. R. R. Co. The facts are these: The writer of this communication became convinced a few days prior to Feb. 1st, that the Directors intended to permit the bondholders to foreclose, (failing to receive the interest due) and take possession of the road. To save a stock interest of some value, I saw that it would be necessary for some parties outside the Board to raise money enough to pay interest, and that without delay. The exigency was presented to Mr. Wm. M. Lyon, and we advanced in about equal sums, enough to keep the Road from sale.

The stock having been saved, Mr. L. called on me and suggested that we should mutually agree upon a new Board who would better guard the interest of the stockholders. Some months previous to this time I purchased a considerable amount of the stock in Philadelphia, which I transferred to different persons. I now procured the proxies of these parties, in sufficient number to control the coming election, and so stated to Mr. Lyon and his friends. They made no objection to them on the ground of *bona fide* ownership,—remarked that the election judges could not go back of the legal transfer on the Company's books—indeed, intended using *these same proxies* to elect a ticket to be *mutually agreed upon*.

Here was the hitch. We failed to agree. Mr. L. presented a list of names, having, I thought, too little interest in the Stock. Desiring to have the new Board fully committed to the interest of the Stockholders, a list was made up of larger Stockholders, and gentlemen heretofore acquainted with the wants of the road. Among these Mr. F. R. Brunot. He was successfully objected to by this friends, (Lyon, Shorb & Co.)" Finding that I would not consent to a Board entirely of their choosing, Messrs. L. & Co. resolved to obtain their end by indirection, secured the appointment of Judges of Election, who obeyed their behests, and threw out the very proxies they had intended to use. This, Mr. Editor, is a plain statement of facts. The Secretary of the Company stated "that the Stock had been properly transferred months before; parties presenting it affirmed that they were *bona fide* owners," but to secure the election of a certain ticket it was absolutely necessary that their votes should be refused, and they were refused accordingly—in many cases the Judges not even deigning to look at the names of the proxies offered. We do not think there was a single proxy indorsed that was not legally made out, and was a bona fide transfer.

By the books of the Company, I learn that four of the new Board, together, hold in their own names *twenty-nine shares*.

T. B.

ARREST OF AN ESCAPED PRISONER.—Our readers will recollect that some time in the month of June, 1860, a man named Samuel Welch committed an outrage upon the person of a respectable married woman in Cambria county. He was arrested on the charge, but succeeded in making his escape from the county jail, in which he was confined the month following. A reward was offered at the time for his arrest, but nothing was heard of him until recently, when officer Dougherty, of this city, learned that he was residing with his wife and family in Westmoreland county, about five miles from New Salem. He proceeded to his house, arrested him on Tuesday morning last, and lodged him safely in the Ebensburg (Cambria county) jail, to await his trial at the next session of Court.

AN AFFLICTED FAMILY.—On last Sabbath, while Mr. John M. Beegle and family were at Church, in Newry, Blair county, their dwelling, in some unknown way, caught fire, and when they returned, the flames had gained such ascendency, that all their efforts to extinguish them proved unavailing. All the household goods, and the grain which had been placed in the garret, were entirely consumed, leaving the family destitute of everything but the clothing they had on. It is only a few weeks since this family buried two beautiful and interesting children.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.—The number of births, marriages, deaths, in the city of Philadelphia, during the year 1861, was as follows: Marriages, 4,417. Births, 17,271. Deaths, 14,468. The births exceeded the deaths 2,803. The population is 565,528, and the deaths was one in 39. The largest number of females married were between the ages of 20 and 25 years. There were two marriages of individuals who had passed threescore years and ten, and some sixteen who were upwards of 60. Of the births, 162 were twins, and there were two triplets. Over 600 were still-born.

CITY MORTALITY.—Dr. A. G. McCandless, Physician to the Board of Health, reports the number of death for the week ending Feb. 10th, as follows:

Males	21	White	21
Females	13	Colored	2
		Total	23

Of these, 7 were adults and 16 children. Two died from small pox, one from scarlet fever, one from measles, and the rest from ordinary diseases not contagious in their character.

SOLDIERS' DEAD.—Noah Piper, of Captain McCurdy's company, Colonel Coulter's regiment, and Abraham Butler, of Company I, same regiment, died recently at Annapolis, Md. Both were from the vicinity of Greensburg. Piper survived the attack of his disease, spotted fever, but twelve hours. His remains were taken home to Ligonier Valley on last Friday and interred. He was about 19 years old, and was a brother of Lieutenant Henry Piper, of the same company.

A BALD EAGLE SHOT.—Mr. A. Montgomery, of Armstrong county, shot a large bald eagle, on Wednesday, near Louisville, Westmoreland county.

It measures seven feet four inches from tip to tip of its wings. Its head was almost the size of a sheep's, and it had claws that would not disgrace the old gentleman from below himself. Mr. M. designs presenting it to Col. Stanton, of the 67th Regiment, Pennsylvania Volunteers.

DOG TAX.—Petitions for a dog tax of not less than one dollar are in circulation in various parts of the State. They pray the legislature to impose this tax for the purpose of aiding in the support of the poor in such sections of the State as are poor houses, and in every instance where the tax thus raised is not absorbed for the support of paupers, it shall be devoted to school and road purposes.

AN AMISSION.—In our report of the late fire in Allegheny, we inadvertently omitted to mention that the Reliance Hose Company, of the Fourth Ward, was on the ground and rendered efficient aid in suppressing the flames. This company is usually prompt, and we regret that the omission occurred, as it is always our desire to accord "honor to whom honor is due."

THE MURDOCH ENTERTAINMENT, at Pike's Opera House, Cincinnati, for the benefit of the Ladies' Central Aid Society, netted the handsome sum of $1,113. The Library Association, of this city, could "put money in their purse," and at the same time please the public by engaging Mr. Murdoch for one or two readings in this city.

STEALING HAMS.—The notorious Bucky Wade, colored, was arrested by the Mayor's police, to-day, with two hams in his possession. This is the third time he has been arrested for stealing hams. The owner can have his property by satisfying Mayor Sawyer as to the ownership.

HOME.—Lieut. J. H. Stewart, of Patterson's Cavalry, is now in the city, on a visit to his friends. His company has been removed to Camp Clair, Baltimore, where they expect to remain for a time.

DIED:

SHEPHARD—At Rolla, Mo., February 7th, 1862, RICHARD SHEPHARD, aged 25 years and 7 months, son of John and Thermuthis Shephard.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his parents, 304 Penn street, To-DAY, (Friday,) February 14th, at 2 o'clock p. m. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

BOYD—On Wednesday, Feb. 12th, at 5 o'clock p. m., CLARA AMELIA, youngest daughter of James M. and Martha Boyd, aged 10 months.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on FRIDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of the parents, No. 153 Federal street, Allegheny city.

MORRISON—Wednesday morning, at 7½ o'clock, SAMUEL MORRISON, aged 80 years.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 183 Penn street, on FRIDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock. The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend.

EXTRA FAMILY FLOUR—300 bbls. "Star Mills" brand, for sale and for sale by

ISAIAH DICKEY & CO.

LETTERS FROM HARRISBURG.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 11, 1862.

This was Senate bill day in the House, and over thirty bills passed. Very few of these were of any interest to your readers. The following relate to the West:

An act increasing the pay of the County Commissioners of Fayette county. A supplement to the charter of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Company. This is the Tarentum establishment in your county, and authorizes the company to distill coal oil, etc. Another bill, authorizing the County Commissioners of Butler county to compromise with the holders of the North Western Railroad bonds. What do the County Commissioners of your county intend to do? Have they come to any conclusion with the holders of your Railroad bonds? Mr. Williams thought of addressing the taxpayers on the subject of the assessment of the 27 mills for railroad purposes.

There are two or three other acts in regard to some of the western counties, but none of interest to your city. The Passenger Railroad bills have been so horribly cut up in the Committee that it is difficult to say what will be done with them. The authority to run steam cars on said road has been stricken out. The exclusive features of the Ferry bill at the mouth of Saw Mill Run has been so bitterly assailed that it can scarcely pass in the shape proposed. Mr. Williams has a bill to repeal the act authorizing the widening of Virgin alley. What has been done by the viewers in that case? If the friends of that measure desire to save it they had better inform their members. The act to prohibit cattle, swine, &c., running at large in your county, still keeps before the Committee on Agriculture.

The Committee of Ways and Means will to-morrow report a bill in which a large number of your citizens are interested. This bill authorizes the Quartermaster and Auditor General to settle a large mass of bills irregularly contracted on the breaking out of the present war. A committee of your citizens paid some $15,000 of these bills and will be entitled to be refunded. This money, I believe, when repaid is to go into the County Relief Fund. Besides that, your clothing men furnished uniforms to probably twenty companies on contracts with the Captains who had no authority to contract. Also subsistence for the Erie regiment, which was furnished at Pittsburgh. I should suppose that claims to the amount of $40,000 exist in your vicinity. The preparation of a bill to include everything of this kind has now been matured by Mr. Bigham, one of the Committee of Ways and Means, and will be reported in the morning. In the course of a week or ten days the bill will become a law and gladden the hearts of those who have been waiting for some action on this point.

A bill to authorize a settlement of the claim of the Commonwealth against the sureties of Wm. McCandless, late Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, has also been reported from the same committee.

The persons appointed by the Governor to revise the tax laws have nearly all resigned. The consequence is that the Committee on Ways and Means are now undertaking the task. This will undoubtedly require three months time. It seems to be agreed that the Legislature will in a few days get to work, and in the course of six weeks will adjourn to the middle of June, to act on the new tax laws. No other alternative is before that body. The present assessed valuation of property lays the whole burden of taxation on real estate. A thorough revision can alone satisfy the people. Extra sessions are not liked, but doubling the present taxation on real estate is still worse. FORT PITT.

HARRISBURG, Feb. 12, 1862.

The House spent most of the morning in discussing resolutions on every conceivable subject. Some two weeks ago the rules were amended so as to allow original resolutions only on Wednesday morning. The members appeared determined to use the largest latitude to-day. The most time was expended on one and its numerous amendments, in regard to postage stamps furnished the members by the Postmaster of this city. The law directs that members shall indorse their name upon the outside of the letters or documents sent, and then the Postmaster here charges the postage to the State. It seems a portion of the members have gone to the Postmaster and got one, two, and even three hundred postage stamps. No law warrants this species of petty larceny; still, it might have escaped severe criticism, had not one Rex, of Montgomery county, set himself up as the model reformer in a small way. He is said to have got it into his head, that he will be elected a Democratic Governor of the Keystone State on the reform hobby. In fact, I am told that a number of wags (all, I believe, Democrats) have agreed to write him letters in the name of prominent Democrats, urging him to persevere in his reform business. He was known to have received all the postage stamps he could get, and then had the impudence to take the lead in reforming this abuse by offering a joint resolution to require the Postmaster to report the same to the State Treasurer, and have the amount deducted from the pay of the members. When interrogated on the floor he admitted having got a large number of stamps, and strange as the fact is, report says that only three or four Republicans have received, while some thirty-five of the Democracy have received the same.

Rex's impertenance led a two hours' discussion, and some half a dozen calls of yeas and nays on that subject, until finally a resolution, offered by Dr. Gross, of your county, was adopted, directing all those who had received them to return the same, or else to pay the Postmaster for the stamps received. One of Rex's Democratic fellow members followed the disposition of this, by a resolution that Rex be invited to deliver an address upon retrenchment and economy in the hall of the House. This was adopted, and here the matter ended.

Mr. Williams read in place a bill to repeal the act authorising the opening of Virgin alley. This bill was passed three years since, and the viewers have been at work upon it with what result I cannot say. There were, of course, two sides to this, like most other cases. I think no action can be had for ten days, until the people in interest can be heard.

Mr. Williams also read in place a bill to repeal an act authorising the Steubenville Turnpike Road Company to collect tolls over Saw Mill Run. This is the most complete caricature upon our local legislation I have known. For some ten years this act has been passed by one Legislature and repealed by the next. Time shows it is fair play, as a gentleman this session of this year to have this act repealed—it having been enacted in 1861. Mr. Williams' bill will be held under advisement for some two weeks, to enable both sides to be heard.

Both branches of the Legislature to-day passed a joint resolution asking the new Virginia Legislature to modify the very illiberal legislation towards the Steubenville railroad across the Panhandle. The Legislature of the new State may improve largely upon the bad example set them at Richmond. I hope we may yet see this important link of railroad connection made to Pittsburgh.

The Governor and a Committee of both branches left to-day for Washington, to interchange opinions with Congress and the National Administracion on the subject of the war taxation. Mr. Bigham, of your delegation, is of the number. They will not probably return until Monday next. The members of the commission to revise the tax laws have all resigned. There is some talk of a sub-Committee from the Ways and Means attempting it. If so, an extra session of the Legislature will have to be held about June to act on such revised bills.

The news of the brilliant success of the Burnside expedition greatly excited the Legislature to-day. The indications on the Atlantic coast, and also in Kentucky and Tennessee, clearly point to the last struggle of the traitorous Confederate States. Six months hence I hope to see this accursed treason a thing of the past. When a few thousand of the leading spirits of this crusade against the peace and prosperity of our common country are hanged by the neck until they are dead—aye dead as Julius Cæsar—then, and not until then, may we hope for a permanent peace. FORT PITT.

AMUSEMENTS.

PITTSBURGH THEATRE.

Farewell benefit and last appearance of the young and beautiful actress,

MISS CHARLOTTE THOMPSON.

THE FOUNDLING OF PARIS.

MADDLAINE..... MISS THOMPSON.

To conclude with the

LITTLE TREASURE.

GERTRUDE..... MISS THOMPSON.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

XLIVIITH CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, 1862.

SENATE.—A communication to the Vice President, from the Union Defence Committee of New York, urging the immediate passage of the Treasury Note bill with the legal tender clause, was received.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported back a bill to appoint a warden for the District Jail.

Mr. Harris, of New York, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported back the bill to alter the circuits for the Northern Districts of New York.

Mr. Davis, of Kentucky, presented a series of resolutions declaring that the Constitution is the fundamental law of the Government, and the rights of the people are fixed and immutable, and cannot be abrogated by any other power than the Constitution, and any attempt to abrogate or destroy the rights guaranteed by the Constitution is inhuman, and unjust, and an outrage on civilization; that there is no power in the Constitution to abrogate or destroy any of the rights of the people, and any rights or privileges that may have been suspended by the existence of the war will be resumed on the close of the war as if they had not been suspended; that no State, by any vote of secession act, can abrogate her rights or obligations, or the obligations of the United States to preserve her people in the enjoyment of all their rights, and to guarantee to such State a republican form of government; that there can be no confiscation of any property or infringement of the rights of loyal citizens, unless for acts declared to be criminal; that it is the duty of the United States to suppress the rebellion speedily, carrying the Sword in one hand and Justice in the other, and to restore the States to their original condition.

Mr. Foster, of Conn., gave notice that he should introduce a bill for the cultivation of cotton on lands in the possession of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Powell, of Ky., the bill to fix the number of representatives in the House was taken up. The bill fixes the number at 239.

A message was received from the House, announcing its disagreement to certain amendments of the Senate to the civil appropriation bill.

On motion of Mr. Pearce, of Md., a Committee of Conference was appointed.

Mr. Trumbull, of Ill., thought it would be better not to alter the number of members in the House. The number had already been fixed, and it should remain unchanged.

After further discussion the consideration of the bill was postponed till to-morrow.

The Treasury Note bill was then taken up, the question being on Mr. Fessenden's amendment to make the bonds redeemable after five years and payable after twenty years, at the pleasure of the United States, which was withdrawn.

Mr. Collamer, of Vt., moved to strike out that portion of the bill which makes the notes a legal tender for private debts.

Mr. Wilson, of Mass., opposed the amendment. He said if it was adopted he should vote against the bill, as he considered it would be unjust, and especially unjust, to place all the money in the hands of the soldiers and employees of the Government, and force them to take it, and then not protect it afterwards in their hands. He said the people of Massachusetts were in favor of the bill, as it stands, with great unanimity, and he believed no bill except the bill for taxation was received with so much joy as this bill, with the legal tender clause. He thought the arguments of the Senators from Maine and Vermont rather against the issuing of the notes at all, rather than against the legal tender clause. If we do not make the notes a legal tender we will depreciate the notes of the soldiers and sailors, who will be compelled to submit to a shave by brokers. He read a letter from nine merchants of Boston, representing $40,000,000 of capital, who favor making it a legal tender, and they say they do not know a merchant in Boston who is not in favor of it.

Mr. Collamer modified the amendment to strike out all that portion of the bill which makes the notes a legal tender for debts of the United States, or any kind of debts, including the amendment of the Committee, providing that the interest be paid in coin.

Mr. Sherman, of O., said he believed there was a necessity for making those notes a legal tender. Every organ of financial opinion in the country agrees that this is indispensable. Everybody, from the Secretary of the Treasury through all the bankers and most of the merchants of the country, agree to that necessity. The Chambers of Commerce of New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other cities agree on this point. We have to pay before the first day of July $343,235,000, and of this, $100,000,000 is due this day. How are we going to get this amount? That is a question hardly necessary to be made. We cannot pay in coin, for we have not enough in circulation, since the banks have suspended. No banks cannot let us have any more money, for we have already taken more than their capital in bonds. Capitalists cannot buy the bonds of the government, for they cannot get coin enough, which is the only thing that can now be received. If the bonds are now thrown on the market they would depreciate 40 to sixty cents on the dollar, according to the opinion of all financiers; because there was no money to pay the bonds. Then how are we going to pay the soldiers, and the contractors who feed the armies? There is no other way than to give them notes which are as near money as possible. He contended that it was perfectly constitutional to issue these notes. The history of the Government settled this question—we had issued $90 of credit during the war with Mexico, and in 1812. We are bound, if we pass these notes to the soldiers, to make them as secure and negotiable as we can. We must either use sound and safe Government paper currency, or use the paper money of all banks which may spring up in the country. By issuing the amount provided for in this bill, we cannot inflate the currency—it will be under the control of the Government, and is not one tenth of the annual production of the country, which is $1,900,000,000. He should vote for this measure as a temporary necessity to carry on the war.

Mr. Cowan, of Pennsylvania, referred to the constitution to show that certain powers were delegated to the Government while others are reserved to the States—one of these provisions was that the States shall not emit bills of credit, coin money, or pass laws impairing the obligations of contract. He thought these principles were well settled. He contended that the Government had no right to make a law in any way to impair the obligation of contract, and said that this measure, instead of preserving the Government, tended to overthrow it. He opposed this measure because it impaired all the contracts and was unconstitutional, and was abherent to all his ideas of justice. The measure would disturb all the relations of debtor and creditor—destroy all the credit in the country. He was not a judge in the land, but he would declare that this measure was not constitutional. He would take the credit of the Government and go into the market, and if it was not worth more than sixty cents on the dollar, sell it for that, and act as an honest man should. He declared that this was a Charleston scheme, and an amendment of the Great Charter of the Government and liberties of the people. There was tyranny in compelling a man to take five hundred dollars from his neighbor when he ought to have one thousand dollars. He hoped the clause would be stricken out.

The discussion was continued at some length by Messrs. Howard, Willey, McDaugall, Doolittle, Simmons, Bayard and Sumner.

The question was then taken on Mr. Collamer's amendment to strike out the legal tender clause, &c., and it was disagreed to by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Anthony, Bayard, Collamer, Cowan, Fessenden, Foote, Foster, Kennedy, King, Latham, Nesmith, Pearce, Powell, Saulsbury, Simmons, Thompson and Willey —17.

NAYS—Messrs. Chandler, Clark, Davis, Dixon, Doolittle, Harlan, Harris, Henderson, Howard, Howe, Lane, (Ind.), McDougall, Morrill, Pomeroy, Rice, Sherman, Sumner, Ten Eyck, Wade, Wilkinson, Wilson, (Mass.) and Wilson, (Mo.)—22.

Mr. Sumner offered an amendment to allow the notes to be funded in two year bonds, bearing 8 per cent. interest. Adopted.

Mr. Doolittle, of Wis., moved to amend so as to limit the operation of the legal tender clause to private debts hereafter contracted.

Mr. King, of N. Y., offered a substitute which was rejected.

The bill was then reported to the Senate. The amendment made in committee to the 1st section was agreed to, except the proposition of Mr. Simmons to allow the notes to be funded in 5 per cent. bonds, which was amended to 7 3-10 bonds, and adopted.

Mr. Fessenden moved to insert an amendment providing for the deposit of the notes at 5 per cent., which will stricken out of the bill yesterday. Messrs. Pearce, Saulsbury and Powell spoke against the bill as unpatriotic, and for this reason they would not vote for it. The bill as amended, was then passed by a vote of 30 yeas to 7 nay. The negative vote was as follows: Messrs. Collamer, Cowan, Kennedy, King, Pearce, Powell and Saulsbury.

At 7½ o'clock p. m. the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.—The House proceeded to the consideration of the joint resolution reported by Mr. Holman, from the Committee on Government Contracts, authorizing the Secretary of War to pay the Hannibal and St. Joseph and Pacific Railroad Companies for the transportation of troops and munitions of war, but at rates not greater than those required from private individuals.

After three hours debate the resolution was passed in its amended form, the companies to be compensated according to the schedules of the Secretary of War, issued in July last.

On motion of Mr. Roscoe Conkling, of New York, five thousand copies of the bankrupt bill were ordered to be printed.

The house in the Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union, resumed the consideration of the naval appropriation bill. The clause appropriating $4,800,000 for the charter of vessels, stores, laborers and steam vessels having been read, Mr. Holman moved an amendment, requiring that proper officers may be employed in making and purchasing these vessels.

Mr. Holman's amendment was rejected.

The original proviso as agreed to, is as follows: That hereafter in all cases where officers of the navy can be made available, consistently with the public service, in making contracts for the charter of vessels and the purchase of additional steam vessels, no other person or persons shall be employed, and when any other person or persons than an officer of the navy shall be employed, the compensation shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars for all contracts for purchase or charter in any one year made under the provisions of this act, and at the same rate for any other shorter term of service.

Without concluding the consideration of the bill, the Committee rose and the House adjourned.

From Port Royal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—The steamer Baltic is below, with the mails and later intelligence from Port Royal.

The Baltic left Hilton Head on the 10th. She has 300 passengers.

The steamer Baltic, which arrived to-day from Hilton Head, brings 700 bales of cotton, the crews of the steam fleet, and a number of officers, sent home on recruiting service. Eight prisoners are also brought for Fort Lafayette. They were taken in a skirmish.

The weather at Port Royal is becoming disagreeable; warm and heavy rains were falling.

The contrabands are still engaged in picking cotton, and their numbers are fast increasing.

Gen. Sherman has succeeded in excluding all newspaper correspondents from his lines.

The 48th regiment and a portion of the R. I. and Engineers' regiments have been moved from Hilton Head to the foot of Daufuskie Island, which is the nearest point to Fort Pulaski Island that can be occupied, except at Tybee Island.

Several gunboats, a schooner and a number flats, with Parrott guns, howitzers and mortars, accompanied the expedition. Gen. Stevens' gunboats soon after made their appearance, and three of them succeeded in running the gauntlet of our vessels to Fort Pulaski. Gen. Stevens' brigade was prevented from forming a junction with these forces on account of the obstructions in the river.

Fort Pulaski is said to be in as bad a situation as was Fort Sumter before the bombardment.

Our engineers are driving piles in a marshy island for the purpose of forming a road and planting batteries for the erection of batteries. This island lies between the Union forces and Fort Jackson.

Our forces make advances upon the enemy every day, and our gun