Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 8.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, No. 55 Fifth street—corrected daily:

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9 o'clock, A. M.		34
12 " M.		34
6 " P. M.		38
Barometer		29 4-10

A Base Wretch.

For some time past, the ladies residing in certain parts of Allegheny have been very much annoyed and outraged by the indecencies of a man whose conduct was similar to that of the notorious Thompson, whose arrest and imprisonment were hailed with so much satisfaction. It was not believed that another so base could be found in the community, but circumstances have proved otherwise. The degraded actions of this latter fellow have been complained of for some time, but like Thompson, he managed to escape detection, as those whom he insulted would always flee from his presence. Latterly he became very bold, and complaints were much more frequent against him. No lady, however, could give a description of him, sufficiently accurate to identify him, and he thus passed unknown. On Saturday evening, as officer McKain was passing along Ohio street, he discovered a man standing in front of a millinery shop window, in a very suspicious attitude, and after watching him a while suspected what he was about. He at once arrested him and took him to the lock-up. On inquiring at the shop, the officer learned that they had been annoyed by some person tapping on the window, and exposing his person whenever he could get the attention of any one inside. The women, however, could not identify the man, neither could they be induced to appear against him, their sense of modesty forbidding. The party arrested was a notorious character, who has served two terms in the penitentiary, running over a period of eleven years. He was discharged so lately as last spring. He denied the accusation made against him, and was discharged for want of sufficient testimony, although we think the evidence of the officer would have been sufficient to have held him for trial. He is far advanced in life, and has children grown up and married. He will be closely watched hereafter, and if he is not very careful he will get an ounce of lead put into his carcase.

Arrival of Troops from Michigan.

The First Michigan Mounted Rifles, a splendid body of men, arrived in this city on Sunday, on their way east. They are fully equipped, and officered as follows: Colonel, J. F. Copeland; Lieutenant Colonel, Francis Norval; First Major, E. Gould; Second, Eustice J. Trowbridge; Third, Nora H. Perry; Adjutant, — Dodge. The regiment numbers 1,350 men. A battery of Flying Artillery is attached, consisting of six rifled cannon, with 150 men. This is one of the finest (and it is expected to prove one of the most efficient) regiments recruited under the late call. The Colonel (Copeland) has been nominated as a Brigadier, and the regiment will be assigned to his brigade.

Our Subsistence Committee had everything in apple-pie order for the reception of the troops; and well they might, since they were compelled to remain up all night awaiting their arrival. The troops were expected on Saturday evening, at seven o'clock, at which hour the ladies and gentlemen of the Committee were on hand. Seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven o'clock passed, but no troops arrived. The Committee were "in for it," and daylight came without bringing the anticipated trains. The greater part of Sunday was passed just as Saturday night had been—in vexatious waiting. The troops came at last, weary and hungry, and were treated just as kindly as though they had come in "on time." The good ladies and the indefatigable gentlemen of the Committee did not get away from the hall until almost dark, having spent nearly twenty-four hours in weary watching. Still they find ample compensation for their toil, in administering to the soldier's wants and receiving the soldier's blessing.

Distressing Casualty—Two Children Suffocated.

Two little children, belonging to a German family named Klais, residing in Wheeling, were suffocated on Friday last, under the following melancholy circumstances: The father of the children is a soldier in the Second Virginia Regiment, and the mother, being in needy circumstances, occupied the third story of a frame dwelling, and made a living by working out. On Friday morning she went out to do some washing, but before doing so locked her two little children up in a room. After she had gone it is supposed that they accidentally set on fire a lot of shavings in the room. Seeing what they done they were panic stricken and not being able to get out of the house ran into an adjoining room and crawled under a bed. An alarm of fire was raised outside, the neighbors rushed to the scene, and upon entering the room the children were found to be lifeless from suffocation. Mrs. Klais arrived before the dead children were discovered, and was immediately taken with violent spasms in consequence of the horrible sight which met her gaze. At last accounts it was feared that she would not survive. One of the children, a little girl named Helena, was aged five years. The other a boy aged about three and a half. Helena was a remarkably beautiful child and had attracted the admiration of the whole neighborhood by her gentle grace and beauty. The boy was also a very interesting child, and the melancholy affair is universally deplored.

Mother and Two Children Burnt to Death.

On Saturday, the 29th ult., a distressing accident from the careless use of petroleum, occurred at the village of Tarrville, on Oil Creek, resulting in the death of Mrs. Hart and two of her children. The woman occupied a house on the Blood farm, and it seems she had been in the habit of using oil in making fires. On the day mentioned, while in the act of pouring some crude oil into the fire in the stove, for the purpose of making it burn, the oil caught from the fire, and in an instant the whole house was in a blaze. Mrs. Hart escaped from the house, but was so badly burned that she died on Sunday. Two children were in the house at the time, both of whom failed to escape, and were burnt up in the building. They were both girls, the youngest was aged four, and the other eleven years.

There is but one way in which petroleum can be safely used in making fires, and that is to saturate the wood or coal with the oil before applying the fire, in which case there is no danger. To pour rock oil upon a fire, from a vessel, is scarcely less dangerous than to pour powder from a flask into the fire. In either case, painful wounds or death are sure to ensue.

A NOVEL DINNER.—On Thanksgiving day, the Ladies' Soldiers' Aid Society, of Erie, got up a splendid dinner, to which about one hundred poor families of volunteers and drafted men were invited. The ladies took the trouble to ascertain beforehand the names of the most needy families, with the number of children in each, and they were thus enabled to prepare ample food and accommodations for all. It was a novel and pleasing gathering—particularly agreeable to the children.

REBEL RAID IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY.—Col. Clarkson, with a large force of rebel cavalry, recently made a successful raid through Cabell county, scouring the country between the Big Sandy and Kanawha rivers, capturing prisoners, and driving off horses, cattle, etc. He captured about forty Union men, whom he carried off, together with many horses and cattle. He approached to within twelve miles of Guyandotte, there being no troops near enough to prevent him.

CLERGYMAN ROBBED.—On Sunday of last week, while Rev. John Barnhart, pastor of the German Evangelical Church, at Erie, was conducting the usual public services in the church, his dwelling was entered and robbed of $115 in money, and promissory notes to a considerable amount.

RESIGNED.—Col. Schlaudecker, of the 111th Regiment, is now at his home in Erie, having been released from duty on account of continued ill health. He has been in the hospital most of the time for the last six months.

Christianity and the Commonwealth.

A Lecture Delivered at the Opening of the Session of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, in Allegheny, Pa., Nov. 4, 1862, by Professor Sproull.

A copy of this able address has been laid on our table, and we have given it an attentive perusal; and while we cannot go quite the length to which the author carries his argument, we are free to say that there is much in it that is well worthy of consideration.

Dr. Sproull lays down four distinct propositions, as follows:

1. The entire dissociation of Religion from the State is impracticable.
2. Where Christianity is not, there Anti-christianity is the national religion.
3d. An improper connection between Christianity and the State is injurious.
4. Christianity, elevated to its proper place in a nation will be an element of strength, prosperity and permanence.

We have not room to go into an elucidation of the arguments with which the author supports these several propositions, but shall content ourselves with a very few citations. Speaking of "An improper connection between Christianity and the State," he says: "The Pope claimed to be king of kings, because he was the head of the Church; Henry [VIII.] claimed to be head of the Church, because he was the King of England. The Pope made the civil power an adjunct of the ecclesiastical; the king made the ecclesiastical an an adjunct of the civil." He condemns both.

On the 4th proposition he says: "The nation should recognise and receive the Bible as the Supreme Law. * * * * That the laws therein revealed are above, and should be the rule and standard of all human laws. * * * This recognition of the law includes a recognition of God as the source of all authority, and of Messiah, by the appointment of the Father, the Governor the nations."

We have now given the cardinal points contended for by the reverend author, and shall here stop, lest we might, if we pursued it further, provoke controversy. We commend the address to all who are desirous of studying the interesting subject of which it treats.

Col. R. Biddle Roberts.

Messrs. Editors:—I see it stated and repeated in some of the newspapers hereabouts, that Col. R. Biddle Roberts, of this city, has been withdrawn from the army by the Governor, and transferred to the head of the Military Bureau of this State.

Those who give currency to such a report are not, of course, aware that the Military Bureau consisted of the Adjutant, Quartermaster and Commissary Generals, who hold their offices for a specified term, and are entirely independent of the Executive.

It is a mistake, therefore, to report that Mr. Roberts has been transferred to any such position as he is credited with. There is, indeed, no such office as the Chief of that Bureau.

The question then is, what is the office in which he has been placed by the Governor? I know of none, unless His Excellency has been induced to *create a new* one for the accommodation of the incumbent. If he has, who is to pay? or is it intended that the service shall be entirely gratuitous?

The same accounts inform us that Colonel Roberts has been distinguishing himself greatly by his conduct at the head of his regiment. If this be true—and it is not for the writer of this note to question it in the absence of any personal knowledge on the subject—is it just to the service that he should be withdrawn from his command and put into comfortable winter quarters, just at the time when the regiment most wants him, and the country has need of all its best soldiers?

X. Y. Z.

REBEL PRISONERS.—One hundred rebel prisoners, belonging to the famous Quantrill band, were recently captured by the Second Virginia Cavalry, near Lewisburg, and are now on their way to Camp Chase.

HENRY BISHOP, coal digger, was killed in the Belmont pit, at Wheeling, on Wednesday last, by the falling of a mass of coal. He was twenty-seven years of age, and leaves a wife and two children.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

GROVER AND BAKER'S SEWING MACHINE, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use.
A. F. CHATCHY, General Agent,
No. 18, Fifth street.

LOST—$10 REWARD.

On Friday, the 5th inst., a Diamond Breast Pin, for which the above reward will be paid on its being left at this office, or at the St. Charles Hotel.

GET THE BEST.—A New York manufacturer of Photograph Albums has opened at No. 52 Fifth street, third door above the Theatre, a large stock of Photograph Albums, the best made in the world. They sell them at prices which defy competition.

DR. KEYSER: *Dear Sirs* I have been afflicted with Tetter or Salt Rheum for about thirty years. The last ten years it turned to the Erysipelas. It was of the worst kind. My whole body was covered with it. The spots over my body were as large as a copper cent. My face and eyes were so covered with the disease that I was almost blind. I also lost my hearing, so that I could not hear without speaking very loud to me. I tried all kinds of doctors, of every school of medicine, for years, without any benefit, and went to some a very great distance who were celebrated as physicians. I had to have my hands tied up they were so troublesome and covered with the disease. I am now well, and have been cured by taking less than a dozen bottles of Blood Searcher, at a cost of the many dollars, where I had spent hundreds before. You may publish this if you wish, for the benefit of other sufferers.
ELIZABETH GARRE.
Chester, Meigs County, Ohio.

FOR FALL AND WINTER WEAR.—The winter is upon us, and we must provide ourselves with the material to keep us comfortable. A good and well-made overcoat is the very article, and we don't know of any place where our readers can get one that will look as well, and at the same time withstand the most severe weather, as at W. H. McGee & Co.'s, corner of Federal street and Diamond Square, Allegheny. Their stock of overcoatings, business and dress clothing, pantaloons of all descriptions, are well assorted, and of the latest style. The gentlemen's furnishing goods department is all that a purchaser would wish. Call on McGee & Co. if you desire a nice suit.

SAMUEL GRAHAM, merchant tailor, would most respectfully inform his friends and the public generally that he has returned from the East with his new stock of fall and winter goods. His stock consists of the latest styles of cloths, cassimeres and vestings, selected from the latest importations. Gentlemen desiring a neat fitting garment, and at prices fower than at any other tailoring establishment in the city, would do well to give him an early call. Samuel Graham, merchant tailor, No. 54 Market street, one door from Third.

THE SOLDIER'S TRUE FRIEND.—For over forty years Dr. Holloway has been supplying all the armies of Europe with his PILLS & OINTMENT, they having proved themselves the only Medicines able to cure the worst cases of Dysentery, Scurvy, Sores, Wounds and Bruises. Every knapsack should contain them. Only 25 cents per Box or Pot. 232

EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS IN DRY GOODS.—Barker & Co., 59 Market street, announce to-day that they will sell for one week as advertised elsewhere. If we thought we could influence our readers, we should advise them to improve this opportunity to make all their purchases for the winter season.

NOTICE to the property owners of this city is hereby given, that any repairs needed about their houses will be done promptly, if they leave their order at Cuthbert's Carpenter and Joining Shop, on Virgin alley, just above Smithfield street.

OMNIBUS CALLS will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 405 Liberty street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.
6m.

GENTS AND LADIES' boots and balmorals, just opened, at McClelland's Auction, No. 55 Fifth street. Also a quantity of undershirts, drawers and socks, at private sale very low.

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

Dr. C. T. SINTENIS, German Teacher and Translator. Address Post Office box 48.

THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatches to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6, 1862.

THE PORTER COURT MARTIAL.

In the Porter court martial the cross-examination of Pope was concluded to-day. The defense gained less of Pope in the cross-examination than they did yesterday, and the case seems to be going very decidedly against Porter. His letters to Burnside, and the President's advice to Pope to watch Porter, as he did not trust him, are strong points against the accused. The whole testimony thus far goes to show that, if Porter had obeyed orders, Jackson would certainly have been crushed. This court martial will last a week or ten days yet.

Goodwin was engaged in McDowell's court in trying to establish his character. Gen. Haupt testified to McDowell's devotion to his duties, instancing such cases as his remaining out in the rain all night personally superintending the loading of cars, and forwarding supply trains, &c.

FROM GEN. GRANT'S ARMY.

The War Department has official advices from the Southwest to the effect that the expedition from Helena, Ark., under command of Gens. Hovey and Washburne, took possession of Grenada, Miss., yesterday. The rebels left in a hurry, destroying ten locomotives and one hundred cars.

Grant's forces were at Coffeeville, a short distance above, and were pushing forward.

GEN. SIGEL.

This morning the *Intelligencer* calls attention to the fact that Halleck entertains the same opinion of Sigel that Pope expressed in his lately published dispatch, and arguing thence against Halleck for placing Sigel in so important a command while thinking him unreliable, and thus for allowing this disparaging opinion to become public in his report.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT

Has official advices of the victories in the Southwest. Anxiety is expressed in some military circles for Gen. Grant's position, but most regard him as entirely master of the situation.

FROM BURNSIDE'S ARMY.

Indications of a movement in Burnside's army are not wanting, and hence we have countless rumors that a movement has actually begun. All unfounded.

WEATHER AT WASHINGTON.

We had a rain and light snow last night, which has melted somewhat, but freezing up now, and every prospect that the roads will be in good order.

UNFOUNDED.

The stories about rebel propositions of peace, in the New York papers, which may have been telegraphed West, are utterly unfounded.

CHASE'S REPORT.

The Washington papers all speak favorably of the ability of Chase's report, and the *Chronicle*, the Government organ, endorses its recommendations.

APPOINTMENTS.

The following Examining Surgeons for the Pension Bureau have been appointed: John McCabe, Carlisle, Ill.; N. Sherman, Plymouth, Ind.; Samuel McClure, Olney, Ill.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7, 1862.

BANKS' EXPEDITION.

A sick officer, who was unable to endure the exposure of a sea voyage, was put ashore from Banks' expedition at Fortress Monroe, and has reached Washington on his return. The expedition has already left Fortress Monroe on its way South.

The course of Banks' expedition disappoints many expectations here.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Certain signs, such as the presence of important officers of the army of the Potomac in Washington, go far to indicate the popular expectation of a movement within a day or two, but they will be again disappointed, if, as the rumors of the past few days have it, the army is already moving or on the point of moving.

EXTENSIVE ROBBERY.

An enormous robbery was perpetrated in the Treasury Department on Tuesday or Wednesday last. Gen. Spinner, U. S. Treasurer had left on his table United States certificates of indebtedness for two and a half million dollars. He was called out of his room for a moment, and on his return the certificates were gone. Bankers in New York and elsewhere have been notified not to receive these certificates, and it is hoped that this mischief may be counteracted. No clue has been obtained that can lead to the detection of the robber.

GENS. SIGEL AND POPE.

Gen. Sigel, not content with demanding a court of inquiry on Pope's charges against him, also proposes to prefer charges against Pope which will bring that officer before a general court-martial. He will charge him with conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman, and with incompetence, as exhibited in the late Virginia campaign. The first specification, under the first charge, will be for grossly abusive language to Sigel, himself.

SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

The Secretarship of the Interior continues to be a bone of contention. The candidates multiply. Gen. Washburne and Judge Edmonds, of the Land Office, are among the latest talked of. I see no reason for modifying my expressed opinion that as yet Judge Holt has the inside track.

CLAIM AGENTS.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue decides that persons representing themselves in position to prosecute claims against the government, whether in person or from other cities, through correspondents, must take out license as Claim Agents.

WOULD NOT BE IN WASHINGTON.

A commander of one of the grand divisions would not be in Washington this evening—nor would certain officers of Burnside's staff.

A CONFLICT IMPENDING.

Correspondents with the army telegraph that a conflict is impending, and, for aught they can see, may continue to impend. Indefinite.

GOVERNMENT BONDS.

It is stated that the Committee on Ways and Means are considering the policy of consolidating all government bonds into long sixes.

SENATOR WILSON

Will, to-morrow, introduce a bill pledging the Government to the aid of emancipationism in Missouri, and giving ten million as the first instalment.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The following dispatch has been received at headquarters, Charleston, Va., Nov. 28:

To Major N. H. McLean, A. A. G.:

Col. Paxton, of the Second Virginia Cavalry, supported by the 11th Ohio Regiment of Infantry, made an attack on a post of the enemy near Cold Knob, Greenbriar county, on the 26th. It was a successful surprise. They captured two commissioned officers, one hundred and eight non-commissioned officers and privates, one hundred horses, two hundred stands of arms, four wagons, and the camp equipage of a regiment. The wagons, equipage, and a part of the arms, were destroyed by Col. Paxton. There was no loss totally consumed.

on our side. On the day before a small scouting party of the 8th Virginia Infantry had a skirmish with the enemy's cavalry in Logan county. Our men were outnumbered, and forced to retreat without serious loss.

(Signed) J. D. COX, Major General.

On Wednesday morning last, as the Dragon, under command of Capt. Wright, was on her way to Port Royal her engine broke down, and she was forced to remain for some hours near Bowles' Rock, about 25 miles up the river. A party of rebels, probably thinking she was not armed, put off from the south side of the river in five or six boats, in which about fifty persons were observed, and made towards the Dragon; but before they had approached too close, Capt. Wright let fly a shell, which exploded in one of the boats, and they hastily turned and pushed for the shore. With a glass the officers saw the men. They were dressed in various uniforms, and were probably a guerrilla band. The Dragon was towed down by the Satellite, and this morning was brought to the Washington Navy Yard by the Resolute.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has decided that the provision in section 77 of the Excise law, providing for the taxation of yachts, applies only to vessels so known technically in the maritime language of this country, and to such of that class as are used for racing or purposes of pleasure.

Lieut. John Waters and Lieut. N. N. Thomas have been ordered to the steam sloop-of-war Monongahela.

Lieutenant Commander E. R. Owen has been detached from the James Adger, and ordered to the Mississippi Squadron.

Lieutenant Commander Thomas Patterson and Acting Lieutenant Selim E. Woodward have been ordered to the Mississippi Squadron.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The following regulation has been made by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue relating to agents of manufacturers:

The word agent as used in the 74 and 75 section of the Excise act is construed to mean either a person who is the exclusive agent of a manufacturer, or any person or firm selling goods on commission, designated by a manufacturer as his agent for the sale of his manufactures. In all cases the manufacturer will be required to make known to the assessor or assistant assessor of the district the name and place of business of the agent so designated.

The resolution of Representative Stevens, denouncing as guilty of a high crime any person in the executive or legislative branch of the government who shall propose to make peace, or shall accept or advise the acceptance of any such proposition, on any other basis than the integrity and entire unity of the United States and the Territories as they existed at the time of the rebellion, the consideration of which has been postponed till Tuesday week, will probably be fully discussed, as several members are already preparing to speak upon the subject.

This resolution is not supposed to be aimed at the administration, as its position is known to be that no peace is admissable at the cost of a single acre of the Union.

The resolution of Vallandigham, proposing a Convention of the States, and which is pending from last session, will soon come up for consideration in the House.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, *Saturday Morning, Dec. 6.*—On Thursday, the rebels brought some field pieces to bear on our gunboats, lying in the Rappahannock, near Port Royal. A few shots soon compelled them to withdraw the guns out of range. No harm was done on either side.

There is nothing new from the other side of the river. The enemy have not changed their position.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, December 7, 1862.

Last night was intensely cold, and some of the troops suffered for want of blankets. Ice formed in the Potomac and Aquia Creek from one and a half to two inches thick. To-day the sun came out fair and cheering, but the air continues piercing cold. The roads are hard and very rough.

Officers well informed state that Jackson has arrived near Fredericksburg, and joined his forces with those already there. They also report that the enemy have extended their lines several miles further down the Rappahannock.

The report that Major Spaulding, of the Engineer Brigade, is under arrest for unnecessary delay in the transportation of pontoon trains from Washington, is unfounded. That officer has been commended by his superiors for overcoming weighty obstacles in executing his orders.

There have been no field movements to-day.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The steamship Ocean Queen, from Aspinwall on the 25th ult., arrived at this port this afternoon.

During a tremendous gale at Aspinwall, which lasted for three days, the British brig Bolivar and steamship Avon were wrecked. There were no lives lost.

The steamer Ocean Queen lost her paddle box, but succeeded in getting to sea.

The brig Bainbridge was abandoned by her officers and crew, after throwing overboard her guns and stores.

All communication had been suspended between Panama and Aspinwall.

The railroad is said to be in running order by the 26th, as the water was subsiding.

There is no news of interest from Central America.

The iron-clad steamers Keokuk and Catskill were successfully launched to-day.

The steamer City of Washington sailed at noon to-day for Liverpool with forty passengers and $920,000 in specie.

Virginia Legislature.

WHEELING, Dec. 6.—The Senate to-day passed a preamble and resolution setting forth that Carlile violated the instructions of the body that elected him, in failing to sustain the legitimate efforts of the government to suppress insurrection; in proposing, by votes and speeches in and out of the Senate, measures absolutely necessary to the preservation of the Union and enforcement of the laws, and in opposing the admission of the new State into the Union, and requesting him to resign his seat in the United States Senate.

The resolution will come up in the House on Monday, and pass by a large majority.

In the House, to-day, a resolution was offered requesting the United States House of Representatives to pass the new State bill now pending before it, without alteration or amendment. It will come up on Monday, and pass by a nearly unanimous vote.

The Governor's Message endorses the emancipation policy of the President.

From the Army of the Southwest.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Advices from the Southwest to-night say that the enemy, under Gens. Hindman and Marmaduke, 25,000 strong, attempted to force Gen. Blunt's position at Cane Hill, Ark., yesterday, but were driven back. This morning they drove Blunt's pickets three miles, but on the arrival of reinforcements were again repulsed. Blunt's opinion is that the demonstration made is to cover their retreat, as they were felling timber all night, probably to obstruct the road and prevent pursuit. Blunt held the enemy in check four days. Gen. Herron's command reinforces him to-morrow.

Captured by the Pirate Alabama.

BOSTON, Nov. 6.—The bark Harriet Spaulding, Capt. Peabody, from New York for Havre, was captured and burned, Nov. 16th, in lat. 41° 13' and long. 66° 16', by the pirate Alabama. Her crew was kept in irons for several days, and finally transferred to the brig Hiram, from Preston, and landed at Fall River. The Alabama had on board the crews of three other vessels which had been captured and burned.

The above statement is from the Portland *Argus*, of yesterday. It looks like a hoax, as no brig had arrived at Fall River, and the name of the Captain of the Harriet Spaulding is Wallace.

Latest from California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—The ship Cyclone sailed for Hong Kong on Wednesday with $120,000 in treasure.

A copper lead, which is traceable for six miles, has been discovered in Mariposa county. It is from six to ten feet thick.

The House of Assembly of Nevada passed a bill, unanimously, requiring mining corporations to have their offices in that Territory, and giving foreign corporations six months to comply with the law.

Destroyed by Fire.

ROCHESTER, Pa., Dec. 6.—The Orphans' Farm School, at Zelienople, Butler county, Pa., under the care of Rev. Mr. Passavant, was this morning destroyed by fire. The children were mercifully saved, but the large buildings, costing $15,000, with most of the furniture, provisions, clothing, &c., were totally consumed.

From Fortress Monroe.

PHILADELPHIA, *Friday, December 5.*—Advices from Fortress Monroe, of yesterday, announce the sailing of a fleet of seven transports and two iron-clads with sealed orders—destination unknown.

FORTRESS MONROE, Dec. 5.—To-morrow Gen. Viele, as Military Governor, will issue a proclamation and a writ of election for a member of Congress from this District, comprising the counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne, Nansemond and Isle of Wight, with the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth. A large vote will be polled, as the residents are anxious to save their slave property from the effects of the President's proclamation by conforming with its requirements. It is known that Hon. Joseph Segar has succeeded in having his district the counties of Northampton, Accomac, Charles City, Elizabeth City and Warwick exempted by the President from the effect of his late proclamation.

A heavy storm has been raging here all day.

From Boston.

BOSTON, Dec. 6.—The steamers Mississippi and Merrimac, from Newbern, N. C., anchored off Woods' Hole to-day. They will both be ordered to proceed to New York.

The owner of the bark Harriet Spaulding says there is no truth in the story of her capture, and that Capt. Peabody is an imposter.

The Welland Canal.

ST. CATHARINE, C. W., Nov. 6.—There is a good deal of ice in the Welland Canal, probably sufficient to close navigation by to-morrow.

Markets by Telegraph.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 6.—Evening—Flour very dull, and Superfine at $5,10@5,15; Extra $5,30@5,40. Wheat firm, at $1,03@1,12. Corn 65c. Oats in active demand at 60c in sacks; sales of 1500 bags at this rate. Whisky 35c. Hogs in good demand at $4,40@4,60 for those averaging 200 to 230 lbs. Receipts of 7,000 head Mess Pork, unchanged; held at 11c. No sales. Lard less firm; sales of 300 tierces at 6¾c; Green Meats fine, at 3c for Shoulders; 6@5½c for Sides and 5¾@5½c for Hams. Groceries unchanged and dull. Gold $1,326@1,30; Irregular Demand Notes and Silver, $1,25. Exchange par.

ARRIVAL OF COTTON.—The Mary Miller arrived at Cincinnati on Friday, from Cairo, bringing 521 bales of cotton. This is the largest shipment of cotton for this season.

IT is currently reported among the secessionists in St. Louis that Sterling Price has resigned from the Confederate service.

CHICAGO MARKET, Dec. 6.—Owing to a decline in Gold and unfavorable news from New York, there was less activity in the market for breadstuffs. Wheat declined 1@2c per bushel on both Spring and Winter grades, with sales of No. 2 red at 97@98c. No. 2 Spring at 83@81½c. Rejected red at 88@90c, and rejected Spring at 66@68c. There was very little business done in flour and the market was quiet and unchanged. Corn ruled dull and heavy, and declined 1@1½c per bushel, with sales of mixed at 34@35c, and rejected 30@30½c in store.

There was a fair inquiry for oats, but at lower prices, and sales were made at a decline of fully 1c per bushel. No. 1 in store sold at 30@30½c. Rye was quiet at 50c. Barley dull; no sales. Seeds steady and in fair request. Coal firm. Salt quiet and steady. The excitement in Carbon Oil is subsiding, and a number of speculators are offering their lots at 70@72c. Most of the regular dealers, however, are holding at 80,@80c.—Journal.

SEEDS IN PHILADELPHIA.—The receipts of Cloverseed have been large, and there has been an active demand. Sales of 9,000 bushels fair and prime at $4,25@4,50 per 64 lbs.—chiefly at $4,40@4,50. About 10,000 bags have been taken within the last two weeks, for export from this port and from New York. Timothy is unchanged. Sales of 300 bushels at $1,75 @2½—the latter figure for strictly prime. Flaxseed has again been active, and further sales of 1,500 bushels were made at $2,20@3,10—closing at the latter rate. Red Top is held at $2

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ORPHANS' COURT SALE.—By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny county, in No. 90 of October Term, 1862, I will expose to Public Sale, at the Court House, in the City of Pittsburgh, on SATURDAY, December 20th, 1862, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following described premises:
All that certain lot of ground situate in the Seventh Ward, (formerly part of Pitt tp.) City of Pittsburgh, bounded and described as follows to wit: Being lot number thirteen (13) in the plan of lots laid out by Jeremiah Linton, in Pitt township, which plan is recorded in the office for recording deeds, &c., in and for the county of Allegheny, in Deed Book vol. 8, page 453. Beginning at the corner of lot No. twelve (12); thence along the coal road near Duncan street a distance of twenty-four feet to line of lot number fourteen (14); thence along the line of the same to Locust street, as laid out in said plan, now called Franklin street; thence along the same, parallel with Duncan street, a distance of twenty-four feet to lot No. twelve, (12) to Duncan street, the place of beginning—on which is erected a two-story frame dwelling house.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half cash; balance in three months, to be secured by bond and mortgage.
ROBERT WATSON, Administrator.
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INTERNAL REVENUE.—All persons interested are hereby notified that I have received from the Collector of the Twenty-second Pennsylvania Collection District the list of taxables subject to license duty under the Excise Tax, for the Second Sub-Collection District, embracing the townships of Crescent, Moon, Findley, North Fayette, Robinson, South Fayette, Upper St. Clair, Scott, Union, Chartiers, Neville, Lower St. Clair, Snowden, Baldwin, and the borough of Temperanceville, in the county of Allegheny.
I will receive the taxes at a crossroad at my office, on the Steubenville Turnpike, in the borough of Temperanceville, Pa., during the period of twenty-five days, from the 25th DAY OF NOVEMBER until the 24th DAY OF DECEMBER, inclusive, between the hours of 8 o'clock a. m. and 3 p. m.
All persons neglecting to pay their tax within the time specified, are liable to an addition of 10 per centum on the amount thereof.
All taxes must be paid in Government funds.
JOSEPH B. LAWSON,
Deputy Collector 2d District 2d Collection District, Pennsylvania.
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NOTICE.—Letters of Administration on the estate of Wm. J. Howard, dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and all persons holding claims against the same to present them for settlement.
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