WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 24.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette.

Pennsylvania Soldiers' Relief Association.

A meeting of the Pennsylvania Soldiers' Relief Association was held in Washington, a few evenings since. A great many persons were present, the attendance of ladies being larger than at any former meeting. Hon. J. K. Moorhead presided, and the proceedings were opened with an eloquent prayer by Dr. Sunderland.

Reports showing the operations of the society, for the last seven months, were read and ordered to be printed in pamphlet form, throughout the State, in order to show those who had furnished contributions, either of money or goods, that their charities had been properly distributed.

These reports show that:

The association has received seven hundred and twenty-one barrels, half-barrels, boxes, kegs, and bales of goods, valued at $17,295.

Excepting a small amount now in store, these supplies have been distributed faithfully to the beneficiaries of the association.

Shortly after the organization visitors were appointed to the several hospitals in this city, Georgetown, Alexandria, and other localities.

To a considerable number of ladies and gentlemen had to co-operate in the good work without pecuniary reward.

Through these agencies the association has supplied the wants of the patients, furnishing comforts and delicacies which have materially aided in alleviating their sufferings.

Agents have also been sent to Harrison's Landing, to the Peninsula, and to the Battlefields of Bull Run, Antietam and other localities. At those places the timely and efficient aid of the association has been felt and recognized. It is now represented on the banks of the Rappahannock.

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The committee invited the most exact examination of this report.

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At the close of the association, on Pennsylvania avenue, a register is kept, containing a list of all the names of Pennsylvanians in the various hospitals.

Complaints about surgeons and other officers have been submitted to Surgeon General Hammond and the Hon. Secretary Stanton, and in one case have been successful, accusations of speculation being disregarded.

The association, on the eve of winter, find the demand upon them beyond the supplies. This is owing to the great decrease in contributions from the States. While only in 1861, the number of applications upon the benevolence, resources, and activity of the association is daily increasing. A strong appeal is made for continued liberality.

The association acknowledge the cordial cooperation of Governor Curtin, of the citizens of Harrisburg and Philadelphia, also of the hearty co-operation and aid of the Philadelphia *Press*, and Pittsburgh *Gazette*. The Cumberland Agricultural Society had contributed $500.

Dr. Elder made an eloquent explanatory statement in support of the several reports, and a large number of cases were instanced in which the association, through its agents, had been the means of furnishing the most timely and valuable assistance to dying, wounded and sick soldiers.

Colonel Forney stated that the celebrated tragedian, J. R. Murdoch, Esq., a native of Pennsylvania, was present, and hoped he would favor the meeting by reciting the patriotic ode, written by another son of Pennsylvania, George R. Bokey, of Philadelphia, entitled "On Board the Cumberland."

Mr. Murdoch cheerfully responded by reciting, with all the eloquence and passion of which he is so great a master, the poem, and also a poem written by P. Buchanan Read, on the murder of Gen. McCook. The recitations were loudly applauded.

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Many of our brave Pennsylvanians have, everything they had in the shape of Fredericksburg, having been ordered to throw off their knapsacks previous to charging on the batteries of the enemy, and aided in alleviating their sufferings.

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A Couple of Bold Rascals.

We have already announced the arrest of a young man named James Henderson, charged with entering the house of Mr. David Sims, of the Third Ward, and stealing therefrom a box containing a large sum of money, with many valuable papers. After a hearing he has been finally committed for trial. He was also accused of entering the hat store of Mr. D. S. Murphy, corner of Fifth and Smithfield streets, and under the pretence of warming himself at the stove, seized a favorable opportunity to rifle the drawers of $40 in money. He entered the store in company with a young man, the name who is supposed to have entertained Mr. Sims in conversation at his front door, while Henderson entered by another door and stole the box. After entering the hat store, Henderson passed over to the story, while his companion asked the attention of Mr. Murphy to some caps in the show window, pretending that he wanted to purchase one. It was while Mr. Murphy was thus engaged, with his back turned, that Henderson got access to the drawer. The money was not missed until after they had gone. Nothing was found upon Henderson when arrested, but the circumstances are strong against him. A final commitment was lodged against him in the latter case.

Killed While Skating.—A singular accident occurred near Scranton, Luzerne county, a few days since, which resulted in the death of an only son of Mr. Daniel Gilman, a prominent lad of fourteen. He was out skating on Friday night with a party of boys, and was moving rapidly in one direction, when another and heavier skater was coming opposite. Unfortunately in the darkness they came together, young Gilman striking on his head, struck an exclamation, and two became insensible, and the young blockhead his last.

Letters from Col. Hayes's Regiment.—The following letters from Col. Hayes's (18th) Regiment P. V., can be had by calling at the store of J. S. Dilworth & Co., Nos. 130 and 132 Second street:

Mr. John G. M. Long.
Miss Catherine Bailey, care of Dr. Fleming.
Mr. Robert Gray, No. 19 Grant street.
Miss Mary A. W. Michael, corner of Logan and Liberty streets.
Mrs. Eliza A. Fowler, 48 Virgin alley.

A Soldier Gone.—Mr. Charles Marshall, late of Company A, One Hundred and Second Pennsylvania regiment, and who was discharged on account of hopeless inability, died at his father's residence in Allegheny city, on Sunday. The deceased was frequently importuned by his officers to accept his discharge, previous to his return home, but he invariably refused to do so, until all hope of his recovery was gone.

Appointments of Tipstaves.—The following appointments of Court officers have been made for the December term: Orier—J. W. Patterson. Tipstaves—Robert Nellis, J. E. Larimer, J. C. Smith, David Caldwell, M. B. Hartsell, Wm. Nesbet, Wm. Charlton, S. Irwin, James Gracey, James Sharp, William Bowden.

Postponement.—The monthly meeting of the Young Men's Bible Society will be held on Friday night next, at 7 o'clock, instead of Thursday night. A very full attendance of the Managers is very desirable, as our Annual Meeting will be held on the following week.

The Excise Tax.—Manufacturers, butchers, and others, residing north of the Allegheny and Ohio rivers, will find in our columns a notice from the United States Collector, D. N. White, Esq., which interests them.

Assault and Battery.—Samuel Johnston, charged with assault and battery on oath of William Owen Evans, has been committed to answer by Mayor Alexander, of Allegheny.

Surety Cases.—Judge Stowe, of the Quarter Sessions, is holding a separate Court today, and has disposed of a large number of surety of the peace cases.

Assault upon a Woman.—W. T. Hughes has been committed to jail to answer a charge of assault and battery preferred by Charity Hughes.

Surety.—Stephen Boyle has been committed for trial on a charge of surety of the peace, preferred by Margaret Boyle.

Still on Trial.—The Bakerstown riot case is still on trial before Judge Mellon. It will go to the jury this afternoon.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

THE CABINET IMBROGLIO NOT ENDED.

The Positions of Secretaries Chase and Seward.

OPERATIONS IN NORTH CAROLINA.

&c., &c., &c.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 12:50 A. M.—It is not well for the public to cherish an illusory hope that the Cabinet imbroglio is ended. Seward to-day declared to one of his friends that his resumption of ministerial duties was made to depend on two conditions, whose nonfillment would even yet compel his resignation; and though Chase, as anticipated in our dispatches last night, to-day signified to the President his consent to return to his department, it seems apparent that his action, also, will be made to depend so far as any permanent occupancy goes, upon contingencies.

Meantime, Stanton's position is stronger and seems unconscious of the influence rapidly combining against him. His personal relations for some time have been very unfriendly to Blair. The latter comes of a family nussed to defeat.

The Senate, like a strong army repulsed in both wings, falls back in good order and calls a council of war, possibly to plan a flank movement. Such was the caucus of to-day. That it will abandon the enterprise it has undertaken is not possible. The war can be declared will most likely involve the House in its struggles, and already representatives are consulting on the subject. Unless the President yields it will soon be Congress against the Executive, and the issue of such a struggle is not difficult to foretell. Whatever, in a free government, is the Executive successfully defies the Legislature.

It is a significant fact that Senator Wade, to-day, was closeted several hours with the President, during which time the latter never yields to all visitors, and it is unquestionable that the vacancy in Ohio will only complicate existing difficulties.

The following dispatches were published in the Richmond papers of the 20th:

Goldsborough, Dec. 19.—A reconnoissance last night, by a squadron of the 1st North Carolina Cavalry, under Capt. Conaway, found the enemy encamped about two miles below White Hall.

A rumor on the street, this morning, says reinforcements passed Kenton, on the South side of the Neuse, to succor their skedaddling friends.

As the smoke of battle clears away it reveals considerable slaughter among the Yankees. At Whitehall, on Monday, one hundred of their dead were left unburied on the field, and a pit one hundred yards long, filled with dead, had been dug.

Only three companies of the 59th and 11th North Carolina regiments were engaged.

Col. Ferrebee, of the 59th, with eighteen men of the 14th, fought the enemy for several hours, until reinforced by three of his own companies, when subsequently rolnieved by the 11th, Col. Liverthorne, who ultimately drove them from their guns into the field.

Col. Jordon was on the field, but, with the exception of one company, seems to have taken no part in the action.

Goldsboro, Dec. 19.—Col. Fremont, Chief Engineer of the Wilmington-railroad, has just arrived in town from Wilmington. He passed over the entire track to the Neuse, on a hand car, and says he can repair all the damages on the road in two days, and bridge over the Neuse in eight or ten.

All quiet here.

The Raleigh *State Journal*, of the 18th, says: The force in and around Goldsboro is sufficient to battle, if not capture the invaders.

A correspondent of the *Express* says that intelligence had reached Goldsboro' that Foster column had probably joined Foster, making some 40,000 or 50,000 of the enemy.

Gen. Smith is sanguine of success, and it is reported that Gen. Lee telegraphed him that he could spare him, if necessary, 30,000 men.

The Railroad South of Goldsboro' has been torn up for some distance by the enemy, and of course all communication with Wilmington has been cut off.

A late dispatch to the North Carolina *Standard* states that the enemy has disappeared South of Goldsboro'.

The Richmond papers, of the 20th, say that an official dispatch was received at the War Department yesterday, from Gen. Lee, stating that there were symptoms that the enemy was returning to the Potomac.

Surrender of Union Troops--Skirmishing near Trenton.

Cairo, Dec. 23.—An eye-witness, taken at Trenton, says Col. Fry, in command of two hundred and seventy-five sick, the main part of the garrison, was previously sent to Jackson, as that place anticipated a rebel menace, which, however, was only a feint to draw the troops from Trenton. When Col. Fry heard of the rebels approaching the latter place, he made breast-works of cotton bales around the depot, and placed his men behind them. The rebels opened fire with three pieces of artillery. Thirty rounds were fired when the Federals surrendered.

During the skirmish several rebels fell from their horses.

On Friday, Col. Taylor, of the 5th Ohio, with Col. Hawkins' Tennessee regiment, went on a reconnoissance to Lexington, Tennessee, where he met a large rebel cavalry force, and were badly cut up and a number of them captured. Col. Hawkins escaped and reached Trenton in time to be captured there.

Dyer's station, this side of Trenton, was evacuated yesterday morning, and at Rutherford first station, this side of Dyer's, there was a skirmishing yesterday afternoon.

The rebels are under command of General Black.

The Wounded at the Battle of Fredericksburg---Correction by Gen. Burnside.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following dispatch has been received at headquarters:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, December 23, 1862.

To Major General Halleck, General-in-Chief:

In my report to you of the 19th inst., the number of our wounded was stated at about 9000, and the number receiving hospital treatment at 1630. Both of these amounts are wrong. On the authority of Dr. Letterman, our Medical Director, I learn that the whole number of wounded is between 6000 and 7000, and about one half of those are receiving treatment in the hospitals.

(Signed) A. E. BURNSIDE,
Major General Commanding the Army of the Potomac.

Gov. Curtin and Mr. Seward.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The following special dispatch has been received:

The statement, editorially made in an evening paper, that Gov. Curtin, during his late visit, stated that any attempt to remove Secretary Seward from the Cabinet would place Pennsylvania in opposition to the Administration, is authoritatively denied.

Immediately after the battle of Fredericksburg, Curtin telegraphed to Stanton offering on the part of Pennsylvania any possible aid, and while here stated that nothing, in a time of such peril to the government, could array Pennsylvania against the Administration.

Death of Senator Pearce.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—The Hon. James A. Pearce, United States Senator from Maryland, died at Charlestown on Saturday, in the fifty-second year of his age.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

ARBITRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE—For November and December.

Wm. M. Shinn, V. P., | James I. Bennett,
John S. Dilworth, | Wm. McCreery,
David McCandless.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE, TUESDAY, Dec. 23, 1862.

There is no change to notice in Coin. Gold is firm at 29 per cent prem., buying, and 32c selling. Silver is steady at 22 per cent buying, and 25c selling. Our bankers continue to pay 24 per cent prem. for Demand Notes. Eastern Exchange is nominal at ¼ per cent prem., selling.

GRAIN—Wheat is unchanged at $1,15 for Red and $1,20@1,25 for White. Barley is quiet with small sales from first hands at $1,15 for Spring and $1,22 for Fall; sale from store of 120 bushels Spring at $1,20. Corn is steady at 80c for prime old from depot, with sales of 2 cars. Rye is firm and in demand at 75c. There is no change in Oats; sale of 2,000 bush from first hands, part new and part old at 47c.

FLOUR—There appears to be no demand for Flour and the market is rather dull but unchanged. Sale of 100 bbls Extra Family at $6,25@6,50. Rye Flour is nominal at $5,00. Sale in bulk of 2,000 lbs Buckwheat at $3,00 per cwt, and 500 lbs in sacks at $4,00.

GROCERIES—The market for groceries is very dull and neglected, though in prices we have no change to notice. We continue to quote Sugar at 10¼@11½c; Coffee 32@33c and Molasses 55@56c.

HOGS—There is a continued fair demand for live hogs, which together with light receipts, has a tendency to strengthen the market. In prices however, we have no change to notice. The extreme rates range from $3,50 to $4,50 per cwt gross. Sales of:—

90	averaging	280	pounds at	$4,20
100	"	"	295	"	4,25
50	"	"	300	"	4,15
150	"	"	220	"	3,62
208	"	"	206	"	3,62½
213	"	"	201	"	3,56

BUTTER & EGGS—Sale of 2 bbls prime Roll Butter at 18c, and 4 bbls choice Roll at 20c. Eggs are lower; sale of 5 bbls at 18c per dozen

CHEESE—unchanged, with sales of 20 boxes W. R. at 11½@12c and 50 do do at 12c.

SEEDS—Sale in two lots of 40 bush Flaxseed at $2,45, and 20 do do at $2,50. Clover is steady at $5,75 from first hands. Timothy is quiet at $1,75.

BEANS—Sale of 20 bush Common White at $2,25 per bushel.

HOMINY—Sale in lots of 15 bbls at $5,00 per bbl.

APPLES—Sale from store of 50 bbls at from $2,00 to $2,25 per bbl, according to quality.

Alex. S. Macrae's Oil Circular.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 6, 1862.

REMARKS.—A hurried postscript to my last week's circular, announced that exciting news from New York had much affected the sales. The business in Refined as will be read below, has been very extensive, and it would have been equally so in Crude were we any stock of consequence to operate in. We are now at last above the Paraffine Oil, and it will be interesting to see whether this disparity in price, will or will not draw consumers back again to the British market. But for the sterling enterprise of our foremost Liverpool merchant in this trade, the country would have been completely ruined this October by the Refined Petroleum business utterly frustrated in the very hour of its need. As it will now be getting late for the encouragement of the shipping of any oil for this season, I would earnestly and respectfully beg my friends to study my other remarks; written, not from reflection only in the present, but from experience in the past.

Crude.—About 500 casks of American have been sold at £22 to £23, the latter chiefly, which are now arriving to order. The scarcity of American, are still continue sellers. The scarcity of Rosin, coupled with the rumor that Canadian has now become facile of deodorization, has caused the latter to be more in demand, and speculators have taken what we had to offer. Sales were procurable on the spot at £13 to £13 10s, while for arrival the cargoes of the "Levia" sold at £13, the "William and Joseph" (just arrived) at £13 10s to £14, this latter price being refused for the "Rasman."

Refined.—5000 to 6000 casks have changed hands, spot and to arrive, at 2s 9d up to 3s 3d closing firm at 3s to 3s 3d. The stock is only about 5000 casks, which includes the 1000 casks per "Ellen," from Boston, and the 1300 casks per "Ellen," from New York.

It must be remarked that some of the qualities are sadly deficient in their illuminating properties, owing to the over anxiety of the refiner to meet the requirements of the American and British Government's Act. All that is wanted, is to make the merit's Act, with that is wanted, is to make the point of ignition above 100°, but if manufacturers distil it ever safe, say 125° or 130°, it becomes too heavy, and yields in the wick during consumption.

Spirits of Spirit.—This product is now in almost unlimited demand as a substitute for Spirits of Turpentine. The latter is in most request in early and pastime. The latter is in most request in early and pastime. The latter is in most request in early and pastime