WEDNESDAY MORNING, DEC. 31.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette.

Democratic County Convention.

The Democratic County Convention, to choose delegates to the State Convention, to assemble at Harrisburg, in June next, met at the Court House at eleven o'clock, Tuesday morning, and was called to order by Thomas Farley, Esq., Chairman of the County Committee.

On motion, John Coyle, Esq. and J. Whitesell, Esq., were chosen temporary Secretaries.

The credentials of delegates were then received, and nearly all the districts in the county were represented.

Mr. Irwin, of the Second Ward, nominated John Coyle, Esq., for permanent President.

R. H. Kerr, Esq., of McClure township, nominated Col. James A. Gibson, of Pine, for the same position.

A ballot was taken and resulted as follows: Coyle, 53; Gibson, 34.

Mr. Coyle was escorted to the Chair by Col. Gibson, and on taking his seat he made a brief speech, thanking the Convention for the honor conferred. He remarked that the compliment was not intended for him personally, but rather for the Third ward of the city of Pittsburgh, *the only green spot of Democracy in the county!*

The following Vice Presidents were chosen: James C. Bryant, John F. Richards, H. McCullough, Henry Jegram, Jacob Stuckrath, and W. McCague.

W. M'Ginn and Jacob Whitesell were chosen permanent Secretaries.

Wm. H. Smith, Esq., of Pitt township, and Col. R. H. Kerr, of McClure, popped upabout the same instant of time, and moved for the appointment of a Committee on Resolutions.

The Chair found it difficult to decide the question of precedence, but the impression was that Col. Kerr had first shown his hand, and the Committee was appointed on his motion, as follows: R. H. Kerr, Dr. Ahl, James Irwin, Wm. H. Smith, and John Connor.

Nominations for delegates were then made, and balloted for, as follows:

City of Pittsburgh—A. J. Baker, 69; John M. Wells, 53; Joseph R. Hunter, (withdrawn) 3; James M. Bickerts, 78; John J. Houston, 13; Dan. Barnett, 34; Chas. Shaler, (withdrawn.)

Allegheny—Wm. H. M'Coy, by acclamation.

Between the Rivers—Dr. Jas. R. Huey, 89; H. Weaver, 17; Patrick Kerr, (withdrawn.)

North of Rivers—Col. James A. Gibson, 48; Dr. A. G. M'Quaid, 67; Dr. Alex. Black, (withdrawn.)

South of Rivers—Hugh M'Afee, 33; Dr. G. S. Hays, 9 59; Dr. O. H. P. Bleakney, 23; Henry Ingram, (withdrawn,) R. L. Wallace, 5.

Messrs. A. J. Barker, J. M. Richards, Wm. H. McGee, James E. Huey, A. J. M'Quaid, Hugh McAfee, and George S. Hays were declared the duly elected delegates to the State Convention.

Col. Kerr, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, then submitted the following report, which was read by Mr. Smith:

Resolved, That the great purpose of all our endeavors is to restore the Union and to maintain the Constitution; and that we steadily adhere to the Orthodox resolutions, passed in July, 1860, as the true exponent of the objects of the war.

Resolved, That the government of this Union is the best government on earth, though now abused by its recent unfaithful administration—for their efforts have had the grievous effect of dividing the people, who live under their rule, and of firmly uniting those who choose to submit to the laws of the Union.

Resolved, That we are unchangably hostile to the forthcoming Proclamation of the President, which proposes illegally to establish the freedom of the blacks—and that we are equally opposed to the burdensome and unjust schemes of compensated emancipation.

Resolved, That we prefer the issue of bonds to the issue of legal tender notes to meet the great outlay of the government, and that the first and greatest object of all financial efforts should be a return to the legal currency—gold and silver—for all payments by the government.

Resolved, That the attacks of the Administration on the freedom of speech, of the press, and of the person, should be forever execrated, and their several authors punished by the people.

Resolved, That we have no fear of the success of the rebellion, and no hope but in its speedy suppression; and that we will sustain every effort, therefore, to unite the efforts, both of conservatism and abolitionism, to divide these States into two confederacies.

Resolved, That it is now painfully clear that the author of this dire conflict be the fanatical spirit of North and Intervention is out of the question, and cannot be permitted, the Democratic party offer to humanity the only hope, under heaven, of putting an end to the war—its devastation and its butchery.

Resolved, That Congress would better serve the interests of the country by appropriating money for the comfort of the families of soldiers fighting the battles of the Union, than squandering the substance of the people in the purchase of slaves. We protest, in the name of our constituents, against any appropriations being made to pay for negroes. We are for the former, and utterly opposed to the latter.

Resolved, That we endorse the patriotic language of Gen. Geo. B. M'Clellan, in his order to his army, viz: "this war is not a war of ravage, carnage, or subjugation; not a contest against populations, but should be conducted by us upon the highest principles known to Christian civilization." No man does this day, that General Jackson has been more traduced by Unionists than the able and accomplished M'Clellan. The Democracy of the land will stand by those who are faithful to the Constitution.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted, and the Convention adjourned with three cheers for Gen. George B. McClellan.

Goods for Col. Clark's Regiment.

Some days ago, the people of Allegheny and vicinity made up several large boxes of goods, including clothing, eatables, etc., for their friends in the 123d regiment, who have been in rather destitute circumstances since the battle of Fredericksburg. It was regarded as extremely doubtful whether the goods would ever reach their destination. Those for the regiment were taken charge of by John Dean, Esq., who started on the 22nd inst. bent of having them forwarded from Washington to the army, and properly distributed. So the story, and people generally distributed to the regiments. James McCandless, Esq., at the same time, made up several boxes for Co. G, (late Capt. Boies's,) of the same regiment. We have heard nothing, as yet, from Mr. Dean, but we are gratified to learn that Mr. McCandless has succeeded in getting his goods through, and has "doubtless" ere this distributed them to the boys. Hence we infer that Mr. Dean has also got through the lines with his goods. The following letter from Mr. McCandless, although not intended for publication, will be read with interest:

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, 1862.

Mr. JOHN ROBERTSON—*Dear Sir*: I succeeded to-day in getting most of my goods from Alexandria here, and placing them on board a government boat on the Potomac, en route for the army. I have been detained here two days to accomplish this much. I hope to deliver the packages at the boys on Monday, or Tuesday. It is doubtful if I can get to the grounds of Gobblings, catalogue, etc., for Company G, Capt. Boies, 123d Regiment. I succeeded in getting a pass, but I learn this evening that no passes will be issued after Wednesday next. There is evidently some movement on foot in the army.

I visited Col. Small this evening. He is very low, and evidently sinking. I think there is no hope of his recovery.

Yours, JAS. MCCANDLESS.

The Grisamb'al Counterfeiters.

In the case of the Commonwealth vs. Thornton Gill, indicted for the larceny of a gunny sack, the property of Jeffrey Grisamb'al, the jury found a verdict of guilty, and recommended him to the mercy of the Court. The case of Robert Smith and Tyrhe Fryer, indicted for the larceny of about $1,100 in money and notes from Mr. McMillan, of Upper St. Clair township, the jury found a verdict of guilty. Smith and Fryer were then arraigned for sentence, but the District Attorney asked for a postponement in the case of the latter. The motion was granted by the Court. The sentence of Smith was then fixed at a fine of $100 and the costs of the prosecution, and imprisonment in the county jail for the term of two years and nine months, to date from the 24th day of October, 1862. The Grisamb'al gang of "fakes and Hogwallopy" is exploded.

Mr. J. F. Hoff has received Chicago Dispatch and Christmas News, *Every Saturday*, and Yankee Notions.

Masonic Intelligence.

On St. John the Evangelist's Day, Dec. 27th, A. D. 1862, A. L. 5863, at Philadelphia, the officers elected for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were duly installed for the Masonic year, as follows:

Brother David C. Fiscus, Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother John Thompson declining to be a candidate for said office; Brother Louis H. Scott, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; Brother John L. Goddard, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden; Brother Richard Vaux, Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden; Brother Peter Williamson, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer; Brother Wm. H. Adams, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary.

Along with other business, the R. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments for the year:

Grand Chaplains—Reverend Brothers, John Chambers, H. W. Ducachet, Wm. H. Odenheimer, Peter Russell, Wm. Suddards, Daniel Washburn, W. H. Reed, T. S. Johnson, Wm. Cooper, John G. Fury.

District Deputy Grand Masters—1. Brother Charles M. Howell, of Lancaster, for the counties of Lancaster, York and Lebanon; 2. Brother Robert A. Lamberton, of Harrisburg, for the counties of Dauphin, Franklin, Cumberland, Adams, Juniata and Perry; 3. Brother Joseph R. Sitcher, of Reading, for Berks county; 4. Brother George H. McCabe, of Tamaqua, for Schuylkill; 5. Brother Wm. L. Stewart, of Hawley, for Monroe, Wayne and Pike counties; 6. Brother George Sweigy, of Easton, for Carbon, Lehigh, and Northampton counties; 7. Brother E. P. Kingsbury, of Scranton, for Luzerne county; 8. Brother Chris. F. Knapp, of Bloomsburg, for Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Union and Snyder counties; 9. Brother John H. Hulme, of Jersey Shore, for Clinton, Lycoming, Centre and Potter counties; 10. Brother John Cresswell, of Hollidaysburg, for Cambria, Blair, Huntingdon, Mifflin, Bedford and Fulton counties; 11. Brother Israel L. Craft, of Carmichaels, for Washington, Greene, Fayette and Somerset counties; 12. Brother A. M. Pollock, of Pittsburgh, for Allegheny and Westmoreland counties; 13. Brother Saml. M. Mehard, of Mercer, for Beaver, Lawrence and Mercer counties; 14. Brother Aumi Bond, of Conneautville, for Erie, Crawford, Warren and Venango counties; 15. Brother Edward S. Golden, of Kittanning, for Armstrong, Jefferson, Clarion, Butler, Clearfield and Indiana; 16. Brother B. C. Simpson, of Wellsboro', for Bradford and Tioga counties; 17. Brother Franklin Fraser, of Montrose, for Susquehanna and Wyoming.

Grand Lecturer—Roger Perkins, of Conshohocken.—Officers for 1863: Companion Jeremiah L. Hutchinson was elected M. E. G. High Priest; Geo. W. Wood, M. E. G. King; Samuel C. Perkins, M. E. G. Scribe; Peter Williamson, M. E. G. Treasurer; Wm. H. Adams, M. E. G. Secretary.

The District Deputy G. High Priests were announced for the several districts. The Western Districts are as follows: Companion A. M. Lloyd, of Hollidaysburg, for the counties of Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon and Mifflin; Companion Alfred Craig, of Washington, for the counties of Washington, Fayette and Greene; Companion Thomas Davidge, of Pittsburgh, for the counties of Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver and Armstrong; Companion Wm. F. Gwyer, of Connellsville, for the counties of Crawford and Erie.

The Grading of the West Common.

Last summer a contract was entered into between a committee of Allegheny Councils and Mr. Dill, for the grading of the old graveyard lot, on the West Common, which is now almost completed. Some of the lot holders objected to the dirt being taken away, alleging that the Councils had no authority whatever to contract for the removal of the soil. Many complained of the manner in which the work was done. Contractor Dill having been paid proper attention to the pleas of lot holders by the City Regulator. The consequence is, that at one corner of the lot the grade is three feet too low, and will have to be filled up with loose dirt, rendering the place soft and muddy in wet weather. It was further alleged that all the dirt would be needed by the city, to fill up the hollow east of Marion avenue, and that it should have been kept for that purpose rather than given to Mr. Dill for the benefit of the private company.

Notwithstanding these complaints and objections, it was deemed desirable that the ground should be graded, particularly as the Committee charged with the duty were very regardful of the feelings of the lot holders. Accordingly, the grading of the lots to the west, and the extension of said thoroughfare to Marion avenue, which work is now nearly completed.

This morning, complaint was made before Mayor Alexander, against Mr. Dill, charging him with having gone outside the limits of his contract, for the purpose of obtaining dirt to fill up where he had gone below the grade. It is claimed that he is liable to a fine of twenty-five cents for every cart load of dirt carried out. The Chief Constable was ordered to stop Mr. Dill until the matter is investigated.

The Steam Fire Engines.

The ordinance relative to the location of the Steam Fire Engines, and limiting the number to six, passed the Select Council on Monday evening, with but one dissenting voice. It was immediately laid before the Common Council, where it passed to a second reading. The third reading and final passage was called for, but there is a rule providing that no ordinance shall be passed to a third reading on the same night of its presentation, while any member objects; unless two-thirds of the members present vote for a suspension of the rule. An effort was made to suspend the rule, but the friends of Alexander were not strong enough to carry a two-thirds vote, and the ordinance was laid over until next meeting.

A special meeting of Councils, we understand, will be called for the purpose of considering this ordinance, and it will doubtless pass by a handsome majority. The action of Monday night should indicate as much. The present Councils expire early in January, and as they have bestowed much thought and investigation (through their Special Committee) on this subject, it is extremely desirable that it should be finally disposed of before they sojourn. A majority of Councils are decidedly in favor of the ordinance, and, although it will not please every body, still it is regarded as a wise and economical measure. The ordinance has already been published in our columns.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On Monday, Mr. Jas. Williams, carpenter, residing on James street, in the Third Ward, Allegheny, was seriously injured by a fall, while engaged in putting in a pump in Manchester. He had erected a derrick and was on top of the same, when it fell, carrying him with it. No bones were broken, but his face was terribly cut, and his body badly bruised. His injuries will confine him to his room for some time.

CITIZENS' TICKET IN THE THIRD WARD.—The following nominations have been made as a Citizens' ticket for the Third Ward: For Common Council: John Magee, J. Harry Robinson, Felix Laverty, R. Dunbar, A. M. Brown, and John F. Mitch. Alderman: John Quinn. Judge, First Precinct, D. Sims; Inspector, James L. Sutherland. Judge, Second Precinct, ——; Inspector, Henry Haley.

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HENRY G. HALE & CO.,
(Successors to James C. Watt,)
Merchant Tailors,
Are now receiving their
FALL AND WINTER STOCK,
Which in extent, choice, taste and, prices will compare favorably with anything in the trade, comprising all the newest and best makes of French
CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES,
VESTINGS, and
OVERCOATINGS.
Also, the largest and best selected stock of Goods for business suits ever brought to this market. Likewise a very choice selection of
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Any orders intrusted to our care will meet with prompt attention and punctuality in all cases.
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PURE GLYCERINE, for Chapped Hands—put up in bottles, strictly pure, put up in small bottles, labelled and for sale at the Factory by druggists generally. JOHN A. RENSHAW, corner Liberty and Hand streets.

NEW CROP RIO MOLASSES—50 bbls just arrived and for sale by
LITTLE & TAYLOR,
21 Second street.

PURE WHITE OIL LIVERPOOL in store and for sale by
WOODSIDE & WALLACE,

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION.]

THE ROUT OF THE REBELS IN ARKANSAS.

DISPATCH FROM GEN. CURTIS.

A Gallant Affair.

HEADQUARTERS, St. Louis, Dec. 29, 1862.—*Maj. Gen. H. W. Halleck, General-in-Chief*: The Army of the Frontier, under Generals Blunt and Herron, moved over Boston Mountain, on Saturday, and advanced without halting to Van Buren. They drove the enemy across the Arkansas, killed and wounded 400, took three steamboats, camp equipments and one hundred prisoners. The march of forty-five miles, with the arms of the service, over the mountains and through the deep mud of the valley, was a most arduous and gallant affair. [Signed] S. R. CURTIS, Major General.

From New Orleans—Gen. Butler Challenged by a Secessionist, etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The steamer Columbia has arrived, with New Orleans dates to the 20th, and Havana to the 23d.

The steamer Potomac has also arrived, with New Orleans dates of the 19th.

There was no news of moment. The Secessionists, thinking that they see a less vigilant commander in Gen. Banks, appear in the streets in crowds. One of them sent a challenge to General Butler, who put it in his pocket, and sent the angry rebel word that, if he desired an order, to come on, in the street or wherever might suit him best.

General Corcoran with his legion had arrived at New Orleans.

The *Delta* had occasion to rebuke the lurking treason of the Picayune.

A large number of speculators had arrived, and may give an impulse to trade.

General Banks was very busy and in hourly consultation with General Butler. The best feeling exists between them and their respective staffs.

Colonel Elliot, of the 1st Louisiana Regiment, had resigned.

Generals Banks and Butler were serenaded on the night of the 19th, by the band of the 31st Massachusetts Regiment.

Important from Yorktown and Gloucester Point—An Attack from the Rebels Expected—Our Forces Preparing.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—A dispatch dated Fortress Monroe, Dec. 29th, says:

The mail boat from Yorktown and Gloucester Point brings reports that our garrisons at both points were under arms yesterday, expecting an attack from the rebels at Gloucester Court-House. It is said that a rebel force of 7,000 men has been detached from Lee's army to operate in conjunction with General Wise on York river, under Gen. Pemble.

Gen. Hagan is daily prepared for an attack, and will meet the enemy, if to be found in the neighborhood, to-morrow.

The gunboats Tecumseh and Valley City are lying in York river, opposite Gloucester Point.

It is believed this point can be held against 10,000 men.

From Rio Janeiro.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Rio Janeiro dates to Nov. 15th state that the ship Screamer put back to port dismasted. She was afterwards fired by one of the crew, but the fire was extinguished with but little damage, and the incendiary was arrested. Three American barks have been sold to British houses at Rio.

From Europe.

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—The steamer Caledonia, from Glasgow, via St. Johns, N. F., has arrived. Her advices have been anticipated.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

ALTERNATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRADE—FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER.

WM. M'CREERY, WM. MCCREERY,
DAVID MCCANDLESS.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS:

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE,
TUESDAY, Dec. 30, 1862.

There is no change whatever to notice in money. Our bankers are buying Gold at 22 per cent premium, and selling at 22c. Silver is in regular demand at 22 per cent premium, buying, and 25c selling. Demand Notes are bought at 20c per cent premium, and sold at 20@½. Foreign Exchange is unchanged at ¾ per cent premium, selling.

COAL—Prices unchanged and we continue to quote it at $1.25 for Keel from wagon, and $1.20@1.25 for pair to prime White; Sale from depot of 60-bush pairns Red at $1.31 per bushel. Eye is steady with a fair demand from first hands at 74c. Corn is unchanged; Sale from wharf of 400 bush Ear at 75c. Barley is quiet with small sales from wagon at the old rates. We continue to quote Oats from first hands at 55 to 56c for old and new.

FLOUR—Is steady but unchanged. Sale of 150 bbls from store at $4.50 for Extra; and $5.25@5.50 for family, according to brands. Extra Family is ruling at $6.00 to $6.75—the latter rate for White Wheat. Rye Flour is held at $4.87@5.00 and Buckwheat is quiet at $3.50 per cwt.

GROCERIES—There appears to be no demand for Groceries, and the market remains dull and neglected with nothings whatever in raise. Sugar ranges from 10¾@c 11¾c; Coffee 23@33c, and Molasses 55 @60.

OILS—The Market for Crude Oil continues unsettled and is hard to give quotations. Buyers are offering 15 to 15c, freely, while holders are asking 15 @16c. We heard of some small sales at 12c, and $2.00 per bbl. Refined is quiet and unfavorable weather for packing, the Hog market has been very dull for past two or three days, and the prices of last week are hardly sustained. Some small sales have been made to shippers at from $7 75 to $8 00 per gross, the latter figure only for extra heavy.

BUTTER is EGGS—unchanged. Sale of 2 bbls Roll Butter at 15c, and 3 bbls Eggs at 18c per dozen.

CHEESE—Sale of 10 bbls fair W R at 11c, and 30 box prime do at 12c.

BEANS—Sale of 20 bush White at $2.50 per bush.

HOMINY—Sale of 10 bbls at $1.50 per bushel.

DRIED FRUIT—Sale of 25 bushel Apple at $1.25 per bush. Peaches are firm at $4.75.

BROOMS—Sale of 30 dozen at from $2 to $2.25 per dozen.

Chicago Market.

December 27.—Flour was active and steady—with sales of spring extras at $4.40@4.60 for fair to good. Winter wheat brands were neglected.

Wheat was in good demand and firm—with sales of No. 1 Red at 97@c; No. 2 spring, 95@97c; No. 3 spring, 83@84c, and rejected spring, at 70c. The transactions were unusually light—buyers and sellers being apart. Corn was scarce—with sales of mixed at 58c, and rejected at 52@c. Oats were in good supply, and the market declined 1@1½c—with sales at 39@40c. Rye was quiet at 60c in store. Barley was in good request and active at 82c@$1.10 for fair to prime. Highwines were steady at 53c. Timothy seed was firm—with sales of good at $1.37. Clover seed was firm at, $5.30.

Hogs in Chicago.

December 27.—The receipts of Hogs to-day were 21,351—of which there were only 2,351 droves.

The market for droves hogs was active, and good weights were a shade higher. There was no change worthy of light or soft hogs. The sales of heavy hogs were at $4.00@4.35, and those under 200 lbs at $3.90@4.20.

The receipts of Live Hogs were again liberal, but the market remained the same characteristics as yesterday. The change in the weather, promising a cold snap, caused a firmer feeling among the drivers, who anticipate that the packers will be compelled to enter the market, and purchase freely, as it will not be to their interest to keep their droves idle. The transactions were light—some 6,000 having changed hands at a range of $3.70@4.50. Some extra fine averaging upwards of 250 lbs, were sold at $5.00. It is estimated that there are in the neighborhood of 25,000 to 30,000 hogs in the yards' inclosure.—Tribune.

HAVELOCK COFFEE MARKET, Dec. 27.—We have to note since our last weekly summary the arrival of the barque Cricket, from Rio, with 3000 bags Coffee. The stock of this description in first hands now, comes up 6,000 bags. Of Lagayra and Java the supply is very limited. The market has been extremely quiet and no sales have transpired. Quotations are necessarily nominal, viz: Rio 28@30c; Laguyra 30c, and Java 32c. @ lb.

Imports by Rivers.

CINCINNATI—per *Kanawha*—4 bbls liquor, 8 McGuire, 167 bags wheat, 7 H Canfield, 1 bx, C H Gardiner, 15 bbls hams, 10 do shoulders, 1 Reeves, 1 bbl, Knox & Parker, 2 bbls do, A Speer, 20 bbls apples, 2 bbls potatoes, 2 E Speer, 2 do, 12 do, J H Orman & co, 3 bbls corn meal, 1 bbl sausage meat, 1 do lard, 1 do pigs feet, 2 bbls vinegar, 1 do cider, 1 bbl whisky, 1 do apples, 1 do potatoes, 1 do onions, 1 do cabbages, 1 do turnips, 1 do beets, 1 do parsnips, 1 do carrots, 1 do sausage meat, 25 Sackett & Wright, 161 sausage, 3 R & C P Markle, 1 bbl whisky, 137 bales cotton, 4 bgs rags, 10 bbls whisky, 1 bbl liquor, 1 do pickles, 1 do sausage meat, 1 do lard, 1 do pigs feet, 1 do apples, 1 do potatoes, 1 do onions, 1 do cabbages, 1 do turnips, 1 do beets, 1 do parsnips, 1 do carrots