Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING, JAN. 26.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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

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Timothy Titcomb.

ONE of the very best lectures we ever heard, was that which Dr. J. G. Holland delivered on the subject of "Work and Play," when he last visited our city on the invitation of the Committee of the Library Association. Remembering [illegible] of good things," which was "[illegible]ellent style" (as Jenkins would [illegible]ss that we have read with gr[illegible] the announcement in our [illegible]olumns, that the "beloved physician, Timothy, not Luke, is coming to visit us again." We shall certainly prepare ourselves to take a very full dose of the pleasant tonic which he will administer to all his patients in this city, at Concert Hall, on Monday evening. By the way, perhaps it was injudicious to drop the gastronomic figure of speech, which served our purpose so well before, to take up the medical conceit of the sentence we have just written. But we beg that no reader of ours will avail himself of any unpleasant associations he may have lingering in his memory, about tonics that were too bitter. Let all come in good faith to Concert Hall, resting assured that DOCTOR TIMOTHY TITCOMB will treat the diseases of "HARLOW" with a certain regard for our sensibilities, with sympathy in his heart, though with a kind of tender severity in his whole manner doubtless, as becomes a good man and a good physician—who is far too wise and kind-hearted to prepare even "bitters" that might taste *too bitter*.

State Agricultural Society.

At the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society, held at Harrisburg on the 20th inst., the following executive officers were elected:

President—Thos. P. KNOX.

Vice Presidents—1st District, Dr. James A. McCrea; 2d, Frederick A. Shower; 3d, Chas. K. Engle; 4th Robert M. Carlisle; 5th, Adrain Cornell; 6th, Wm. H. Holstein; 7th, Isaac W. Van Leer; 8th, Tobias Barto; 9th, Jacob B. Garner; 10th, John H. Cowden; 11th, John B. Beck; 12th, Daniel G. Dreisbach; 13th, G. D. Jackson; 14th, Amos E. Kapp; 15th, Christian Eberly; 16th, Daniel O. Gehr; 17th, Theodore Banks; 18th, B. Morris Ellis; 19th, James Miles; 20th, Michael C. Trout; 21st, John S. Goe; 22d, John Murdock, Jr.; 23d, Moses Chess; 24th, Joshua Wright.

Additional Members of the Executive Committee—Wm. Colder, J. R. Eby, B. G. Peters, Jas. Young, J. H. Ziegler.

Corresponding Secretary—A. Boyd Hamilton.

Chemist and Geologist—Samuel S. Haldeman.

Librarian—John Curwen, M. D.

A letter was read from Hon. James H. Anderson, U. S. Consul at Hamburg, Germany, relative to the holding of an International Exhibition in that city, in July, 1863, and expressing the desire that the State of Pennsylvania may be represented.

The President of the Society was directed to acknowledge the receipt of the letter, and was authorized to invite and appoint a Committee, not exceeding five, to represent the Society at the International fair, if any persons desired to go in that capacity.

It was also resolved to memorialize the State Legislature to provide for and order the publication of our proceedings since the year 1856, together with the reports of the several County Societies, and the doings of the State Agricultural College—the printing and distribution thereof to be under the control of the Legislature.

The present condition and future prosperity of the Society were discussed, and notwithstanding the great political and monetary disturbance of the country, the members felt it a source of much congratulation to realise that unabated interest was still manifested in its future success.

It was unanimously resolved to hold a State Fair for the present year, and a committee appointed to fix upon the time and place.

Leechburg Relief Society.

The Ladies' Relief Society of Leechburg and vicinity, auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Relief Association of Philadelphia, organized Sept. 18th, 1862, with twenty members—Mrs. J. E. Carothers, President; Mrs. John Klingensmith, Vice President; Mrs. M. B. Watson, Treasurer; Miss Amanda Ulam, Secretary; from which time to January 1st the following articles have been sent and receipts acknowledged through Miss Anna R. Justice, Corresponding Secretary of Pennsylvania Relief Association:

Eighty-eight flannel shirts, 77 pairs of cotton flannel drawers, 62 pairs of good woolen socks, 51 handkerchiefs, 64 towels, 10 sheets, 3 pairs of pillow cases, 2 vests, 4 pairs of slippers, 8 packages of lint, 4 packages of linen bandages, 220 cans of fruit, 8 bushels of onions, 3 barrels of butter, 40 sacks of dried fruit, 3½ bushels of dried apples, 10 gallon keg of pickles.

The Society is still in active operation.

Iron City College.

This institution, which has for so long a time stood at the head of the Commercial Schools of the country, is enjoying an unwonted degree of prosperity. It has not only been liberally and well sustained during the whole period of our national troubles, but at present it is taxed to its utmost capacity to accommodate the large number of students daily applying for admission.

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Important Court Order.

OUR readers will remember the argument upon the rule to show cause why a mandamus should not issue against the County Treasurer, to compel him to pay a warrant held by a juryman, Mr. D. R. Geon. The County Treasury having been "locked up" by mandatory writs from Judge Grier, of the Circuit Court, this action was brought to test the question whether the Treasurer cannot be compelled, under our laws, to pay such warrants.

On Saturday, Judge Sterrett made an order granting the rule, and making it returnable on the fourth Monday in February next. It is believed that our Judges are unanimous in opinion upon the questions involved, and Judge Sterrett remarked that a written decision would be given in due time.

At the time this suit was brought, the Commissioners were issuing their warrants to jurors and others, but the holders could not get their pay. Since then the Commissioners have ceased to issue warrants at all, and similar proceedings have been taken to compel them to do so.

If our Courts decide that the Commissioners and Treasurer must cause the necessary expenses of the county to be paid (which it is believed they will do) they must necessarily come in conflict with the decisions of the Federal Court; because, if the railroad judgments are *first* settled, there will be nothing left to meet the ordinary expenses of the county.

The Vigilant Fire Company.

A meeting of the Vigilant Steam Fire Engine Company was held on Saturday evening, but we are informed that the proceedings were not made public. It is known, however, that the former action of the company, in refusing to accept the conditions of the ordinance requiring the company to give satisfactory assurances that they would remove their apparatus as provided for in the ordinance, was reconsidered, and the terms and conditions of the ordinance were finally accepted by a vote of 30 yeas to 15 nays. This will secure to them the annual appropriation of $1,500, from the city.

GOTTSCHALK COMING.—Mr. De Viro, agent for the eminent pianist, Mr. Gottschalk, is now in this city, arranging for a grand concert, on Saturday next, at Concert Hall. He will be assisted by the talented vocalist Carolina Patti, and other popular artists.

DEATHS IN HOSPITAL.—The following named Pennsylvania soldiers have died in Washington Hospitals since last report: Wm. Carnochan, Q, 11th Reserves; Keller Bibb, F, 120th; John Whitehead, H, 136th; J. H. Barton, D, 107th.

DIED:

CARRIER.—Sunday morning, January 25th, at 9 o'clock, WILLIAM P. CARRIER, son of S. and EMMA E. CARRIER, aged 1 year, 9 months and 19 days.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral at the residence of A. A. Carrier, to-day, (MONDAY,) at 2 o'clock p. m.

"Courant," Hartford, Ct., and Harrisburg, Pa., papers please copy.

MCGRANAHAN.—On Sunday, January 25th, 1863, Mrs. ELIZABETH MCGRANAHAN.

The funeral will take place from her late residence No. 226 Pennsylvania Avenue, at 10 o'clock this (MONDAY) morning, to proceed to the Allegheny Cemetery.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

GROVER AND BAKER'S SEWING MACHINES, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use.

A. F. CHATOFF, General Agent,
No. 18, Fifth street.

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 lower than at any other tailoring establishment in the city, would do well to give him an early call. Samuel Graham, merchant tailor, No. 84 Market street, one door from Third.

FASHIONABLE CLOTHING.—Gentlemen can always find a superb supply of ready made clothing for themselves or boys, at the clothing emporium of W. H. M'Gee & Co., corner of Diamond alley, Wood st., Pittsburgh, and Diamond Square, Allegheny. Those who prefer having their clothing made to order, are assured that the stock of materials for overcoats, business and dress suits cannot be equalled for variety and quality in this vicinity, while a good fit may be depended upon.

VOLUNTEERS, ATTENTION!—For the derangements of the system incidental to the change of diet, Wounds, Eruptions, and exposures, which every Volunteer is liable to, there is no remedies so safe, convenient, and reliable as Holloway's Pills and Ointment, 25 cents per box. 209

CHOICE HOLIDAY PRESENTS.—J. M. Roberts, No. 17 Fifth street, is now opening the most choice stock of fine Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry, Silver Ware and Fancy Goods ever displayed in this city, and is selling them at remarkably low prices.

PROF. FOWLER can be found at his rooms, St. Charles Hotel, *all* day and through the evening, to all applicants *all* themselves, touching health, character, marriage, management of children, self-improvement, &c. His rooms are crowded.

GIFT BOOK STORE.—All in want of photograph albums, family, pocket and pew Bibles, can buy them at greatly reduced prices at No. 118, Wood street. A costly gift worth from 50 cents to $100 given with each.

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 Oatbert's Carpenter and Joining Shop, on Virgin alley, just above Smithfield street.

OMNIBUS CLAIMS will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 485 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

OCULIST.—S. A. Sherrett continues to devote special attention to all affections of the eye. Cataract removed by a new operation, causing but slight pain. Residence, 377 Penn street.

GODEY is out, for February, at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

SWEENEY'S GODEY, at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice.

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Scenes in the Far West--Facts and Fancies--Factoius Reviewed.

The opening up of a new country, and all of the facts pertaining to its development, more particularly should it chance to be rich in mineral deposits, has always been a subject of great interest to the civilized world. At the present time, when war is desolating the fairest portion of our inheritance; when thousands, driven by necessity to look for other homes, are standing undecided, asking of each other the question, "where shall we go?" and each looks to his neighbor for advice or timely assistance, a retrospective glance into the unopened fields and recent developments of the Great West, becomes doubly interesting to every one, not only as regards providing homes for hundreds of thousands of those who are now homeless, but also in the increased wealth that will be brought to light, and the spread of civilization over lands that have heretofore been peopled by the savage.

To enter too much in detail would consume too much space, and would probably weary the reader; it shall, therefore, be my object to condense as much useful information as possible into the smallest possible compass, introducing such episodes of frontier life as occurred during some years residence at the backbone of the American continent as may, in the opinion of the writer, prove interesting, as showing the mode of living, administration of laws, &c., in new countries. This sketch will commence with the description of the route from Kansas City to the Colorado gold mines, taking the Santa Fe route up the waters of the Arkansas, a distance of four hundred and fifty miles to the "Santa Fe Crossing;" thence by the Fremont, Bent and Gaunisons route, by Bent's Fort, to Pueblo, situated at the base of the mountains, at the mouth of "Fountain qui Boille;" thence northward along the fertile banks of the above named river to the base of Pike's Peak, and from thence across the "Divide" to the mouth of Cherry creek, or present site of Denver City, after which a description of the lands embraced in Colorado Territory, together with its resources developed and undeveloped, its present and future prospects, and its advantages for railroad communication with the Pacific coast, may not be amiss.

Leaving Kansas City, and passing through the small town of Westport, Mo., after a few miles travel, you enter the borders of bloodstained Kansas. The country for some distance from the Missouri is well wooded, and the land of the richest quality. As you advance timber becomes more scarce, and the high rolling prairie, covered during the summer season with luxuriant grass, and almost every variety of flower spreads itself out before you, an ever-varying panorama. Small streams may be traced by the narrow belt of timber which invariably may be found shading their waters, affording shade and fuel for the wayworn emigrant. Nature here reveals in loveliness. But a few years have elapsed since here all was quiet and solitude. Now villages innumerable are springing into existance, apparently verifying a remark of Mr. Greeley's, that, "All of Kansas was at the first triumph of our arms.

FINANCE BILL OF THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

The better opinion is that the bill of the Ways and Means Committee, will pass the House to-morrow or Tuesday.

Jay Cooke's bill, introduced as a substitute by Stevens, is not known to have gained more than one vote over Stevens' and Hooper's bills, namely, that of Stratton, a member of the Ways and Means Committee who originally agreed to the majority bill. The Democrats say they will vote against it. All debate is exhausted. Secretary Chase agrees to the Ways and Means bill as amended in conformity with his suggestions. This is certain.

GEN. BURNSIDE IN TOWN.

General Burnside has been in town to-day, and closeted with the President, Secretary of War and General-in-Chief.

THE DISMISSAL OF GEN. PORTER.

The findings of Fitz John Porter's Court Martial declare him guilty on both charges, and on all specifications, excepting two. The proceedings were retained by the President, from the 12th to the 21st inst., and were then endorsed as follows:

"The foregoing proceedings, findings and sentence, in the foregoing case of Major Gen. Fitz John Porter, are approved and confirmed, and it is ordered that the said Fitz John Porter be and is hereby cashiered and dismissed from the service of the United States as Major General of Volunteers, and as Colonel and Brevet Brigadier General in the Regular Service of the United States, and forever disqualified from holding any office of trust or profit under the Government of the United States. ABRAHAM LINCOLN."

January 21st, 1863.

A BILL FOR THE ADMISSION OF UTAH AS A STATE.

In a few days, the House Committee on Territories will report a bill for the admission of Utah as a State. The bill provides for the abolition of polygamy, and unless the delegate from Utah should give his assent to this provision being inserted, the bill will not be reported.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25, 1863.

IMPORTANT NAVAL MOVEMENTS.

The President was closeted this evening with Capt. FOX, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, to the exclusion of all visitors. This fact, together with the recent collection of iron-clads towards some important Southern port, give renewed reasons for the belief that important naval movements are on the eve of accomplishment.

DECLINED TO BUILD SHIPS FOR JAPAN.

The Government has declined to build for Japan the two ships of war, to pay for the construction of which $800,000 or 900,000 in gold were put into the hands of the United States Minister at Paris, and by him deposited with Thurlow Weed. It is now thought that Weed's Navy Yard will be used for the purpose.

FROM MEXICO.

The latest advices direct from the city of Mexico, are to December twenty-first. They represent the people as united and confident of beating back the French army. Puebla is believed to be impregnable.

Gen. Rosas has had several successful engagements with the invaders. The following dispatches had been received from Gen. Ortega:

Puebla, Dec. 19, 1862.—Received in Mexico the same day.

To the Minister of War:

Gen. Rebera communicates to me by express, that he succeeded in laying in ambush a force of cavalry and infantry, at a place called Los Vigos, and that they fired upon the French at close quarters and that the French were taken completely by surprise. He tells me besides that he cut them up badly, and that he will report in detail hereafter. At the time the engagement occurred, there was a dense fog. The infantry was from Vischalulan. Gen. Pierga reports that they behaved very well. (Signed) ORTEGA.

Puebla, Dec. 19, 1862.—(Received in Mexico on the same day.)—To the Minister of War: Gen. Revera communicates to me by express that an encounter had taken place between his troops and the invading army which has moved from Yalapa, and it seems that the whole of his troops were engaged. The engagement was a bloody one, and lasted three hours. The honor of the national arms has remained unstained, particularly if it be taken into consideration that the brave soldiers under command of Gen. Revera were less in numbers than the eighth part of the invaders, and that their object was to annoy the enemy in the direction of Perote rather than to prevent his advance. Almost all our force was cavalry. (Signed,) ORTEGA.

THE MASSACHUSETTS DELEGATION.

It is said that the purport of the declarations made by a part of the Massachusetts delegation here now, to the President, is that the radicals, as they are called, are willing to go any length whatever to carry on the war, if convinced that we are fighting for something, and under the leadership, in the Cabinet and field, of men who want to end war; but that if the war is only to go on in the same aimless way (they say) it has been doing for the past two years, they think the country has had about enough of it.

SWORD PRESENTATION.

Hon. John Covode was presented with a handsome sword at a party of Republicans at one of our hotels, last night. In the course of one of the speeches, after the presentation had been made, Senator Trumbull declared he expected within two weeks to hear that Vicksburg was taken, and added that we would soon hear from our iron-clads.

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1863.

Revel Houch, late Special Agent of the Treasury, has been appointed Surveyor of Customs, at Memphis, Tenn.

GEO. S. DENISON,

Late Acting Surveyor at New Orleans, has been appointed Special Agent of the Treasury Department for Louisiana.

NOMINATIONS OF MAJOR GENERALS.

Nominations of Major Generals, additional to those already forwarded, have been sent to the Senate, as follows: Brig. General Silas Casey, Brig. Gen. Charles S. Hamilton, Brig. Gen. Benjamin M. Prentiss, Brig. Gen. John F. Reynolds, Brig. Gen. Oliver O. Howard, Brig. Gen. Daniel E. Sickles, Brig. General Daniel Butterfield, Brig. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock, Brig. Gen. Geo. Sykes, Brig. Gen. Wm. H. French, Brig. Gen. James S. Negley, Brig. Gen. John M. Schofield, Brig. Gen. John M. Palmer, Brig. General Napoleon J. T. Dana, Brig. General Hiram G. Berry, Brig. General James G. Blunt, Brig. Gen. Napoleon B. Buford, Brig. General Carl Schurz, Brig. General Francis J. Herron, Brig. General Joseph J. Reynolds.

The following Western officers were nominated for promotion to Brigadier Generalship, their commissions to date from Nov. 29, 1862:

Ohio—Col. Charles R. Woods, 76th; Col. John S. Mason, 4th; Col. Wm. H. Lytle, 10th; Col. John Beatty, 19th; Col. Benj. F. Smith, 126th; Col. John W. Fuller, 27th; and Col. M. D. Leggett.

Indiana—Col. Geo. P. McGinnis, 11th; Col. Jas. Gavin, 7th; Col. Wm. Harrow, 14th; Col. John Osburn, 33d; Lieut. Col. David M. Dunn; Col. J. P. C. Shanks; Col. Hugh B. Reed, 44th.

Illinois—Col. Thos. W. Sweeny, 52d; Col. Michael K. Lawler, 18th; Col. F. D. Baldwin, 58th; Col. John Logan, 23; Col. Thos. G. Allen, 80th; Col. C. C. Marsh, 20th; Col. T. E. G. Ransom, 11th; Col. Wm. M. Orme, 94th; Lieut. Col. Elias S. Dennis, 30th.

Kentucky—Cols. John M. Harlow, 10th; Col. Ben. C. Grider, 9th; Col. Edmond H. Hobson, 13th.

Iowa—Col. W. Lowe, 5th; Col. N. H. Williams, 3d; Col. Cyrus Bussey, 3d Cavalry; Col. M. M. Crocker, 13th.

Michigan—Stephen G. Champlin.

Wisconsin—Cols. Halbert E. Paine, 4th; Lysander Cutter, 6th; Col. Thos. H. Ruger, 3d.

Minnesota—Col. John B. Sanborn, 4th.

Missouri—Col. Adon G. Guitar, 9th militia.

Colorado—Col. J. M. Chiving.

FROM HARRISBURG.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 24, 1863.

The New York *Tribune* says, Gen. Butler will positively resume the command of the Department of the Gulf, Headquarters New Orleans, and soon at a point higher up the Mississippi. He will have the troops for which he asked before he was superseded, assume greater responsibilities and possess a broader field of duty.

The advance of the army has been postponed. It is reported that some of General Burnside's subordinate Generals will be brought before a court-martial, to ascertain whether they interfered with or opposed the execution of Burnside's movements.

Gov. Andrew and Wendell Phillips, of Massachusetts, urge upon the President the necessity of such a reconstruction of the Cabinet as will insure a more vigorous prosecution of the war.

Count Mercier repeats anew his assurances of the friendly regard of the Emperor Napoleon.

The President has fixed the guage of the Pacific railroad at five feet.

Gen. Butler explicitly denies that he attempted to control the late Congressional election in New Orleans.

Bad weather and impassable roads rendered an advance of the army beyond the Rappahannock a matter of utter impossibility.

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Important from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—It is generally believed here that all reports that any portion of the army of the Potomac has recently crossed the Rappahannock, are without foundation in fact. A dispatch from the headquarters of the army of the Potomac, read tonight, states that there is nothing of interest to communicate.

John H. Boyle and Charles Powell, who were lately arrested near Dumfries, were both rebel captains on Gen. Stuart's staff. The evidence against them seems to be conclusive as to their being spies, who, dressed in citizen's clothes, kept their chief constantly advised, of the movements of United States troops, especially just before the last rebel raid on Dumfries.

The Secretary of the Navy received the following to-day:

Cairo, Jan. 20.—I have just (5:30 p. m.) received a telegram from Memphis, Tenn., from Acting Rear Admiral D. D. Porter, on board the United States steamer Blackhawk, at the mouth of White river, dated Jan. 20, as follows: We have taken St. Charles, Duval's Bluff and Des Arc, and the light draughts are over three hundred miles above the mouth of the White river. W. Do Kalb and Lieutenant Commander Walker captured at Duval's Bluff two 8-inch guns with carriages, ammunition, etc., 200 Enfield rifles, and three platform cars; and at Des Arc we captured 20 prisoners and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

A. L. PENNOCK,
Fleet Captain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Maj. Gen. Curtis has telegraphed to Maj. Gen. Halleck, General in-Chief, under date of St. Louis, Jan. 24th, as follows:

Gen. Gorman telegraphs from Duvall's Bluffs, on the 18th inst., that aided by three gunboats he ascended White river to Duvall's Bluffs and Des Arc, taking about 150 prisoners, two columbiads, and about 100 small arms.

LXIVTH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24, 1863.

SENATE.—Mr. Wilson, of Mass., presented the memorial of Dr. Morton, asking for compensation for introducing the use of ether in the army and navy.

Mr. Trumbull, of Ill., presented a joint resolution and supplementary to the act to provide for the imprisonment of persons convicted of crime in the District of Columbia. Passed. He also presented a bill relating to Juries in the Courts of the United States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Foster, of Conn., called up the resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy not to accept the title to League Island unless Congress shall further direct. The resolution was discussed at some length by Messrs. Cowan, Foster and Grimes.

The resolution was adopted.

The bill providing an increase of clerical force in the Quartermaster Generals' office, was amended and passed. The Senate then adjourned till Monday.

The Cumberland River Again Blockaded.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Jan. 23.—From Col. Turner, who has just returned from Nashville, we learn that the steamer Mary Crane, loaded to the guards with subsistence stores, amounting to $30,000, was burned on the 19th between Fort Donelson and Clarksville. Her pilot was shot and the boat hauled into shore and fired. The boat and cargo are a total loss.

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The civil war in Grenada is ended, Canales having given in his adherence to the Liberals.

The Convention has passed a law taxing tobacco and spirits.

No move had been taken as yet toward rebuilding the portion of Aspinwall destroyed by the late fire.

American gold has declined at Panama to 2½ per cent.

The French fleet was at Acapulco on the 8th inst., also, the steamer Sannee.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, Jan. 25.—Commodore Morris captured one schooner and two sloops last night, at the mouth of the Cassituck creek, near the James river. The schooner's cargo was purchased in Norfolk; the bills amounting to $5,000, and consisted of gunshellac, quinine, and boots and shoes.

Frederick Lehr, a German, was hung at one o'clock to-day, at Fort Wool, on the Rip Raps, in conformity with the decision of the court martial recently held at Fortress Monroe, and the approval of the President. Lehr formerly lived in Baltimore, but had been employed as a teamster in the army while on the Peninsula. He shot a negro with whom he had some controversy about three months ago, in the town of Hampton, Virginia.

Latest from Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 24.—The fleet left yesterday at noon. Last night opposite Bettstown Landing, they were fired into by the rebels with three field pieces on a bluff. The gunboat St. Clair engaged the enemy who were driven to the woods. The fleet arrived safely at Clarksville.

Col. Wm. B. Stokes, 1st Tennessee cavalry, in a personal difficulty yesterday in Murfreesboro, was shot by Capt. Fleming, of the same regiment. It was a serious wound. Fleming has disappeared.

From New Orleans and Key West.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The United States gunboat Saxon has arrived, from New Orleans on the 10th and Key West on the 17th. The New Orleans papers received contain no news.

It was reported at Key West, on the 17th, that the pirate Alabama was off Havana, and had sent a boat ashore.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
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The Sabbath has been well observed throughout the entire camp. No business, excepting that of the most necessary character, has been transacted. Nothing of an unusual character has been observed in the enemy's lines within the past few days.

The Rise in the Mississippi.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—The *Herald's* special Washington dispatch states that information has been received that the rise in the Mississippi river has turned the water to flow into the canal cut by Gen. Ruler, opposite Vicksburg.

The Rebels Repulsed near Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 25.—Forrest, Harrod and Wheeler were at Franklin, Tenn., yesterday, with 5,000 cavalry.

The rebels attacked the bridge guards on the Chattanooga road, ten miles from this city to-day, but were repulsed with a loss of two killed and several wounded. One of our men was killed.

The fleet of gunboats at Clarksville number twenty-two.

The Weehawken Going South.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—The steamer Vanderbilt sails from Fortress Monroe to-morrow afternoon to tow the iron-clad Wahaken South. The Vanderbilt has a full supply of coal for a cruise after the Alabama, after performing this duty.

Markets by Telegraph.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—There is an active demand for flour; 2000 bbls. sold at $5 12½@5 25 for superfine; $7 for extra family; $7 25@7 75 for extra family; small lots Rye flour $5 and Corn Meal $4. There is a good demand for wheat, and 6000 bush. sold at $1 06@1 07 for Red, and $1 25 for Kentucky white. Rye at 87c. Corn is in fair request; 2000 bush. yellow at 83@85c for new, and 90 for old. Oats steady at 54c. Clover seed advanced, and 1600 bush. sold at 7@7 25. Flaxseed wanted at $2 10. Provisions are held firmly; sales Mess Pork $15 (a) old and new. Lard steady at 10¾@10¾c. Two hundred and fifty bbls. whisky sold at 30c.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Cotton firm; sales 150 bales. Flour advanced 5@10c; sales of 1800 bbls. at $5 45@6 70 for State; $5 45@7 40 for Ohio, and $7 20@7 75 for Southern. Wheat advanced 1@2c; sales of 35,000 bush. at $1 40@1 49 for Chicago Spring; $1 48@1 55 for Milwaukee Club; and $1 56@1 62 for Red. Corn advanced 1c; sales of 125,000 bush. at 67@68c, and 76 @76½c for unsound. Pork steady. Lard steady. Whisky dull at 29c.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 24.—Flour steady and in fair demand. Wheat is steady with a scarce supply. Corn quiet; White, 90@91c; Yellow, 83@85c. Whisky dull at 30@30½c. Coffee ½c higher for Rio. Provisions have a declining tendency and are inactive.

VICKSBURG.—The Philadelphia *Press*, of Saturday, says:

Gen. Grant has placed the army of the Tennessee, upon transports at Memphis, and is now, in all probability, engaging the enemy about Vicksburg. The third stage of this stronghold is now in progress, and there is but little doubt that it will fall. Our arrangements for complete and overwhelming victories in the Southwest are certainly more perfect than ever before, and the glorious news from Arkansas Post will inspire our brave Western troops to new deeds of valor. The capture of Vicksburg will be a tremendous blow to the rebellion; it will place the entire Southwest once more in the Union, and open the Mississippi to trade forever. Gen. J. C. Pemberton, who commands the rebel troops at Vicksburg, is a man noted for his haughtiness and feigned accomplishments. His staff is from the State of New York; is well-known in Philadelphia, and has some relatives residing here. It is said that what he lacks in genius he makes up in energy and industry. Vicksburg is said to be very strongly built and Des Arc, and the light draughts are over three hundred miles above the mouth of the White river. W. De Kalb and Lieutenant Commander Walker captured at Duval's Bluff two 8-inch guns with carriages, ammunition, etc., 200 Enfield rifles, and three platform cars; and at Des Arc we captured 20 prisoners and a quantity of arms and ammunition.

(Signed,) A. L. PENNOCK,
Fleet Captain.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Maj. Gen. Curtis has telegraphed to Maj. Gen. Halleck, General in-Chief, under date of St. Louis, Jan. 24th, as follows:

Gen. Gorman telegraphs from Duvall's Bluffs, on the 18th inst., that aided by three gunboats he ascended White river to Duvall's Bluffs and Des Arc, taking about 150 prisoners, two columbiads, and about 100 small arms.

LXIVTH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

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SENATE.—Mr. Wilson, of Mass., presented the memorial of Dr. Morton, asking for compensation for introducing the use of ether in the army and navy.

Mr. Trumbull, of Ill., presented a joint resolution and supplementary to the act to provide for the imprisonment of persons convicted of crime in the District of Columbia. Passed. He also presented a bill relating to Juries in the Courts of the United States. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Foster, of Conn., called up the resolution directing the Secretary of the Navy not to accept the title to League Island unless Congress shall further direct. The resolution was discussed at some length by Messrs. Cowan, Foster and Grimes.

The resolution was adopted.

The bill providing an increase of clerical force in the Quartermaster Generals' office, was amended and passed. The Senate then adjourned till Monday.

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