Pittsburgh Gazette.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 12.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	60	45
12 " M.	60	48
6 " P. M.		44
Barometer		29 5-10

The Pilot Garvey.

The following just and severe strictures upon this fellow, who belongs to this port, and upon Commodore Eliot for trusting him, are from the New York *Evening Post*:

"Commodore Eliot, in his official report of the loss of the Queen of the West, relates that the pilot—one Mr. Garvey—instead of backing the steamer from a position where she lay under the enemy's guns, as he was ordered to do, ran her aground at the very point where the whole rebel battery was able to hit her.

"The Commodore and part of the crew escaped, and presently got on board the Era, a boat drawing less than two feet of water; and Mr. Garvey, who was once more trusted with the wheel, ran this boat, too, on shore, and did his best to stick her hard and fast, by "permitting her wheels to make several revolutions after she struck."

Of course, the reader will exclaim, Garvey was shot down without further ceremony. Not at all. The commander of the Mississippi ram fleet reports that—

"The disloyal sentiments openly expressed by Mr. Garvey, a few hours before this occurrence, rendered it necessary for me to place him under arrest, and fix upon him the unwilling conviction that the loss of the Queen was due to the deliberate treachery of her pilot."

Now, if these disloyal sentiments were expressed some time before the occurrences narrated took place, Commodore Eliot must have known the man's character; and we hope the Navy Department will rebuke him for continuing to employ as pilot a rascal who was openly betching forth his disloyalty, even while he was steering his ship and her crew into the jaws of destruction. Commodore Eliot may blame the treachery of Garvey; but the public will rightly blame the criminal neglect of Eliot in trusting his ship to a man whom he knew to be unworthy of trust. Better do nothing with ram fleets than thus place them in the enemy's hands.

Correspondence with the Gymnasium

PITTSBURGH, March 10, 1863.

George Shoenberger, Esq., President of Pittsburgh Gymnasium: Dear Sir: You are doubtless aware of the suffering condition of our sick and wounded volunteers, and of the efforts made by the Sanitary Committee of this city to alleviate, in some degree, the evils they suffer.

I would, therefore, respectfully request, that if compatible with your arrangements, you would have the goodness to present a public exhibition for the benefit of the Sanitary Committee, who have sent a considerable amount of stores, and will dispatch a further shipment in a few days.

I am, very respectfully,
THOMAS BAKEWELL,
President of Sanitary Committee.

The above letter is a strong appeal which the members of the Gymnasium could not resist. There is and has been a devoted loyalty among all of them. From their midst many gallant soldiers have gone to sustain our beloved country in its time of need, and when the history of our present struggle shall have been written, some of the best of the true and devoted heroes who deserve endless renown therein for their part in the great contest, will be found to have had their names inscribed upon the roll of membership in the Pittsburgh Gymnasium. Let this be remembered by our citizens, and upon Friday evening, when the exhibition will be had, let a marked appreciation of the efforts of this Association to lend their generous aid to the Sanitary Commission, as also the Subsistence Committee, be shown by a large attendance, and that remembrance which so worthy an object eminently demands.

Horticultural Society.

At a meeting of the Horticultural Society, held on Wednesday evening, the question as to the best grapes for wine, for market, and for table use, was discussed by Messrs. White, Negley, Knox, Kennedy, Campbell, Mellon, Bissell, and others. The Delaware grape was unanimously declared the best for wine. After the Delaware, the Catawba, Diana and Clinton were considered good wine-producing grapes. As the best grape for market purposes, the Concord had no competitor in the opinion of the members present—the Isabella, Delaware, Diana and Catawba following in their order, according to value. For table use, the Delaware headed the list, followed by the Concord, Diana, Catawba and Isabella.

The subject for consideration at the next meeting will be the pruning of the grape vines. This has heretofore been, to many, the great stumbling in the way of grape culture, and yet it is very simple when understood. At the next meeting the method of pruning will be illustrated upon the blackboard. It will therefore be an important interview to grape growers. Several new members were received at the present meeting. There should be a large addition at the next meeting. The society adjourned to meet again next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

A Serious Nuisance.

Complaints are made by Mr. Allen, Wharf Master of the Allegheny Wharf, that night sellers have, within the present week, emptied the contents of two vaults at the foot of Point street, within a few feet of the pavement, thereby creating a most intolerable nuisance, and one for which the parties can be made to suffer severely. We believe that the law is that no permits shall be granted to this class of persons, except during low water, and that they must then make their deposits at the extreme end of the point. The party who has the granting of these permits should see that no nuisances are committed. We understand that Mr. Allen will cause to be prosecuted, to the utmost extent of the law, any and all persons who may hereafter be found guilty of placing nuisances on the wharf.

New Oil Wharf.

A number of the oil men of the city are agitating the subject of building a new wharf for the landing of oil. Their plan is to lease sufficient ground on the bank of the Allegheny river above the bridges, and outside of town, and to open a subscription book for stock. The citizens of Oil City favor the project, and are willing to subscribe largely towards completing the enterprise. They say that it will obviate the danger now experienced by having to run between the piers of the bridges. We learn of one gentleman of this city who has expressed a willingness to give $1,500, towards the new wharf. If this should be carried into effect, the city will lose a revenue of about $6,000 per annum, besides affecting the interests of trade in other ways.

Donations to Sanitary Committee.

James Park, Jr., Treasurer, acknowledges the following donations received this day to the Pittsburgh Sanitary Committee:

Exchange Bank	$250 00
M. Childs & Co.	50 00
J. P. Peers	50 00
Joseph E. Hill	25 00
Mrs. Sarah Sawyer	20 00
Mair & Davidson	20 00
W. & D. Blaikart	20 00
Reymer & Bros.	10 00
Jos. Peacock	5 00
H. Higby	5 00
Cash	5 00
Cash	5 00
Total	$470 00

City Mortality.

The number of deaths in this city, from March 1st to March 9th, as reported by Dr. A. G. McCandless, physician to the Board of Health, is as follows:

Males	7	Adults	9
Females	12	Children	12
Total			21

The diseases were: Consumption, 3; disease of liver, 1; miliary tubercle, 1; convulsions, 1; typhoid fever, 1; puerperal fever, 1; acute mucous enteritis, 1; scarlatina, 2; dyptheria, 2; consumption of lungs, 3; meningitis, 1; small pox, 2; laceration of brain, 1; still born, 1.

Union Meeting in Washington County.

We give publicity to the following proceedings with much pleasure, for two REASONS: first, because they have the true ring of patriotism; and second, the views of the meeting are tersely and vigorously expressed—short and to the point:

CALIFORNIA, Washington Co., March 6.

The citizens of Greenfield and this borough, and vicinity, held a Union meeting this evening in Seminary Hall. Bishop Simpson's address before the Christian Commission was read. The meeting was addressed by Job Johnson, George K. Scott, and S. S. Rothwell. The following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, This is a time when our Government is engaged with armed traitors, who are trying by every means in their power to destroy the best government the sun ever shone upon, and therefore a time when every true patriot should come out boldly, and give his unqualified support to every measure for the suppression of the rebellion, and the preservation of the integrity of the Government; therefore, we, the citizens of the boroughs of Greenfield and California, and vicinity, resolve—

First, That at such a time as this, all party distinctions of the past should be forgotten, and every one should come out fairly for the Government. We would rather have armed traitors in an open field, and for a fair fight, than secret enemies at home.

Second, That we have learned with shame and regret of the course of certain prominent politicians of the North in trying to revive party issues, plainly to embarrass the Government and hinder the war.

Third, That in President Lincoln and his Cabinet we recognize those who have proved themselves devoted to the cause of the country, and equal to the emergency in which they are placed; and we, as citizens of one common country, do pledge to them our most unqualified sympathy and co-operation; and to this end we resolve,

Fourth, That we will immediately proceed to form ourselves into a UNION LEAGUE, having for its object the pledging to our country, our fortunes, our lives, and our sacred honor.

A Committee was then appointed to draft a constitution for the Union League.

The meeting then adjourned to meet in Greenfield, March 10th.

[For the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

What is the Government doing in relation to Major General Banks? His great expedition, which cost so much money, and about which there was such a sensation, has fritted down to nothing, and he has issued two or three proclamations, in the real pro-slavery style, which entirely ignore the Confiscation act and President's Proclamation. He has gone into what might be called the "Negro Slave Business," with the large slaveholders of Louisiana, all of whom are notorious secessionists. Every act of his administration since he landed in New Orleans have been to ignore the administration of Gen. Butler. It looks very much as if he was sent there for that purpose, and reminds one of the times when Gens. Fremont and Hunter were suddenly recalled because they issued proclamations in favor of freedom.

The excitement of the country over the anticipated attacks of our armies against Charleston and Vicksburg have, for the time, interfered this Bank's expedition to sink into obscurity, but surely the President and Secretary of War can find some better business for Major General Banks than hiring out negroes to the Louisiana planters. QUID.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—The Subsistance Committee acknowledge contributions of cash, clothing and estables from the following persons and societies: Mr. Aidler, Rev. J. Miller, R. P. Bard, A. Friend, Mrs. J. Fennock, Mrs. H. Laughlin, Mrs. A. W. Forster, Miss Robinson, C. P. Kuhn, Mrs. Irwin, Mr. Shaffer, J. W. Spencer, Mrs. J. Jones, Mrs. C. Fleming, Mrs. A. Bradley, Mission Society of Oakland, 1 box sundries; Aid Society of Newcastle, 1 do; Aid Society of Hulensburg, Lawrence county, 1 do; Ladies Aid Society of Oil City, 3 do; Mrs. R. Gilland, Feiscove, Allegheny county, 2 do; Rev. F. U. Dechart, 1 do; Second Ward School, Allegheny, 1 do; Ladies' Aid Society, Protestant Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, 1 do; Ladies of Greene county, 1 do; Ladies of Clinton and vicinity, Allegheny county.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—The usual examination of the classes of the Pittsburgh Female College will commence this morning at 9 o'clock, and continue until Friday at noon. On Friday evening the pupils will give an entertainment in the College chapel, to commence precisely at 7 o'clock.

DIED:

DUNCAN—On Wednesday morning, at 2 o'clock, J. BESSIE, son of Jackson and Isabella Duncan, aged 2½ years.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on FRIDAY, 13th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., from the residence of his parents, No. 96 High street.

CHRISTIE—On Wednesday, 11th inst., in the 37th year of his age, WILLIAM CHRISTIE, son of the late Elder Samuel Church.

The funeral will take place at his late residence No. 44 Rose street, at 3½ o'clock this afternoon. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

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

A. P. CHAPOTY, General Agent,
No. 15, Fifth street.

CHEAP CLOTHING AND WHERE TO BUY THEM.—The enterprising firm of Wm. H. McGee & Co., merchant tailors, corner of Federal and Diamond square, Allegheny, being fully aware of the extraordinary advance in Spring goods, have purchased last fall a beautiful assortment of cloth, cassimeres, vestings, &c., and they are now ready to open their Spring trade with superior articles, at greatly reduced prices. They will sell their goods by the yard if desired, and as they keep constantly on hand a large supply of ready made clothing, customers can be accommodated on demand, or have a neatly fitted suit to order. The work is all done under their supervision, and always warranted to purchasers.

SAMUEL GRAHAM, merchant tailor, is closing out his Fall and Winter stock of goods at extremely low prices. They consist of all the very latest styles of cloths, cassimeres and vestings, of which a large assortment is adapted for the Spring wear. Gentlemen wishing to save money would do well to call early, knowing that you will pay twenty-five per cent. more for goods in the Spring than at the present time. Don't fail to call and get a good fitting garment. Samuel Graham, Merchant Tailor, No. 54 Market street, one door from Third.

SCURVY AND SCROFULOUS ERUPTIONS will soon cover the bodies of those brave men who are fighting their country's battles. Night air, bad food, and drinking rain will make sad havoc with the strongest, therefore let every man supply himself with HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT, it is a certain cure for every kind of skin disease. Only 25 cents per Pot. 215

ORNICE 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.

ORNINGS CALLS will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 608 Liberty street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

IF YOU desire any repairs or alterations to your dwelling, or places of business call and leave your order at Outcbert's Carpenter Shop Jobbing Shop, Virgin Alley, above Smithfield street. All work promptly attended to.

SECOND WARD, Allegheny, Relief Money will be paid to the soldiers' families residing in this Ward. They will receive their relief money on Friday afternoon next, in Dr. Swift's Church, at three o'clock.

WANTS.

SITUATION WANTED.—A young man, (wounded in arm at Battle of Antietam, which prevents him from working at his trade) wishes a situation at anything where heavy work is not required at present. Enquire at No. 207 Liberty street, or address "S. B. C, Box 648, Pittsburgh P. O."

WANTED—A GARDNER, to take care of a Fruit Garden and small Vineyard, near the city. Recommendations required. Inquire at 79 WARREN STREET.

Pennsylvania Legislature.

Reported for the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, March 10, 1863.

HOUSE.—The bill relating to the payment of bounties to volunteers was taken up and considered in Committee of the Whole—Mr. Beck, of Lycoming, in the Chair.

Mr. Cessna offered the following amendment to the 7th section.—Provided, however, that in any county in which the Commissioners or parties having charge of the subject of bounties to volunteers, offered a less sum than $50, and the volunteers entered the service in such county with the understanding that such less sum was to be received, then and in all such cases, no more than the sum so promised shall be paid under the provisions of this section.

The eighth section was amended so as to read thus: That the money as borrowed shall be paid over to the treasurer of the proper county, who shall proceed to pay to each person who volunteered from such county, the sum to which such person shall be entitled under the provisions of this act; Provided, that no person shall be entitled to receive said sum to which such person shall be entitled under the provisions of this act or any part thereof who was not regularly mustered and sworn into the service of the United States, and remains in said service or has been legally discharged therefrom.

Section nine was amended, and reads thus: That in any case where a part of the bounty authorized by this act has been paid the treasurer of any county, township or borough, shall pay the difference between the sum so paid and the full bounty.

Mr. Smith, of Philadelphia, from the Committee of Conference, appointed on the difference between the two Houses on the House bill to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act to authorize the arrest of proclaimed toiaves and burglars, &c., in the Commonwealth, reported the bill with a few amendments which were agreed to. The bill, therefore, passed finally.

The speaker, Mr. Cessna, of Bedford, asked and obtained leave of absence during Wednesday and Thursday. He announced that on the tonnage tax question he paired off with Mr. Lindlow, of Philadelphia, and on all political questions with Mr. Beebe, of Venango. He asked Mr. Forshings, of Cumberland, to perform the duties of the Chair during his absence.

Adjourned at one o'clock.

SENATE.—The following petitions and remonstrances were presented:

Mr. Boughter, remonstrance of citizens of Dauphin county against the passage of a law authorizing railroad corporations to hold lands for mining purposes.

Mr. Bound, two remonstrances of citizens of Northumberland county of similar import.

Mr. Reilly, seven remonstrances of citizens of Schuylkill county of similar import.

Mr. Stark, two remonstrances of citizens of Luzerne county of similar import.

The remonstrances were referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Turrell, petition of citizens of Susquehanna county praying for a change in the militia laws of the State.

Mr. Connell, remonstrance of members of the religious society of Friends against the impositions of militia fines.

Mr. Smith, petition of citizens of Montgomery county praying the enactment of a call for a National Convention.

Mr. Bucher, petition of citizens of Cumberland county praying the passage of a law to prevent the the immigration of negroes into this State.

The speaker laid before the Senate, a communication from the Board of Military Claims. Read and laid on the table.

Bill directing the recovery of the principal and interest due to the Commonwealth from persons holding lands by virtue of locations or other offers titles, was read a second time and prepared for a third reading.

Resolved, That the conduct of all persons claiming allegiance to the United States, yet earnest and vigorous in their attempts to embarrass and obstruct the action of legally constituted authority, and in the utterance of disloyal sentiments, merits and should have the condemnation of every Union loving citizen.

Resolved, That the citizens of all the States owe allegiance to the General Government, and all those denying its authority or failing in their duty to assist in the suppression of this lufamous rebellion are traitors of treason, and should suffer the penalty of so great a crime.

Referred to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Mr. Penney, a bill relating to actions of ejectment.

Mr. Clymer, a bill relating to the publication of legal notices.

Mr. Stark, a bill to authorize proceedings in equity in certain cases in the courts of this Commonwealth; also, a supplement to an act entitled an act relating to decedents estates.

The following bills were introduced:

Mr. Connell, a joint resolution tendering the thanks of the Legislature to Gen. Andrew Porter.

WHEREAS, His Excellency Gov. Andrew G. Curtin, in his annual message, has called the attention of the Legislature to the valuable services and sacrifices rendered the State authorities in trying emergencies by Brig. Gen. Andrew Porter of the United States army; therefore be it resolved by the Senate, etc.,

That Brig. Gen. Andrew Porter, who thus testified his affection for his native State, and his zeal in her service when threatened with invasion during the present rebellion, is entitled to, and we hereby tender him, the thanks of the Legislature of the State for his said services.

Resolved, That the Governor is hereby requested to forward a copy of these resolutions to Gen. Andrew Porter.

Referred to the Committees on the Militia.

Mr. White, a joint resolution relative to the vigorous prosecution of the war to suppress the rebellion.

WHEREAS, Citizens of Pennsylvania are anxious for a speedy restoration of peace, which shall secure tranquility at home, and avoid all occasion for complaint abroad; and Whereas, they await with well assured hope the final suppression of the rebellion, and the restoration and perpetuation of the Union one and indivisible, triumphant over all its enemies; therefore,

Resolved, The House of Representatives concurring, that the influence, the honor and resources of Pennsylvania in men and means are hereby pledged to the support of the National authority in all energetic and determined efforts by force of arms, on land and sea, to secure a final and complete suppression of the causeless and horrible rebellion now desolating so great a part of our country.

WM. B. BRADBURY'S
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NO. 427 BROOME STREET, N. Y.

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And dealer in all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE.
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mh6:dly PITTSBURGH, PA.

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BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS AND BALMORALS,
Just receiving at BOBLAND'S, 93 Market St.,
mh7 second door from Fifth.

CAUSTIC SODA, English, in iron casks, for sale by
mh7 B. A. FAHNESTOCKS, SON & CO., corner of First and Wood streets.

SURFACE—For Crude and Refined Oil, Oil Barrels and other Merchandize—by
mh6:tf JAS. DALZELL & SON, 69 and 70 Water.

APPLES.—700 bbls. York State; 600 " do Central Ohio;
Now in store and for sale by
mh7 L. H. VOIGT & CO.

SICILY MACCARONI, curled and straight, received and for sale by
JOHN A. RENSHAW,
mh10 Corner Liberty and Hand streets.

CALICO, good styles, can be bought for 20 cents per yard, at
mh7:wnds LAKE, McAROY & CO.'S, 140 Federal street, Allegheny City.

AQUA AMMONIA.—20 carboys 10F for sale by
S. A. FAHNESTOCKS, SON & CO.,
mh10 corner of Wood and First streets.

NAILS.—1,200 kegs assorted sizes, in store and for sale by
SHRIVER & LAZEAR,
mh3 Nos. 27 and 29 Smithfield street.

HONEY COMB QUILTS, worth $3 00 for $2.25, at
mh7:wnds LAND, McAROY & CO.'S.

WALL PAPERS, new and beautiful, at 15 cents, for sale by
mh7 W. P. MARSHALL, 57 Wood street.

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mh7:wnds LAKE, McAROY & CO.'S.

COOPER'S AND CARPENTER'S TOOLS just receiving and for sale by
mh7 JAMES BOWN, 138 Wood street.

CODFISH.—4,000 lbs. just received and for sale by
mh8 W. M. GORMLY, 371 Liberty st.

LEAD.—100 pigs Galena Lead for sale by
mh9 HENRY H. COLLINS.

QUICKSILVER.—5 flasks for sale by
mh9 B. A. FAHNESTOCKS, SON & CO., corner of First and Wood streets.

THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.
OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 11, 1863.

OFFICERS TO BE COURT-MARTIALED.

Gen. Fitz-Henry Warren, and Major Elijah Sills, paymaster, prominent candidates for the Governorship of Iowa, Gen. Blenker, Cols. D. Ulassy and Deforest are to be tried by a general court-martial at New York next week of a most serious character, unless dismissed from the service without trial. Major Gaines will be Judge Advocate at the trial.

NEW SEA-GOING IRON-CLADS.

The Navy Department is about to issue an advertisement for sea-going iron-clad vessels of all tons, on the new model, to carry a casemate, ten guns weighing twenty tons, with carriages, iron masts, boats and rigging; to have two pairs of engines and 21 feet draught. Proposals are to be opened within 30 days. The contemplated cost is three or four millions each. The nine new monitors building are considerably longer, and are intended to have thrice the speed of those afloat. They are getting along well.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The Senate, to-day, hung up the following nominations: Maj. Gens. Wright, Blair and Gringer; Brig. Gen. Cogswell, of the regular army; Hunt, Chief of Artillery of Hooker's army; Col. Hays, of the 63 i Pa.; S. Cammon, of the 23d Ohio; Stuart, of the 55th Illinois; Schimmelfenny, of the 74th Pa.

The Senate Military Committee reported back the nominations to Brevent rank without recommendation. The Committee are against the confirmation of any of the three or four hundred nominated.

RICHARDSON AND THE DEMOCRATS OF CONNECTICUT.

The democrats of Connecticut have sent word to Richardson, of Ill., for God's sake to keep out of their State. They say his efforts in New Hampshire served to increase the republican vote largely.

As forty of the refugees came in to-day they passed Morells' band with Stoughton and one hundred horses in charge en route to Richmond.

A refugee who came in to-day left Richmond on Saturday, says he saw four brigades of rebel troops at Sexton's Junction, going southward. Pryor has been largely reinforced on the Blackwater.

GEN. HOOKER BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDUCT OF THE WAR.

Gen. Hooker was examined to-day before the Joint Committee on the Conduct of the War. The first question proposed was to what he attributed the failure of the movement on the Peninsula. He stated that as he was on oath he must answer the question, *and he attributed the failure to the incompetency of the Commanding General.*

A CONTRADICTION.

The statement that Gen. Hunter is to be superceded in command of the Department of the South, is set at rest by the fact that John Hay, the President's Assistant Private Secretary starts to-morrow to assume a place on his staff.

A FLEET FOR THE REBELS.

Letters from England call renewed attention to the immense fleet building in Great Britain for the rebels, and insist upon the necessity of a prompt peremptorial demand upon the Palmerston government to put a stop to this mode of making war.

A REPUBLICAN MAJORITY IN THE NEXT CONGRESS.

By a careful calculation it is ascertained that the Republicans will have a clear working majority in the next Congress, unless Connecticut and Maryland make material changes in their delegations, which is not probable.

CAPTURE OF GEN. STOUGHTON.

It has been ascertained that the guerrilla party, which captured Gen. Stoughton, consisted of only twenty-four, eleven of whom reside in the vicinity, and will be arrested.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Senate disposed of the most of the military and civil nominations to-day, and hopes are entertained of an adjournment on Friday.

JUDGES CONFIRMED.

David R. Carter, Geo. E. Fisher, Abraham Olin were confirmed as Judges of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia. Mr. Wylie lies over. Cassius M. Clay was confirmed.

GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS.

Gen. W. Strong, of New York, is strongly urged by North-western Governors as the military Governor of Arkansas in place of Phelps.

CASSIUS M. CLAY.

There were thirteen votes in the Senate against Cassius M. Clay's confirmation. There was no discussion. Secretary Seward's influence did it.

LETTERS OF MARQUE.

There is no decision as to the issuing of letters of marque and reprisal. The question is under government consideration still.

PERSONAL.

Hon. J. W. Noell, member of Congress from Missouri, now lies so ill in this city that his family have been sent for.

CONFIRMED.

Gov. Kirkwood has been confirmed as a Minister to Copenhagen. It is doubtful if he accepts.

FROM MURFREESBORO.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

MURFREESBORO, March 11.—The members of the Seventeenth Indiana Mounted Infantry, Col. J. T. Wilder, voted unanimously to arm themselves with heavy rifles at their own expense. The gun and equipments will cost each man $35. This comes out of their $13 per month pay.

I consider the intelligence of such an example of sacrificing patriotism on the part of our soldiers cheap, even when telegraphing costs six cents per word.

Lieut. Consette, of the 123d Illinois, who deserted his regiment, has been brought back in irons, and will be tried by the general court martial now in session. G.

From New Jersey.

TRENTON, March 11.—At a joint meeting of the Legislature this afternoon, R. M. Smith, Dem., was elected State Treasurer, and Jos. B. Walker, of Atlantic county, Dem., Prison Keeper. All the old Inspectors of the Prison were re-elected, and a new one, Wm. V. Ward, of Monmouth county, to fill a vacancy.

Democratic Conferee Meeting.

BEDFORD, Pa., March 11.—At a meeting of the Democratic conferees held to-day, for the district composed of Huntingdon, Bedford and Somerset, Mayor R. Bruce Petriken was unanimously elected a Senatorial delegate to the Democratic State Convention, with instructions to support the claims of Hon. John Cessna for Governor.

Sailed.

NEW YORK, March 11.—The steamship Africa sailed for Liverpool to-day, with forty passengers, and a million and a quarter in specie.

Resigned.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Colonel Lefferts has resigned the command of the 71st New York Regiment.

SENATE--EXTRA SESSION.

WASHINGTON, March 11, 1863.

SENATE.—The Senate ordered to be considered the resolution of Mr. Davis, Sr., Ky., which was offered yesterday requesting the President to furnish at the commencement of the next session a statement of the aggregate number for each State and Territory and the District of Columbia, of all officers and employees in the civil service of the United States, subject to removal by the President and by other officers, with their perquisites, etc.

Mr. Anthony, of R. I., and Mr. Trumbull, of Illinois, thought that all this information would be found in the next Blue book, and hence could see no necessity for the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Davis explained that it was the intention at the next session to submit amendments to the Constitution regulating the appointment of officers. He desired this information in order to demonstrate his proposition.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, suggested an amendment to the resolution, by adding the words, "in order to show in what capacity such civil officers have acted," and in this form the resolution was adopted.

The Senate then went into Executive session.

Important from Washington.

NOMINATIONS CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The Senate in executive session to-day confirmed the following nomination: Leonard Swait, of Ill., and E. G. Squier, of N. Y., Commissioners of the United States under convention with Peru for the settlement of pending claims between citizens of the two countries; Joseph P. Allin, of Conn., be Associate Justice of the United States for the Territory of Arizona; Andrew B. Dickinson, of N. H., be Marshal of the United States for the Northern District of New York; Cassius M. Clay, of Ky., Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Russia, vice Simon Cameron resigned; Samuel J. Kirkwood, of Iowa, Minister Resident of the United States to Denmark, vice Bradford R. Wood recalled; N. W. Ketchum, of Pa., Associate Justice of the United States Court in Nebraska Territory, vice Joseph E. Streeter deceased; John S. Henry, of Del., be Commissioner and Consul General of the United States for the Republic of Liberia; John Titus, of Pa., Attorney of the United States for the Territory of Arizona; Sol. L. Withey, of Mich., Judge of the District Court of the U. S. for the Western District of Michigan; David R. Carter, of Ohio, be Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia; G. P. Fisher, to be a Justice of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia. A. B. Olin, of New York, to be a Justice of the Supreme Court for the District of Columbia. B. D. Duncan, of South Carolina, to be Consul of the United States for the Rhenish Bavarin. Rollin C. M. Hoyt, of Massachusetts, to be Consul at Mattitan; vice Cyrus D. Poole, resigned. Wm. Walton Murphy, of Michigan, to be Consul at Duchy of Brunswick; vice H. Ellis Martin, resigned. Fred. Whipperman, of the District of Columbia, to be Consul at Galatza. Ingersoll Lockwood, of New York, to be Consul at Hannover. Arthur Folsom, of Illinois, to be Consul at Cape Hayten. William E. Hines, of Rhode Island, to be Consul at Zanseber; vice Wm. Speer, recalled. Alfred Cox, for many years Vice Consul at Falmouth, to be Consul at that place; Vincent St. Vrain, of Texas, Consul at Rio Del Norte, vice J. W. Massey, resigned; Leonor Don Ciorlio Moline to be Consul at Casthagnena, Spain; John Xenthus, District of Columbia, be Consul at Manzanillo, vice Robert Haley, recalled; Alex. Schwartz to be Consul at Riga; John J. Hise, of Conn., Consul at San Juan, Porto Rico, vice Jasper Smith, resigned; J. H. Mansfield, of Wisconsin, Consul at Tamsco, vice Noah L. Wilson, transferred; Edwin G. Eastman, citizen of the United States, Consul at Cork, vice Patrick J. Devine recalled. To be Major General of volunteers, Erasmus D. Key, Major General in volunteer service, to rank from May 5th, 1862. The date of the battle of Williamsburg; to be Brigadier General of volunteers, Col. Orlando B. Wilcox, 1st Michigan volunteers, July 21, 1861, Col. Michael Corcoran, 69th New York, July 21, 1861; Major George W. Cullom, of Corps of Engineers, Nov. 1st, 1861; Maj. G. T. Shapley, of Me., July 18, 1862; Col. J. R. Kenley, 1st Md., Aug. 22, 1862; 1st Lieut. G. Welzel, Corps of Engineers, Aug. 29, 1862; Col. W. W. Averill, 3d Pa. Cavalry, Sept. 25th, 1862; Col. E. P. Scammon, 23d Ohio, Oct. 15th, 1862; Joseph W. Revere, N. J., Oct. 25, 1862; Col. David McGregg, 8th Pa. Cavalry, Nov. 29, 1862; Col. George Crook, 36th Ohio, Sept. 7th, 1862; Col. Gershom Mott, 6th N. J., Sept. 7th 1862; Col. Jos. J. Reynolds, of Indiana, Sept. 17th 1862; Col. Alford Sully, 1st Minn., Sept. 26th, 1862; Col. Gilman Marston, 2d N. H., Nov. 29th, 1862; Col. Wm. H. Lytle, 10th Ohio, Nov. 29th, 1862; Col. E. W. Kirk, 34th Ill., Nov. 29th, 1862; Col. Alex. Schimmelfennig, 74th Pa., Nov. 29th, 1862; Col. James M. Schackelford, 8th Ky. Cavalry, Jan. 21st, 1863; Daniel Ullman, of N. Y., Jan. 15th, 1863; Col. G. J. Stannard, 4th Vt.; Col. Clinton B. Fiske, 23d Mo.; Lieut. Col. Wm. Hays, Captain 3d Artillery; Col. John E. Smith, 45th Ill.; Col. Thos. W. Sweeny, 53d Ill., Nov. 29th, 1862; Col. Frank S. Nickerson, 14th Maine Volunteers, November 29th, 1862. To be Commissaries of Subsistence, with rank of Captain: Henry A. Littleton, of Iowa, August 12th, 1862; Edwin Knowles, of Iowa, Aug. 30th, 1862; Charles H. Tolle, of Iowa, Oct. 3d, 1862; Philip Pollard, of Pennsylvania, Oct. 20th, 1862; George E. Nelson, of Michigan, Oct. 28th, 1862; Geo. E. Graves, of Vermont, Nov. 1st, 1862; Chas. B. Wells, of Illinois, Nov. 20th, 1862; D. Turbull, of Kentucky, Nov. 25th, 1862; Jos. B. Wilson, of Illinois, Nov. 25th, 1862; Frank G. Noyes, of Iowa, Nov. 25th, 1862; H. G. Perton, of Iowa, Nov. 25th, 1862; James Stones, of Iowa, Nov. 25th, 1862; James O. P. Burnside, of Illinois, Nov. 29th, 1862; John L. Carson, of Nebraska; Joseph C. Pinckney, of New York; Levi Ruggles, of Missouri; Geo. H. Swartwout, of New York; A. L. Carlton, of Vermont; First Lieutenant Alfred Gage, of the 99th New York; Gilbert E. Winters, of Ohio; Charles Henry Maple, of Illinois; J. J. Hoff, of New Jersey, Nov. 26, 1862. Chas. H. Simpson, of Illinois, be additional Paymaster. To be Assistant Quartermaster, with the rank of Captain—Abraham Edwards, of Penn's; Thomas J. Carr, of New York; First Lieutenant Wm. H. Brown, of the 5th Conn.; G. B. Hibbard, of Ohio; C. K. Clark, of Penn's; W. H. Johnson, of Mich., M. H. Manderville, of New York; C. Bailey, of Pa.; Wm. Thompson, of Pa.; J. T. Allen, Wis.; Jesse Haley, Ohio; Wm. Bosghell, Ill; James G. Lee, of Ohio; Reece M. Newport, of Ohio; Hiram Hays, of Wis.; Joel Shaw, of Mo.; Herman H. Bone; Lieut. James Moore, 90th Vols.; N. D. Aspinwall, Jr., Pa.; 1st Lieut. T. W. Fry, 11th Ind. To be Judge Advocates, with the rank of Major—First Lieut. G. N. Lesber. 11th Infantry, for the Army commanded by Maj. Gen. Banks; Ralston Skinner, of Ohio, for the army commanded by Gen. Rosecrans; G. Irwin Whitehead, of the 61st Pa. Cavalry, for the army commanded by Gen. Keys. To be Surgeon of Volunteers—O. R. Reynolds. John Anthony Hooper, promoted to be Surgeon of the regular army, September, 1862. Capts. Dickinson and P. Thruston, of the 93d Ohio Vols., to be aids-de-camp, with the rank of Captain for Maj. Gen. Schenck. Mrs. Caroline F. Cowan, to be deputy Postmaster at Biddeford, Me., vice Louis O. Cowan, deceased. Wm. Badge, to be Surveyor of Customs for the district of Portsmouth, New Hampshire. To be Collectors of Internal Revenue—Wm. H. Higgins be Assessor of Internal Revenue for the District of Louisiana; B. Kiss, for the 8th District of Illinois. To be Assessors of Internal Revenue: John Dean, of Hollidaysburg, Pa., for the 17th District of Pa.; Geo: Bool for the 18th District.

To be Aid-de-Camps with the rank of Major: Wm. Cutting, N. Y.; Leavitt Hunt, N. Y.; Second Lieut. Bradbury C. Chatwood, 1st Artillery; First Lieut. Lawrence Kip, 3d Artillery; Christian F. Christensen, N. Y.; Capt. Geo. G. Lyon; Wm. R. Comley, Edward Wright, of Ill., additional aid-de-camps. Wm. H. Lawrence, Mass.; Charles G. Joline, additional aid de camp; 1st Lieut. E. M. Este, 25th Ohio; Capt. Oscar A. Mack, 13th Infantry; Capt. Louis H. Buford, 31 Kentucky cavalry; Lieut. Fr