Pittsburgh Gazette.

TUESDAY MORNING.....DEC. 8, 1863.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

OFFICIAL PAPER.

Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad —Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad Company was held on Monday afternoon, at the office of the company, on Fourth street. The meeting was organized by calling J. H. Sewell, Esq., to the Chair, and appointing Josiah Kurtz, Esq., Secretary.

The Secretary then read the annual report of the Board of Directors, exhibiting the present condition of the road, and showing the receipts and expenditures for the past fiscal year. The gross revenue from the operations of the road was $215,537.49. The expenses of maintenance, working, and administration, were $120,358.40. The net revenue of the year was $95,220.09. The whole number of passengers carried was 262,841, with a revenue therefrom of $100,626—against 143,510 passengers carried the previous year, with a revenue $56,258. The freight transferred amounted to 148,792 tons, yielding a revenue of $110,436, against 85,763 tons carried the previous year, with a revenue of $69,992. The carriage of mail matter yielded $3,650.

The report was received and adopted.

Mr. Latrobe, the President, asked who had written the report, and the Secretary replied that it had been written by Mr. Latrobe.

Messrs. James Fenton, B. F. Jones, and J. Johnston were elected Judges, and Messrs. John Taylor and W. Bailey, Trustees of the Election.

Mr. Blair stated that an important communication had been received from Gen. Cass, President of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company, which had not been submitted to the Board of Directors.

The communication was then handed to the Chairman, and was read as follows:

PITTS. FT. WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY CO., OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, PITTSBURGH, PA., December 6, 1863.

B. H. Latrobe, Esq., President of Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railway Company.

DEAR SIR: The share and bondholders of this company, at their last annual meeting, passed resolutions expressive of their wish for the early completion of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad, and a willingness that this company should aid to the full extent of its power and influence. The theatre of war growing out of the rebellion is now being removed so far South that it seems to me you will be able to make satisfactory arrangements for the early prosecution of the work. This might be done through the agency of influential parties of experience, who have the command of capital, if the company itself cannot readily control the necessary means.

To effect the object in either of these ways at the least cost to the company, no contingency should be left as to how or on what terms the traffic of the road is to reach the Atlantic cities, for where a risk is taken in advancing capital, a corresponding charge is always made. A definite and equitable arrangement for your traffic east of Cumberland, on the eastern terminus of the road, would not only facilitate the building and cheapen the cost of the road, but would greatly strengthen you with Western roads.

I hand you herewith a copy of the resolutions for the information of your stockholders.

G. W. CASS, Pres't.

Resolved, That the Stockholders and Bondholders of this company are convinced that another outlet eastward from Pittsburgh for the large and increasing trade which flows into the city from the west is indispensible to the prompt dispatch at all times of the freight brought here by the western channels of transportation.

Resolved, That as the Pittsburgh and Connellsville Railroad affords the only route eastward across the Alleghenies now open to the construction of such an additional outlay in that direction, the Stockholders and Bondholders of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway Company consider that their safety interests require them to promote the early completion of that road; and that it is expedient that they should aid in the accomplishment of that object to the full extent of their power and influence.

Resolved, That they approve of the action of the Board of Directors, in appointing a Committee to act upon the subject, hopo they may succeed in devising some suitable and effective means to bring about so desirable a result.

Mr. Gwinn, with a power of attorney from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, then nominated the following ticket for Directors, and demanded that the vote should be taken upon the stock and by the stock ledger:

Wm. S. Bissell, Joseph Pennock, Wm. Bingham, G. L. B. Fetterman, John Fleming, Wm. Baldwin, B. De. Ford, W. F. Murdock, Benj. H. Latrobe and Cyrus Myers.

Col. Davidson nominated the following ticket:

James Park, jr., Thomas S. Blair, Cyrus P. Markle, A. Miller, John A. Coughey, Wm. S. Haven, H. B. Goe, W. W. Tayler, Joseph R. Marshall, Joel C. Strawn, D. R. Davidson, and Geo. Nichol.

Col. Davidson then read a communication from John Lee Chapman, Mayor of Baltimore, setting forth that he had appointed W. W. Taylor, J. R. Maulson and J. M. Stevenson, Directors on the part of the City of Baltimore.

The Deputy U. S. Marshal caused to be read the order of the United States District Court, directing how the election should be held.

Mr. Gwinn, who held a proxy from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, with authority to vote 17,800 shares held by said company, moved for the rejection, by the Connellsville company, of the acts of the 1st and 14th April, 1863, passed by the Pennsylvania Legislature.

The Chair ruled this motion out of order—the notice having been given that this amendment to their charter was to be voted upon.

Mr. Gwinn appealed from this decision, but the appeal was not seconded.

Mr. Gwinn moved to adjourn, but the motion was ruled out of order.

The election was then proceeded with, after the Judges and Tellers had been sworn.

The election was a most exciting one, as it was alleged that the "stock ledger" had not been used for seven or eight years, and that the transfers had not been entered upon it for that period of time. By this means, many stockholders were denied the privilege of voting, under the order of the court.

The ticket, headed by James Park, Jr., was elected by an overwhelming majority, and the meeting adjourned.

Committed on a Bail Piece.

Some time since, Mr. J. C. Fletcher, formerly in the employ of Mr. James Gosling, dry goods merchant, was arrested on a charge of assault with intent, etc., upon the person of a young lady, residing in Allegheny. The Mrs. Grum... accused had a hearing before the Mayor, and was held to bail in the sum of $2,000, his former employer, Mr. Gosling, giving bond in that amount. Lately Mr. Fletcher had been neglecting his business, and drinking to excess, and his surety, fearing that he might leave the city, and put a bail piece, upon which Fletcher was arrested by Alderman Donaldson's police, and lodged in jail. He was suffering very much from the effects of intemperance, and was not in his right mind when committed.

Forestalling in Allegheny.

An enterprising individual named George Quinn was arrested in the Allegheny market, yesterday, engaged in making a wholesale purchase of all the poultry to be had, designing to ship it to Baltimore, on speculation. Every chicken or turkey which he saw he gobbled up, and if he had not been stopped he would have swept the entire market of that species of produce. He was taken before Mayor Alexander, and after a hearing he was fined ten dollars and costs—the full extent of the law. Mayor Alexander is of the opinion that the people of Allegheny have as good right to indulge in chicken and turkey as the people of Baltimore—or any other man.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—The past year has proved this the most flourishing Female College west of the Alleghenies. The Winter Term, which commences to-morrow morning, already promises to far surpass any preceding, in the history of the institution.

VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE.—Wm. McCall was yesterday fined two dollars and costs, by Mayor Alexander, for selling meat without having it weighed on the city scales.

Our Book Table.

THE LIFE OF JESUS. By Ernest Renan, Member of the Institute. Translated from the original French by Charles Edwin Wilbour, Translator of "Les Miserables." New York: Carleton. Pittsburgh: for sale by Henry Miner, Fifth street, (next door to the Post-office.) 376pp. 12mo.

Here is a very readable English translation of a work which in French has already attained such celebrity as must have greatly delighted the publisher:—for we read in the newspapers that between the praises of its friends and the censures of its enemies—that between the strange, but of course unintentional and purely fortuitous, co-operation in its behalf of appreciation and depreciation—of salvos of welcome from the free-thinkers and thunders of denunciation from the orthodox—of plaudits from the lyceum and anathemas from the church—this superficial but brilliantly written volume of rationalistic theology, biography, exegesis, historical criticism, or what else, (for it is a little of everything and not much of anything, except perhaps surprising examples of cool assumption and flippant assertion,) has reached the amazing success, commercially speaking, of a sale of 35,000 copies! As M. Renan presents his opinions in an agreeable, indeed an engaging style, speaking of his work from a purely literary point of view, and as he is an accredited scholar in the oriental languages, which saves him from the folly of denying the authenticity of the sacred writings, like the skeptics of the last generation, and the more illiterate of those of our time, it may be an interesting and even profitable study for the student who has not yet examined that phase of modern rationalism, which probably reached its fullest and most adequate expression in Strauss's celebrated *Leben Jesu*, published in 1835, to open this volume, which has all the attractiveness of style and clearness of exposition that are almost characteristics of French, as distinguished from German, scholarship, and see what this new method of historical and critical inquiry really is, how it is applied, and what are its results. After such examination, he will be more than ever before, we think, ready to exclaim with Dr. Young:

"If weak thy faith, why choose the harder side?"

A PRACTICAL GRAMMAR OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE. Containing a Grammar, Exercises, Reading Lessons, and a complete Pronouncing Vocabulary. By William I. Knapp, A. M., Professor of Modern Languages and Literature in Madison University. New York, and author of a "French Reading-Book." New York: Harper & Brothers. Pittsburgh: for sale by Henry Miner, 71 and 73, Fifth street. 502pp. 12mo.

We noticed, some time ago, the "French Reading-Book" above-mentioned, and had occasion in doing so to commend the care and discrimination with which Prof. Knapp had performed the task he had undertaken. We are happy to say that the present work on French Grammar deserves equal commendation at our hands. For a thorough elementary course in the French language, as well as for the more advanced course, which contemplates not only translating from books, but the fuller mastery and readiness required for the purposes of writing and conversation, we know not that any better text-book can be found than Professor Knapp has here supplied—speaking from the impression it has made on us during a somewhat pains-taking examination of its arrangement and peculiar features. We consider it to be well adapted to meet all the reasonable requirements of the student who would attain a thorough and practical knowledge of the French language—that is, as far as any grammar, or any book, can meet them.

RACHEL RAY: A Novel. By Anthony Trollope, author of "Orley Farm," "Castle Richmond," "Framley Parsonage," "Doctor Thorne," "The Bertrams," etc., etc. New York: Harper & Brothers. Pittsburgh: for sale by Henry Miner, Fifth street, (next door to the Post-office.)

Our novel-reading friends are so well acquainted with the previous works, in their line of literature, which have proceeded from Mr. Trollope's pen, that anything from so prolific a source, saying "Here is another," may seem superfluous. Let us therefore only add, that we have found by experience that "Rachel Ray" will soon take hold of the reader, and hold him—just as a good story full of life and character ought to do. It is a worthy accession to Harper's "Library of Select Novels."

THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW.—The October number of this well-known exponent of the principles of English "Conversatism" in politics, and of far better and more generous principles in literature, has just appeared on this side the Atlantic—Messrs. L. Scott & Co., 140 Fulton street, being later than usual in this instance. The contents are: Progress of Engineering Science; Life and Writings of Thomas Hood; Antiquity of Man; Co-operative Societies; Japan; Anti-Papal Movement in Italy; Froude's Queen Elizabeth; The Church of England and her Bishops.—From which it will be seen that the readers of this Review have a pretty good bill of fare presented to them in this number.

Agent for the publishers in Pittsburgh—W. A. Gildenfenney, 45 Fifth street.

Pittsburgh Sanitary Commission.

We wish to direct the attention of our Aid Society to the necessity of sending some krout, pickles, &c., to the army. Last year our brave soldiers suffered much from scurvy. This winter, if the preventives are sent in time, that dreadful disease may not make its appearance at all.

The good Society of Richland, Hampton and Pine townships, has set the example by sending two barrels of sour krout.

Calvery church, East Liberty, Thanksgiving collection.....$10 00
Unitarian church, per W. Wilson, Esq., Thanksgiving collection.....21 00
Presbyterian church, Emberton, Rev. Dr. McKinney, Thanksgiving collection.....5 00
Michael Springer, Green Garden.....2 00

The following donations have been received for the week ending December 5th:

S. A. S., of Clarion, 5 woolen shirts, 1 pair woolen drawers, 3 comforts, 2 arm slings. Hampton township—Esquire Calleham, 6 shirts, 3 pair drawers, 2 pair woolen socks, 1 pair pillow cases, 4 packages bandages. S. A. S., of Richland, Hampton and Pine townships, 1 sheet, 8 pair woolen socks, 60 half-gallon cans fruit, 56 cans fruit, 28 pounds butter, 2 barrels sour krout, 5 bushels potatoes. Miss B. White, 1 large package old muslin. Plumville Sanitary Committee, 2 bushels dried apples, 7 sacks dried fruit, 3 rolls butter, 2 cans fruit, 4 pillows, 1 pair socks. Soldiers' Aid Society of Kittanning, 30 pair drawers, 9 flannel shirts, 14 muslin shirts, 1 package rags, 25 towels, 4 pair socks, 4 pair slippers, 56 handkerchiefs, 1 package tracts, 1 package, papers, 3 sacks dried peaches, 1 sack dried apples, 20 sacks dried elderberries. 1 box, no name, containing 6 handkerchiefs and reading matter. Mincervile and Center avenue S. A. S., 17 muslin drawers, 19 pair socks, 16 flannel shirts, 3 pair slippers, 24 towels, 12 handkerchiefs, 1 package linen. Mrs. Akkers, 1 package papers, 24 rs. Eliza Shields, 12 cans apple butter, 10 small pillows, 1 keg pickles. Dr. L. H. Harris, 3 dozen bottles lemon syrup, 1 dozen bottles old Monongahela Whisky, 2 dozen bottles French brandy. Mrs. F. Van Gardier, 6 bottles raspberry cordial, 3 Harper's Magazines, 12 Ladies' Repository. S. A. S. of Webster, 6 shirts, 4 pair drawers, 3 pair socks, 6 towels, 1 quilt, 12 rolls bandages, 3 packages tracts, 1 package papers, 1 sack apple butter. Miss B. L. Way, Sewickleyville, 12 cans peaches. Mrs. Sandol, 11 jars pickle lilly. Mrs. George Ross, 6 cans fruit. Mrs. Frank Sellers, 4 cans fruit, 2 bottles blackberry brandy, 3 bottles catsup, 2 cups quince jelly, 3 old shirts, 2 towels. Freeport Soldiers' Aid Society, eighteen pair drawers, 16 shirts, 2 pair socks, 1 bushel elderberries, 1 roll rags, 10 pads, 5 pillows, 2 cans fruit. White Township S. A. S., 16 flannel shirts, 4 cans fruit, 17 packages dried fruit, cloth and bandages, 1 pair pillows, 5 pair socks, 7 pads, 1 sheet, 1 pair pillow cases, 1 pair drawers, 1 towel, 1 peck potatoes, ½ peck onions. The Hebrew Ladies' Aid Society, 6 woolen shirts, 18 pair woolen drawers, 18 pair muslin drawers, 12 woolen scarfs. A Friend, 15 lawn handkerchiefs. Mrs. George R. White, 2 bottles of wine. Episcopal L. A. S., 6 flannel shirts, 4 muslin shirts, 6 pair slippers, 3 pair drawers, 4 neck ties, 1 package rags, 2 dressing gowns. West Newton S. A. S., 9 pair cotton flannel drawers, 3 pair muslin drawers, 3 flannel shirts, 2 muslin shirts, 2 old muslin sheets, 2 pillows, 4 pair socks. Mrs. Eliza Craft, Harrietstown, 1 patchwork, 2 pkgs bandages, 1 package lint, 1 sheet, 1 blanket, 9 towels, 3 pair socks, 1 jar fruit, 11 pounds dried fruit. A friend, 3 papers corn starch, 1 jar peaches, 11 glasses jelly, 1 can fruit, 4 pounds dried fruit, 1 roll muslin. Mrs. D. M. Long, 4 cans peaches, 3 cans jelly, 2 papers corn starch. Mrs. Joseph Craig, 5 pair woolen socks. N. A. S. of Pleasant View, ½ bushel onions, 3 pecks potatoes, 1 peck turnips, 6 heads cabbage, 12 quarts apple butter, 9 cans apple butter, 7 do. quince, 3 do. peaches, 3 do. apples, 1 do. grapes, 1 do. blackberries, 1 do. huckelberries, 1 do. cherries, 2 do. tomatoes, 2½ pounds raspberries, 1 do. chorrtes, ½ do. blackberries.

The Death of Col. Creighton.

The following resolutions of respect to the memory of Col. W. R. Creighton, were adopted at a meeting of the Vigilant Fire Company, on Monday evening:

VIGILANT HALL, Pittsburgh, Dec. 7, 1863.

WHEREAS, Having again been called upon to mourn the loss of a friend, and companion—another of the Vigilant having fallen "whilst in the faithful performance of his duty," and deeming it proper that a fitting tribute of respect should be paid to his memory, we have, therefore,

Resolved, That, while we bow with submission to the will of Divine Providence, yet we deeply mourn the loss of our friend, Col. W. R. Creighton, the patriot soldier and gentleman.

Resolved, That having died as he lived—a hero—the country is again called upon to mourn one more gallant soldier, whose deeds will live green in the memory of all who knew and loved him; his monument will be more lasting than marble; his grave watered by the tears of all who love their country.

Resolved, That we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the honored dead; and that they be published in the Cleveland and Pittsburgh papers.

Committee—James H. Stewart, R. C. Elliott, Geo. Zarvill, L. Wilcox, W. B. McLaughlin.

Firemen's Association.

An adjourned meeting of the Firemen's Association was held on Monday evening, December 7th. Present, Messrs. Hare, Simms, Montgomery, Hammill, Cupples, Creegan, Stewart, Graham, T. Little, Welden, Swint, J. Little, Sawyer, and President Irvin.

In the absence of Mr. Dorrington, Mr. W. J. Montgomery was chosen Secretary *pro tem.*

Mr. Hare, Chairman of the Committee of Conference and Inspection, made a verbal report to the effect that, since the last meeting of the Association, he had made another effort to call the committee together, but only three members attended.

A discussion then followed upon the importance of having a report of the condition of the Fire Department, previous to the meeting of the new councils, but the fact was apparent that a majority of the committee had no intention of performing their duty.

It was then ordered that the members absenting themselves from the meetings of the Committee should be fined.

A discussion then followed upon the propriety of enforcing that clause in the constitution which provides that any member absenting himself from two consecutive meetings of the Association, without giving a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit his seat in the Association.

The list of absentees was called over, and fines imposed in every instance.

On motion, the seat of Mr. Woods, delegate from the Independence, was declared vacant, and the Secretary requested to notify him of the fact.

Mr. Cupples moved that the Secretary be requested to notify the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose (of Councils) that the Niagara Fire Company cannot use the new hose lately furnished to them, in consequence of the inferiority of the couplings.

The motion gave rise to considerable discussion.

The President stated that the Vigilant had no trouble with the couplings furnished with their hose, and that there must have been some mistake made in ordering the couplings.

Mr. Cupples stated that the hose could not be used until the couplings were bored out, and he thought it very strange that the Vigilant were so successful in getting a good article, while other companies were imposed upon with couplings almost worthless.

Mr. Hare stated that the hose furnished the Eagle were of a very inferior quality, and he had notified the Chairman of the Committee on Engines and Hose of the fact.

After some further discussion on the subject, the motion of Mr. Cupples prevailed and the Association adjourned.

THE ZANFRETTA FAMILY.—This troupe will give a grand matinee at Concert Hall, on Wednesday afternoon, at half-past 2 o'clock, for the purpose of giving ladies and children an opportunity of witnessing their performances. See advertisement.

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 are no remedies so safe, convenient, and reliable as Holloways Pills and Ointment. 25 cents per pot. 209.

THE Rejuvinator, will cure all Diseases of the Scalp. Price one dollar. For sale by all respectable Druggists. Simon Johnson, general agent, corner of Fourth and Smithfield streets.

SEND the Soldier a box of Browns Bronchial Troches, which will relieve the distressing affections of the Throat and Cough, produced by Cold and Exposure.

DENTAL INSTITUTE, No. 251 Penn street, is the place where you can get the best cheap dentistry in the city. Don't forget the place, No. 251 Penn street, near Hancock.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Cotton quiet and without decided change at 77@80c. Flour a shade firmer for shipping grades: $6.30@6.40 for Extra State, $7.00@7.25 for Round Hoop Ohio, and $7.35@9.50 for trade brands, closing quiet. Whisky more active and firmer at 83@85c. There is more doing in Wheat, and the market is 1@2c better, at $1.41@1.45½ for Chicago Spring, $1.43@1.47 for Milwaukee Club, $1.52@1.57 for Winter Red Western. Rye heavy and lower, at $1.20@1.22½. Corn a shade firmer and in moderate demand at $1.21 in store, $1.23 for Western Yellow afloat, and $1.20 for unsound. Oats heavy at 80@83c for Western, including 40,000 bushels very choice Western at 82c. Wool quiet and firm. Petroleum dull; Crude 50c; Refined in bond 45½c; Refined, free, 65@66c; Crude for December, buyers option, 52½c. Pork a shade firmer, at $16.75@17.00 for old Mess, $18.00 for new Mess, $12.00@12.50 for prime, and $16.50@17.00 for new Prime Mess. Lard new Mess for February $21.00. Beef quiet and unchanged. Lard quiet.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—Cotton dull; sales 167 bales by auction at 60@64c; receipts within the last forty-eight hours, 247 bales. There is no material change in other articles.

New York Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Decrease of loans, $558,609; decrease of Specie, $455,480; increase of circulation, $52,003; decrease of deposits, $1,449,751.

New York Stock and Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Government Stocks quiet. U. S. 1-Year Certificates, 98.

Stocks firmer but quiet.

C. & R. I.	103	M. C.	124½
P. Ft. W. & C.	82¾	M. S.	79½
A. & T. H.	56	Ills. C. Scrip	118
C. F. & W.	52	C. & P.	104¾
C. & Tol.	115¾	Erie	106¾
O. & A.	107	N. Y. C.	134
Erie, Pfd.	102½	Quicksilver Co.	65
Harlem B.	122½	Mo. 6's.	56
Reading	110½		

MARRIED:

WARING—DICKEY.—On Thursday evening, December 3d, at the residence of the bride's parents, Centre avenue, by the Rev. Dr. Jacobus, Mr. R. S. WARING to Miss JANE, daughter of Isaiah Dickey.

No cards.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

JOHN COCHRAN & BRO., Manufacturers of IRON RAILING, IRON VAULTS AND VAULT DOORS, WINDOW SHUTTERS, WINDOW GUARDS, &c., Nos. 91 SECOND and 86 THIRD STREET, bet. Wood and Market.

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THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The happy and speedy organization of the House to-day, is due the timidity of Emerson Etheridge, rather than to any lack of dishonest efforts. He went just far enough to demonstrate his capacity for high-handed outrages, but got frightened and stopped short before going far enough to realize any benefit from it. The Administration men all supposed if he went to the length of excluding from his list the names of Maryland and other delegations, he would insist on maintaining this list as a roll of the house until an organization had been effected. It was determined, however, to begin by trying to amend the roll by adding the names he had left off, and to the manifest disgust of the Democrats. His knees at once became weak and he succumbed. That practicability ended the matter, all that remained was to move successively to read the certificates of each delegation he had left off and to order their names put on the roll. He had omitted the names of all the members from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Kansas and Oregon, and all from Missouri, save two copperheads, and had put on the names of three bogus members from Louisiana. The Administration men first called for the reading of certificates of members from Maryland. On reading, they proved to be from the Governor, to be duly certified by seal and signature, to recite the law of Maryland under which they were elected, and to specify with particular care that they were elected in accordance with this law. Nothing could of course be plainer than this, and a motion was instantly made requiring them to put the names on; but in calling the yeas and nays he could only be required to call from the roll he had already made, and it was feared the remaining Administration men on it would not be sufficient to have a majority. To the dismay, however, of the conspirators, quite a number of Democrats, disgusted with bare faced fraud, voted for the resolution requiring Etheridge to put the names on, while others refused to vote against it, so it was carried by twenty-odd majority, and the five Maryland men, four of them Administration men, were put on the roll. After that, all was easy, and other excluded members, their certificates having been read and found equally goody were successively voted on. Etheridge, from the moment of the first vote, having became exceedingly obsequious, and manifestly cowed. On proceeding to the election of Speaker further demoralization of Democratic discipline was discovered.

It appeared that no caucus nomination on their side had been made for Speaker, Pendleton having withdrawn, and the caucus having refused to nominate Cox. Their vote was scattered on Cox, Dawson, Mallory, Stebbins, King, Frank Blair and Stiles. The Administration men from the Northern States voted square through for Colfax, Brutus Clay, Lucien Anderson, Clay Smith, and William H. Randall, of Kentucky; Winter Davis, Webster, and Crosswell, of Maryland; Blow, Boyd, McClurg, and Loan, of Missouri; Smithers, of Delaware, and all the West Virginia members formed the border State column who voted for Colfax. He had nine votes more than a majority over all competitors and had a majority of fifty-nine over little Mr. Samuel Cox. He could have had three votes more, but for the obstinacy of the Virginia members, and would have had three less against him had the bogus Louisiana members been picked out before instead of after the election. This would have brought his majority up to fifteen. That is about the practical working Administration majority.

In the House, to-day, the announcement of Mr. Colfax's election was received with prolonged applause from the galleries, in which the members on the floor heartily joined. Mr. Colfax's speech receives universal praise. The prevalent remark about it is, that he said just enough, said it in the best possible way, and stopped when he got done.

Mr. Brooks, of N. Y., manifested a disposition to lead off on the Democratic side, but got handsomely snubbed. He tried to filibuster, and his party refused to filibuster with him.

Mr. Frank Blair had the honor of being put in nomination, and voted for Speaker by the bogus Louisiana members.

The galleries were densely packed during the proceedings, and the floor was covered by a crowd of distinguished strangers, conspicuous among whom were Henry Wadsworth, Longfellow, Horace Greely, Gen. Heintzleman, the members of the Senate and a host of the members of the last House.

THE BOGUS GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA.

The bogus Governor of Louisiana, who signed the bogus members' certificates with his private seal, was Postmaster in New Orleans under the rebel government, when Butler entered that city. One of the bogus members was inside the rebel lines at the time of the pretended election, and was sent through by them that he might come on and take his seat. Thad. Stevens stated in debate that they had applied already to the Sergeant-at-Arms for their pay and mileage.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

The President's Message will probably be sent in to-morrow, provided the administration caucus now in session gets nominations for the minor offices so that the organization can be promptly completed. It discusses mainly the question of slavery, reconstruction, military and naval movements, and the progress of the war. He holds that, by virtue of his proclamation, slavery is dead in all but the excepted States. He recounts our victories, and dwells upon the present hopeful aspect of the war.

SECRETARY CHASE'S REPORT.

Secretary Chase's report is not yet ready. It will be printed to-morrow, but is not likely to go in to Congress before Thursday or Friday. Other reports are required by law to accompany the message. It is doubtful whether Chase will call for any more authority to issue "greenbacks;" the probability is that he will not.

CONGRATULATORY ORDER FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The President has issued a general order congratulating the country on our victories in Tennessee, assured now by Longstreet's retreat and the complete destruction of the rebel plans. On the heels of this comes the news that the Army of the Potomac is falling back toward their entrenchments, about which the President is understood to be considerably depressed.

REVISION OF SENATE COMMITTEES.

At the Republican Senatorial caucus, Foster, Sherman, Fessenden, Harlan and Harris were appointed a committee to revise the committees. It is probable that the principal change will be in ejecting McDougal from the Finance Committee, and putting Conness, the new Senator from California, in his place.

In the House it is pretty certain that Thad. Stevens will remain Chairman of the Ways and Means and leader, and it is probable that Schenck will be Chairman, and Garfield a leading member of the Committee on Military Affairs.

Sprague, Conness, and other new Senators, were sworn in. No other business amounting to anything was transacted.

A motion is to be made soon to inquire what right the apostate Carlile has to his seat as Senator of Virginia, while resident of West Virginia.

SALE OF FIVE-TWENTIES.

The amount of five-twenties sold to date is $5,316,600.

THE GENERAL COURT MARTIAL

For the trial of Col. McReynolds and others is to meet here soon.

MINORS AND THE HABEAS CORPUS.

Most of the habeas corpus suspendde by the President's Proclamation, even in the case of minors enlisted without their parents consent, there is no remedy at law. Minors between eighteen and twenty-one years are not dischargeable at all under the laws. Those under eighteen not discharged, if in their oath of enlistment they set forth that they are 18, and even where the age is correctly stated, a discharge is obtainable only from the Secretary of War.

THE NOMINATIONS OF ALL THE MINOR OFFICERS COMPLETE.

The assertion, repeatedly made in these dispatches for the last ten days, that McPherson had the inside track for the Clerkship, received their verification to-night. The contest narrowed down to three candidates—McPherson, of Pennsylvania; Buffington, of Massachusetts, and Green Adams, of Kentucky. McPherson led from the start in the ballotings, and Green Adams gradually ran down, till at last Adams disappeared, and on the sixth ballot the vote stood: McPherson, 57; Buffington, 44. McPherson was accordingly made the unanimous nominee. The following were the final votes for other nominees: For Doorkeeper, Goodnow, 58; Taylor, 44. Goodnow, the old Doorkeeper, was consequently re-nominated. For Sergeant-at-Arms, Ordenry, of New Hampshire, 57; Clayton, 41. For Postmaster, King, of Minnesota, late incumbent, 66; Brooks, of California, 30. The nominations were all made unanimous, and will be elected the first thing to-morrow.

Fight on the Memphis and Charleston Railroad—The Rebels Defeated—Col. Hatch Seriously Wounded.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 6.—Gens. Chalmers and Lee, commanding the rebel forces, attacked Moscow and Lafayette, on the Memphis & Charleston Railroad, yesterday noon, and burned Lafayette and some small bridges on the road. We repulsed them at Moscow. Col. Hatch's cavalry, followed their retreat and forced them to another fight four miles out, and again repulsed them. Between twenty and thirty of their dead were found on the field, among them were three officers. Their dead and wounded were scattered all along the road, in addition to three wagon loads taken away. The citizens say they acknowledged themselves badly whipped. Their loss will probably reach a hundred. Our loss is three killed, forty-one wounded, and forty-one missing. Col. Hatch, of the 2d Iowa, commanding brigade, was seriously though not dangerously wounded, a ball passing through his right lunc.

The telegraph is now working through to Corinth, and the railroad will be working to-morrow.

At this writing, five p. m., firing was heard in the direction of Moscow.

From Cairo—Cotton for Cincinnati—A Steamer Fired into—Sick and Wounded Soldiers from Chattanoga—Rebels Advancing on Mayfield.

CAIRO, Dec. 7.—The steamer Liberty, from Memphis, bringing 250 bales of cotton for Cincinnati, passed the steamers Jowess, one St. Cloud. The former with eight hundred and six, and the latter two hundred and eighty-nine bales of cotton for Cincinnati. Memphis papers of the 5th report an advance of two to three cents on all grades of cotton, with sales heavy at 58@62c for ordinary, to seventy-five. The stock is small and rapidly decreasing under the operation of the recent order prohibiting any coming in.

The steamer Sultana, from New Orleans on the 1st, reports the steamer Swan fired into at the mouth of Red river.

The hospital boat Woodford, from Paducah, brought one hundred and sixty sick and wounded soldiers from Chattanooga to Mound City Hospital to-day.

Reports from Columbus, Ky., says that five thousand rebels were advancing on Mayfield, Kentucky, yesterday.

The Rebels Retreating from East Tennessee—Thanksgiving Recommended by the President.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Reliable news having been received that the insurgent force is retreating from East Tennessee, under circumstances rendering it probable that the Union forces can't hereafter be dislodged from that important position, and esteeming this to be of high national importance, I recommend that all loyal people do, on receipt of this, informally assemble at their places of worship, and render special homage and gratitude to Almighty God for this great advancement of the national cause.

[Signed,] A. LINCOLN.

Longstreet Retreating from Knoxville—Our Cavalry in Pursuit.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The following has been received from the headquarters of the army:

Tuscumbia, Tenn., Dec. 7.—Major General Hallock: Longstreet is in full retreat up the valley. Your orders about following him with cavalry shall be obeyed.

My division of cavalry attacked the rebel cavalry in one of the gaps of Clinch Mountain yesterday afternoon, and are pushing them vigorously.

Couriers from Knoxville arrived last night, state that the road is clear.

Sherman arrived here yesterday.

J. G. Foster, Maj.-Gen.

From New Orleans.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A New Orleans letter states that the force interfering with the navigation of the Mississippi below the mouth of Red river, is ostimated at 4,000 under Gen. Dick Taylor, and a sort of flying corps, appearing from time to time at different points of the river, preying upon its commerce. The merchants of New Orleans and trades generally are seriously alarmed at the audacity, frequency, and success of these attacks, and applied to the military authorities to have all the river boats armed.

Gen. Washburne, with his command, is moving in the direction of Matagorda, with every prospect of capturing that place. Our forces will then have a footing on the main land, with a fine harbor to anchor our vessels in and a good base of operations.

The Rebel Gen. Polk to Command in Southern Mississippi—Conscription Ordered by Gen. McPherson.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 7.—The *Republican's* Vicksburg correspondent of the 28th ult., says that the rebel Gen. Polk is ordered to the command of Southern Mississippi, with his headquarters at Brandon, fifteen miles east of Jackson.

A division of rebel infantry is at Canton, and several regiments at Meridian.

Gen. McPherson has issued a conscription order similar to that recently issued by Gen. Hurlbut.

Meeting of the United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Dec 7th.—This morning the U. S. Supreme Court met, all the justices being present, namely: Taney, Wayne, Catron, Nelson, Greer, Clifford, Swayne Miller, Davis and Fields. The only business transacted was announced by Chief Justice Taney, that the Court had elected D. W. Middleton, Esq., of this city, to be Clerk of the Court, vice Carroll deceased.

The California Legislature.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The ship Derby has arrived, sixty days from Hong Kong.

The California Legislature met to-day at Sacramento, and organized by electing Burnett President pro tem. of the Senate, and William H. Sears, of Nevada, Speaker of the Assembly. The new Governor will prob