Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING.——DEC. 28, 1863.

RELIGIOUS SUMMARY.

According to an editorial article, of a religious weekly published in this city, on the union of Protestant Christians, classification of sentiment, and membership and controlling influence of each body, over one-fourth of the population of the entire country are under the influence of the Arminian sentiment, or Methodistically educated. The following list of its representatives shows the ground upon which this estimate is made: The Methodist Episcopal Church, 923,494 members; the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 499,604; United Brethren in Christ, 102,582; the Methodist Protestant Church, 90,000; Evangelical Association, 46,000; Wesleyan Methodists, 21,000; and African Methodists, 26,203. All these numbers give a sum total of 1,708,874. Five times this sum, or 8,544,370 shows the controlling influence of the Arminian sentiment. The immersion sentiment occupies the next place in point of numbers. Regular Baptists, 1,037,576; Campbellite, 350,000; other sects, 194,301. In all, an aggregate Baptist membership of 1,581,837. Estimating as before would be 7,909,185, or nearly one-fourth of the entire population of the country, are educated in immersion views. The Calvinistic sentiment ranks next in the number of its adherents. Its acknowledged representatives are as follows: Old School Presbyterians, 800,874; Congregationalists, 259,110; New School Presbyterians, 135,454; and other sects, 219,912; in all 913,350. This would place under the influence of the Calvinistic sentiment, 4,566,750 people, or about one-seventh of the population of the country. It then gives the following list of existent denominations, which might congregate and coalesce, and make the fourth of the classification of Protestant denominations: Lutherans, 260,185; Episcopalians, 150,598; German Reformed, 100,601; and Reformed Protestant Dutch, 51,628. These would make 562,947 members; and would control the religious education of 1,814,735 people, or one-eighteenth of the entire population of the country. Besides the above enumeration of denominational sentiment there are about one million of Catholics, who influence five millions. The Jews are estimated at 200,000 in membership and population. The object of the article is to advocate a spirit of union among Protestant Christians.

——The *Banner* of the 23d contains an editorial article entitled "Ministers and the Conscription." It regards a law conscripting the ministers of religion and forcing them into the battle field to engage in deeds of enmity and slaughter, as a new thing in human history. It says it is a piece of conduct which has no sanction in God's Word, and no precedent, as we believe, in any Christian nation. It is not justified by the practice of any civilized people. Even Pagans have always regarded as sacred, and free from impressment to perform deeds of blood, all who ministered at their altars. The article is nearly a column long, in which the subject is discussed in good spirit, and with much ability. It is of course, and very properly, against conscripting clergymen.

——The Executive Committee of Foreign Missions, under the direction of the General Assembly of the (O. S.) Presbyterian Church, calls for a collection in the churches of that denomination, in aid of the cause of Foreign Missions, on the first Sabbath in January. If it should be inexpedient on that day in any church, then it is requested on the second or third Sabbath this subject will be attended to. The committee report the receipts for the past seven months ending December 1st, amount to $61,013, showing an encouraging increase this year of $5,403 over the corresponding months of the previous year. They call for increased liberality, in order not only to meet the demands made upon the Board, but to enable them to extend the work in India, China, Brazil, Corisco—loud calls come for more men.

——The Pastoral Letter of the Third Council of Cincinnati says the Catholic Church leaves the exciting question (slavery) where the inspired Apostle to the Gentiles left it, contenting herself, like him, with inculcating upon all classes and grades of society, the faithful discharge of the duties belonging to their respective state of life.

——The statistics of the Morovians show this singular fact, that the membership of their missionary congregations considerably exceeds the membership of the home provinces. This makes the Morovians the banner denomination among the Protestants upon the foreign mission field.

——The *Presbyterian* says the Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the 3d inst., paid 322,797 44, United States currency, to realize in sterling money, $19,698 15 for the use of the missions in India and China, the rate of exchange being 60½ per cent.

——It has been very properly suggested and worthy of the attention of congregations, that the most equitable method of increasing the pastor's salary now, would be to pay it to him in silver or gold, or its equivalent in currency.

——The Sixth anniversary of the Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Christianity among the Jews, was celebrated recently in this city. The most encouraging feature in the annual report is, there is an encouraging disposition among the Jews to hear the claims of Jesus.

——The New School Presbyterians are engaged in laying the foundation of that Church in Nevada Territory. Four Ministers are already there for that purpose. Churches are in course of erection, and the prospects are encouraging.

NEW BOOKS! NEW BOOKS!
"Daring and Suffering." A history of the Great Railroad Adventure in Georgia, by Lieut. William Pittinger. 1 vol.
Beyond the Lines; or, A Rookee Prisoner Loose in Dixie.
Ida Marvel's New Book—My Farm of Edgewood. 1 volume.
The Last Time, by Beles.
Wendell Phillips' Speeches and Lectures.
Our Sunday School, and How we Manage It. A new supply just received.
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128 WOOD STREET.
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Invites the attention of Sportsmen and others to his splendid stock of GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, PISTOLS, GAME BAGS, POWDER FLASKS, SHOT BELTS and POUCHES, DRAM FLASKS, and ammunition of every kind. His stock is the largest ever brought to this market. oct17

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appreciated by examining our goods.
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dec19

"DAMP FEET," says Dr. Hall, "produce colds and premature deaths." The best preventive is a pair of WATER-PROOF BOOTS. Go and get a pair, at
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50 bbls. No. 1 Winter Strained;
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dec19 88 and 90 Water street.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Saturday's Evening Edition.

Allegheny Ladies' Aid Society—Extract of a Letter from Mrs. Gen. Buford.

The President of the Allegheny Ladies' Aid Society, Mrs. F. R. Brunot, has this week received a letter from the wife of Gen. Buford, to the following extract from which we invite the sympathizing notice of all:

"HELENA, ARKANSAS.—If you have any society for contrabands in your vicinity, please call their attention to this point as one of the most needy. I promise myself to be one of a number of ladies who will meet regularly twice a week, cut out clothing and teach them to make it up, giving to each one the garment she has made. The poor refugees, however, are the most pliable persons, hunted from their homes, destitute of every comfort, broken in spirit, ignorant as the contrabands and quite as helpless; they secure far less sympathy; their condition is not known nor understood beyond the limits of their homes, until forced by hunger or driven from their burning houses, they seek a refuge at the nearest town or village. Mrs. Coonts, a most noble Christian lady here, has offered her services to superintend them. Gen. Buford has set apart a house where they may have a temporary asylum until such time as they recover health and strength to seek out employment or a new home for themselves. Many of them will never go hence until carried to their last home in the quiet grave. I visited all the rooms; there was not a well person in any of them, except one bright little boy. It requires a great deal to sustain such a house. Do you know any association that could render this class any assistance. I would gladly aid in the distribution of any charities for them."

In response the ladies of the society desire to send their next contributions, and call upon friends of humanity to lend them aid. Most touching incidents from Mrs. Gen. Buford's experience might be adduced, but we send the simple statement, and earnestly desire to make our help efficient, not only giving to the extent of our inclinations, but to the extremest limit of our bounden duty. "Let him that hath two coats impart to him that hath none."

If ministers in this city of churches will call the attention of their people to this suffering class, we may at once better their condition.

Contributions to be left at our room in Mr. R. H. Davis' office, corner of Federal street and South Common, same entrance as to Dobbs' photograph rooms. Garments for women and children the most needed, half worn clothing or raw material of any description, and portable food of any kind. We meet on next Thursday, from three to five, to receive and pack up for immediate use; but contributions may be left at any time before.

The United States Hospital.

A day or two since we received a communication signed by two soldiers in the United States Hospital at this place, complaining of the treatment to which they were subjected by some persons not named, but designated as "under officials." We did not deem it proper to publish the article entire, but simply give the substance of it, and expressed the hope that, if any mismanagement existed, the officers in charge would have it remedied. Since then we have been waited upon by a gentleman officially connected with the hospital, who assures us that the charges are wholly unfounded, and he desires us to challenge the writers of the communication to make good their allegations. He states that nine-tenths of the two hundred or more soldiers now in the hospital, have expressed their disapprobation of the charges made, and that no one can be found to acknowledge the authorship of the communication. And further, that the men are furnished with the same quality of bread and meat upon which the officers subsist, and fresh supplies are received almost daily. The bread and meat, so far from being sour, impure, etc., as alleged, are of the very best quality. As to the delicacies furnished by the friends, and that some fear their fate if they reach the hospital through the Pittsburgh Subsistence Committee, and are handed over to the Sisters of Mercy, by whom they are dispensed to the sick and convalescent. In this case the officers of the institution deny the charges in toto, and pronounce them utterly false and groundless. It is also intimated that the writers of the communication have been actuated by malice, and is endeavoring to cast reproach upon some of the "under officials," they are inflicting a serious injury upon the hospital. For this reason they demand the names of the parties accompanying the communication, that they may sift the matter through.

Now, we have only to say that, so far as we are concerned, we know nothing personally of the manner in which the affairs of the hospital have been conducted. The communication was couched in proper terms, and was accompanied with names, the genuineness of which, we had no right to question. If we have been imposed upon, then the writers of the article should be exposed, but if they have stated what is true we shall expect them to sustain themselves.

Christmas

Passed off very pleasantly and agreeably in the two cities, and so far as we have been able to learn no accidents of a serious nature occurred. The places of amusement were literally crowded, day and evening, and the managers have no doubt profited largely. The great centre of attraction, however, was the "skating ground" below the island, in Allegheny. The ice was in primeorder, about one hundred and fifty acres in extent, and was literally covered throughout the entire day. There were young and old, grave and gay—ministers, lawyers, doctors, merchants, mechanics and laborers—all met on one common level, and all enjoying the delights which skaters only can enjoy. The number of ladies present was very large, and the scene was one of the most lively and animated. It is impossible to estimate the number in attendance during the day, but it has been put down at several thousands.

The jewelry, toy, book, dry goods, and other stores, have been doing an immense trade, and will continue to be largely patronized until after New Years.

A Surprise Party.

The Methodist Episcopal congregations of Mansfield, Wesley Chapel and Knoxlson, on Chartiers Circuit, got up a surprise party, on Christmas day, and paid a visit to the residence of their senior pastor, Rev. I. Dallas, where they presented him with a purse of $60, and several spring-wagon loads of provisions. Mr. Dallas was very much (though very agreeably surprised, he expressed his gratitude in a proper and becoming manner. An impromptu dinner was prepared, and partaken of by quite a number of ladies and gentlemen. The occasion was exceedingly pleasant, and will be long remembered by the participants.

Distressing Accident—Man Killed.

An accident of a most distressing nature occurred this morning about 11 o'clock, on Liberty street, opposite the foot of Fourth street, resulting in the death of an elderly man named Samuel Vandegrift, residing on Hay street, near the Allegheny river. He was crossing Liberty street when he was knocked down by a freight train, which was running down to the Duquesne Depot. The wheels of one of the cars passed over his neck, almost completely severing it from the body; one arm was also crushed. The coroner will hold an inquest this afternoon.

MRS. VANDERKHOFF.—This lady will give a Reading under the auspices of the Mercantile Library Association, at Lafayette Hall, on next Tuesday evening—entitled, "Characteristics of Woman." Among the selections she will read "The Balcony Scene from Romeo and Juliet," "Maud Muller," "Jessie Brown at Lucknow," "Zekel's Courtin'," concluding with Dicken's sketch of Mr. Bumble's Wooing of Mrs. Corney. The sale of reserved seats will commence, at the Library Rooms, on Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Holders of course tickets can secure reserved seats at the same time, on presentation of their tickets, without extra charge.

CORONER'S INQUEST.—On Christmas day Coroner McClung held an inquest on the body of Mr. John Galbreath, an unmarried man about fifty-three years of age, who resided near Girty's run. Mr. Galbreath was sitting in his chair at the time of his death, and was apparently enjoying his usual health. The verdict of the jury was death from natural causes.

An inquest was also held on the body of Henry Wendell, the lad who fell from a wagon on the corner of East and Ohio streets, Allegheny, on Wednesday. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

LAW PARTNERSHIP.—H. C. Mackrell and S. A. Johnson, as will be seen by our advertising columns, have formed a partnership in the business of the law, and in the collections of Soldier's Claims. These gentlemen are well known, and need no recommendation from us.

DELEGATE MEETING.—The S. C. C., of the National Union League, will meet on Wednesday next, 30th inst. Each local council is entitled to send three delegates.

Allegheny Councils.

Council met upon special call, on Thursday evening, Dec. 24th.

In Select, present, Messrs. Atwell, Ashworth, Bissell, Hopkins, Irwin, Patterson, Riddle and Marshall, President.

The reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting was dispensed with.

The President laid before Council the following communication from the Commissioners on Bounty Fund for volunteers, together with the proceedings of a public meeting of the citizens of Allegheny, held on Tuesday, the 22d instant, containing a resolution passed, authorizing said commissioners to memorialize the Select and Common Councils for an appropriation of $110,000, and to issue the bonds of the city for the sums of $50 and upwards, whereviith to reimburse the money that may be subscribed as proposed:

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Allegheny: At a meeting of the Commissioners of Bounty, appointed by the citizens at their late meeting, it was resolved that the Board, through their Chairman, submit to the Select and Common Councils the resolution as passed *unanimously* at that meeting and respectfully urge their immediate action on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN F. JENNINGS, Chairman.

The communication and the proceedings of the public meeting referred to, being read, Mr. Riddle offered the following resolution:

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the city of Allegheny, that the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby instructed to report a form of conditional bond, to be issued in sums of $50 each, and to be based upon an act of the Legislature authorizing the issue of said bonds, in payment of a city bounty of $300 to each man required to fill the city quota, as soon as said act shall be passed authorizing the issue of said Bonds.

The subject was debated by Messrs. Atwell, Riddle, Bissell and Ashworth.

The question being called for, Mr. Riddle, sustained by Mr. Bissel, asked for the yeas and nays—which being called, were as follows:

YEAS—Messrs. Hopkins, Patterson and Riddle—3.

NAYS—Messrs. Atwell, Ashworth, Bissell, Irwin and President—5.

So the resolution was lost.

Mr. Bissell, seconded by Mr. Atwell, moved for the suspension of the rules, for the purpose of introducing additional business, which motion was agreed to.

Mr. Ashworth then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Finance Committee be instructed to place in the hands of a Special Committee of three to be appointed by the President of the Select and Common Council, the sum of five thousand dollars, which sum shall be devoted to the relief of the families of the soldiers who are now in the field, and whose families are destitute and are residents of this city.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, in which action Common Council concurred.

In *Common Council*, present, Messrs Parker Campbell, Francis, Hickadorn, Hutchinson, Miller, Smith, Stockton, Tate, Thompson, Patterson and President. The memorial and resolution in regard to a proposed city bounty was presented, and discussed by Messrs. Francis, Hutchinson, Patterson, and others, when, on the question being called, the yeas and nays were demanded by Mr. Francis, which, being called were as follows:

YEAS, Messrs. Barker, Campbell, Francis, Heckadorn, Miller, and Stockton—6.

NAYS, Messrs. Hutchinson, Smith, Stockton, Tate, Thompson and President Brown—6. Lost.

[These proceedings should have appeared in Friday's issue, but our reporter was not notified of the meeting.]

Dinner at the Hospital.

There was no more pleasant gathering in this city on Christmas than that of the soldiers at the U. S. Hospital near the Fair Grounds. The excellent ladies, who labored so faithfully in the country's cause by taking care of its defenders, had prepared an elegant and substantial dinner for the occasion. There were dishes which would have graced any table—turkeys, cooked to a turn; rounds of beef, the sight of which would have driven all of Jeff's "Confederacy" into a rebellion against Long Jeff. The tables were neatly and tastefully spread; every soldier had his seat at them, and enjoyed an abundance, coupled with that good cheer which accompanies the belief that it was a free and willing gift. The dinner was served in the chapel, the Chaplain, Rev. Mr. Baird, being the master of ceremonies. He with Dr. Von Bonst, Surgeon U. S. A. had every thing so admirably arranged that there was no jarring or confusion, but every thing passed off decently and in order. Miss Kate Dennison, Miss Mary Moorhead, Miss Hyman, Mr. Dr. Ray, and other excellent and worthy ladies of this city, served up this dinner, which was provided by the Subsistence Committee. F. R. Brunot and Col. J. Blickensderfer of this city, Major D. L. Eaton, late of the *Gazette*, now Pay-master in the army, and residing in Washington City, were among the gentlemen present. A club of young gentlemen gave the music for the occasion, the principal parts being borne by the Degby brothers, and the accompaniments of a Melodeon. The songs were, "Unfurl the Glorious Banner," "I'll Rally Round the Flag Boys," and other ones equally patriotic, the influence of which lighted up the faded faces of the "boys," and brought down many a crutch and cane in very emphatic applause. After the immediate attention which dinner demanded was relaxed, Mr. Bigham was called on for some remarks which he made. They were very appropriate to the occasion. He dwelt upon the associations of the day as promotive and eminently suggestive of "Peace on Earth, good will to men," or, as some one had expressed it in a (perhaps) better translation which he observed as a motto on the wall of the Chapel, "*Peace on Earth to Men of Good Will.*" That version is appropriate to the present circumstances of the nation. After Mr. B. had concluded, Major Eaton was called upon and responded in a few brief allusions to the present condition of the country. He incited the soldiers to courage and fortitude by citing their thoughts to the bright side in store for them and their children in the future, when they shall say with pride that their fathers stood for the country in the hour of its trial. His remarks were very favorably received.

Mr. Brunot was called on and instead of making a speech, he drew from his pocket an original poem, entitled the "*Nine Months' Man Returns.*" This is a beautiful production, and we hope to see it speedily in print. It was received with immense applause. John, the returned Soldier, relates in the poem, his view of the "Battles of Antietam and Fredericksburg," in which he participated.

After these exercises were over, the ladies, with Mr. W. P. Weyman, distributed gifts to each soldier. Every soldier in the hospital received some valuable gift—a comfort, a pair of nice gloves, or some useful and pleasant article. The day was one to be marked with a white stone by every one who participated in this pleasant gathering.

FOURTH WARD, ALLEGHENY.—The Union Republicans of the Fourth Ward, Allegheny, held a meeting on Thursday evening, when the following names were suggested for nomination: Mayor—Simon Drum, A. C. Alexander; Director of Poor—Emory Gleason, Geo. Gerst, Robert White; Select Council—R. B. Francis, Wm. Miller; Common Council—Hugh McNeal, Wm. M. Clancy, J. C. Patterson, Wm. Smith, E. P. A. Faulhaber; School Directors—S. Barker, A. Faulhaber, Jos. Craig, R. C. Lesmis; Alderman—J. H. Scott; Assessor—Jas. Graham; Assistant Assessor—C. Shaffer, A. Davidson; Judge of Election, 1st Precinct—Jno. A. Myler, S. P. Bennett; Inspector, 1st Precinct—A. N. Burchfield; Judge of Election, 2d Precinct—J. D. Johnson; Inspector, 2d Precinct—C. W. Shaffer; Constable—Wm. Montgomery, Wm. Hobson.

THE ECLECTIC FOR JANUARY.—The January number of the *Eclectic Magazine of Foreign Literature*, has been received by J. P. Huey, Masonic Hall, Fifth street. An examination of this number will satisfy any reader of taste that the editor, Mr. Didwell, is well fitted to perform the work of selection and arrangement, so that the readers of *one* magazine may have the cream of more than *twenty* of the leading magazines and other periodicals of Europe. There are two very beautiful engravings in this number—one, a portrait of the eminent naturalist Agassing, the other, a copy of a celebrated historical picture, "The Congress of Vienna." The commencement of the year and a new volume is a good time to subscribe.

HEAVY ROBBERY.—We have received a note informing us that Mr. A. R. M'Cown, a gentleman from Ohio, on his way east, was robbed of $35,000, at the Orphans' Fair, last evening—the money having been extracted from the inside pocket of his dress coat, and consisting of sixteen $1,000 bills, eighteen $500's, eighty $100, and forty $50 notes. The story needs confirmation, as we have made inquiry of an officer who attended the Fair, and he has heard nothing of the alleged larceny.

ELECTROPATHY.—Dr. Paige, the author and teacher of Electropathy, will remain in Pittsburgh through the month of January, for the purpose of instructing a SECOND CLASS in this new branch of the healing art, and for completing the cures of patients now under his treatment. Others desiring to avail themselves of his services will thus have an opportunity to do so. Application should be made soon, at his rooms, No. 152 Fourth street. Dr. Winter will also remain with him.

The following new counterfeits are in circulation: 20's Mechanics' and Farmers' Bank of Rahway, N. J., well calculated to deceive; 2's Passaic Co. Bank, Patterson—rig. steamship and sailing vessel, well done; 1's Northampton Bank, Mass.—imitation; 10's National Bank, Patterson, N. J.—raised from 2's; 10's Merchants' Bank, Burlington, Vt.—imitation; 2's Niantic Bank, Westerly R. I.—These counterfeits are all well executed, and require close scrutiny to detect them.

A FEW days ago, as the appraisers of the personal property of Hon. James R. Morrison, late of Juniata county, deceased, were discharging their duties, they found $270 in gold and $200 in silver, tied up in old rags and hid on the loft of a store room. They also found a pitcher filled with five and ten cent pieces, and a large quantity of cents tied up in old rags and stowed away in different parts of the building.

BOOKS, MAGAZINES, ETC.—The citizens of Allegheny are fortunate in having so excellent a book and periodical depot as that kept by Mr. James T. Sample, Depot building, Federal street, and we are glad to know that they are extending to him a liberal patronage. His shelves are always well supplied with the latest books periodicals, newspapers, stationery, etc. He has also on hand a choice stock of albums, and fancy books, suitable for holiday gifts, and those wishing to purchase should call and examine his assortment.

As Indianapolis dispatch says that the complimentary supper to Col. Ekin, at the Bates House, on Wednesday evening, was a grand affair.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

SATURDAY, December 26, 1863.

GRAIN—Wheat is quiet but firm with small sales from wagon at $1,37 for Red and $1,45 for White. Corn is in better supply and less active, but unchanged; sales of 500 bush, in car, from wharf at $125 @1,30. There is a regular demand for Barley and the receipts are becoming light; sales from first hands at $1,35 for spring and $1,30 for Fall. Oats quiet and the nominal quotations from store are 84@85.

FLOUR—The market is quiet but very firm, and the demand being entirely local, the transactions are light and unimportant. Quotations may be fairly given at $6,00@6,25 for Extra $7,00 to $7,25 for Extra Family and $7,50 for Fancy brands. Buckwheat flour is selling from store at $4,50 per cwt.

GROCERIES—The grocery market continues to rule very quiet though prices are firm and well sustained. Sugar is selling at 13½ for common 14 to 14½ for good to prime and 15 for choice. Coffee is steady with sales at 35½@35½ for good to prime. Molasses nominal at 65.

PROVISIONS—There is some excitement in the Provision market owing to the advance in the principle western markets, and our packers generally are asking a material advance over former quotations. DRIED FRUIT—is the market is already demand and former prices are well sustained. Sales of 50 bush Apples at 5 cts per pound and 40 bush Peaches at 14 cts.

CHEESE—is firm with sales in lots of 50 boxes Western Reserve at 14 and 50 boxes Goshen at 15.

BUTTER—Prices are still ruling from first hands at $2,00@2,50 per bush, sales of 200 bush from store at $2,75, free on boardcars. Timothy and Clover Seeds remain as last quoted.

APPLES—Steady with a regular demand and we note sales of some 300 bbls at from $2,75 to $3,75 per bbl. The receipts are falling off considerably.

HAY—The market is firm and the demand is fully equal to the supply, sales of 3 tons baled from wharf at $30 per ton.

HOMINY—Steady with regular sales at $3,00 per barrel.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

Dec 26.—There is new feature in Petroleum, worthy of special notice. The market for both crude and refined is very quiet, and the demand being limited, the transactions are light and unimportant. Crudes steady and quotations may be fairly given at 30@35 without and with package, and we note a sale of 200 barrels at 35½, free on board cars. Refined is firm, but without quotable change in prices. We note sales in bond and 20@21 cents, with and 24@26 bbls freest 50. Naptha is dull and neglected, while Redium is steady at former quotations.

The receipts and shipments during the past twenty-four hours are as follows: Shipments, to New York, 330 bbls Crude, 100 bbls Naptha; to Philadelphia, 1,250 bbls Refined, 750 bbls Crude, 50 bbls Residuum, 3 bbls Naptha, West, 10 bbls Refined. Receipts, 1,025 bbls Crude and 215 bbls Refined.

New York Petroleum Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

New York, Dec. 26—The market has been dull and inactive to-day without, however, any material change in prices. Crude sold at 33@33½, and Refined at 64@65 in bond and 54 free. Naptha is nominal at former quotations.

The Pork Trade.

There is nothing which so much interests those who deal in pork just now, as the extent of the deficiency in the present season's crop of this article, and the reason for this is obvious; namely, the unusual high price paid for the article, the average being by far the highest ever paid before in the United States, and which nothing but an extremely short crop, not only compared with the previous two seasons, but even with the ordinary crop of other years, would, in our estimation, justify; and, we presume, in the estimation of those who are in a position to judge impartially. It is true the standard of value is not a specie standard, but so far as regards the home demand, this makes but little difference, and, as regards the foreign markets, the price, even adjusted to a specie standard, is a high one, and never has admitted of large foreign exports. It will be seen therefore, that the trade is in a critical position, assuming that it to be correct, which as yet has not been demonstrated to be so.

Early last September we stated that the crop of pork would necessarily be a short one, as compared with last season, and subsequently, that, from what we considered accurate, the deficiency would be 25 per cent, and intimated that it might be one-third short. The information we now have, from the packing houses, though not as full as it will be a week or ten days hence, yet is ample enough to leave no doubt in our mind that the deficiency is in pounds, will not be less than 33 per cent, and the complete returns may show even a greater deficiency than this. The falling off in the average weight of hogs is large—full 12 per cent., we think; and the deficiency in the yield of lard will profit in a greater ratio. In those districts where the corn was badly injured by the frost, which included the greater portion of Indiana and Illinois, the average weight of hogs is the lowest ever known to suffer, probably, and is 15 to 20 per cent. below that of last season. The advices we have from the districts of country from whence Chicago derives her supply of hogs, leads us to believe that the packing season in that city will close by the middle of next month, and we think the packing there will not exceed 700,000, if it reaches that. At this place the packing will hardly reach 375,000. At St. Louis there will be fully as many hogs packed as there were last season. In our next we expect to be able to give details of the packing at one hundred places, probably.—Cin. Price Current.

New York Grocery Market.

(From the commercial List, Dec. 26.)

Coffee—There has continued some further inquiry for Brazil, but there is no important change to note. The sales are 3,000 bags Rio, per Zephyr, and 2,231 do. per Flying Scud, supposed at 34½ cents, gold, in bond, 37@38 cents, and 700 Maracaibo, part, if not all, 35½@37½ cents. The stock of Rio is reduced to 14,000 bags, and as the receipts are supposed to be light for some time to come, holders remain very firm, and the market closes pretty strong at our notations.

Sugar—Since our last, the business has continued moderate, but the market is very steady at the concession noticed in our last. There is not much demand, but as there is no pressure to sell, prices are without further perceptible variation. The sales are 2 hhds. Cuba at 11¾ cents; 319 do. do. 20 and tierces for Canada, 12¾, less the Duty; 50 hhds. Demerara, part Clarified, 12¼@12½; 62 hhds. New Orleans, 11¾ @12¼; 42 Clarified do 14¼@15; and 356 bxs Havana, 12¼@12¾, 4 mos. By auction, 175 hhs damaged Havana sold at 9¾@10¼ cents, cash, and 100 hhds. New Orleans, 12¾@13¼, 4 mos.

Molasses—The demand continues light, and the market is dull, yet not favoring buyers, the sales are 25 hhds. inferior Porto Rico at 70 cents; 108 hhds new crop New Orleans, 65@67; 58 do old crop, 44@50, 4 mos; and 270 hhds. Barbados, on terms we did not learn. By auction, 100 hhds New Orleans sold at 33 cents for old, and 70 for new crop, 4 mos.

New York Tobacco Market.

Dec. 24.—The market is less active, more owing to the inclemency of the weather than for any falling off of the demand; sales 475 hhds Kentucky at 13@23c; and 265 cases Seed Leaf, 16@60c cash. During the week, a fair business has been done in Manufactured—much larger than is generally transacted during Christmas week. Prices for every style of Tobacco are well sustained, with the popular demand yet running chiefly on small-black work. If the additional amount of tax, which is universally talked of and recommended in high quarters, is placed upon Tobacco, it could seem that prices must advance considerably beyond what are now considered extreme figures; the necessity of the Public Treasury now being such as to prevent the question from being slighted as it was during the expiration of last Congress. For this reason, many parties are more disposed to hold than to sell—and any lots which are offered a shade under current rates, are bought readily. The finest brands of Yara and Half Pounds are held firmly at 75c and the supply of the latter not equal to the demand. Bright work is less inquired after, although, in many cases, the best values at current rates.

Philadelphia Market.

Dec. 26.—Provisions of all descriptions have an upward tendency. Sales of 1,300 barrels old Mess Pork at $19@19 50 per barrel—now held higher—and 500 barrels extra Mess Beefon private terms. We quote new at $22. Green meats are held ½ cent higher.

Whisky is not so firm. Small sales of barrels at 55@57 cents, and drudge at 50@52 cents.

There is a good demand for Clovereed and prime is wanted. Sales of 500 bushels at $7 75@8 per 64lbs. Small sales from wagons at $7 50@7 75. Timothy is steady at $3. Flaxseed commands $3 17 per bushel.

Boston Fish Market.

Dec. 26.—The market is steady for Codfish, with a good export demand for lots suitable for packing. Loaves fish are dull and nominal. Sales of Grand Bank at $5@5 25; Bay Fundy, $3,50@3 75; small $4,50@4 75 per cwt. Hake dull at $3 25@3 75 per cwt. Pollock selling at $3 75@4 00 per cwt. Mackerel in good supply, but prices are well-maintained; sales of Bay and Shore No. 1 at $14@16; No. 2 large at $10@10 50, and medium at $7@9 50; No. 3 large $8@8 50, and medium at $6 per bbl. Alewives selling at $3@3 50 per bbl. Pickled Herring are dull at $2 50 per cwt, and $3 50@4 per bbl for Labrador. Salmon nominal.

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