Pittsburgh Gazette.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—DEC. 30, 1863.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette

Volunteer Bounty Fund.

The Committee appointed by the meeting of citizens of the First Ward, Allegheny, held on Monday evening, to take measures for procuring a bounty fund of $18,000, to induce volunteering, have appointed the following Block Committees. Books have been procured, with suitable headings, and are now ready for the proper collecting committees. As the Government bounty of $302 to new volunteers, and $402 to veterans, ceases on the 5th of January, prox., it seems desirable that an immediate effort shall be made to complete the subscription at the earliest possible moment.

The Bounty Committee of the First Ward, Allegheny, are now prepared to offer a cash bounty of $300 to each volunteer, in addition to the Government bounty of $302 and $402.

BLOCK COMMITTEES.

No. 1—Federal Square, Canal and River: Sam'l Dyer, Wm. M. Bell, Sam'l Bradley.

No. 2—Lexock, Federal, South Common and Canal: R. T. Kennedy, John A. Smith, Geo. Mathews, Joseph Williams.

No. 3—South Common, Federal, Ohio and Beaver: C. W. Benny, W. C. Stockton, Jas. S. Robinson, Jas. Scott.

No. 4—Ohio, West Common, South Common and Beaver: W. B. Kinkead, Wm. G. Johnston, S. Mercer.

No. 5—Canal, Railroad and River: Edw'd Hyde, Alex. Glenn.

No. 6—Craig, River, Corry to Railroad: Alexander Hanna, John Morrow, Samuel Smith, Capt. Pratt, Wm. Holmes.

No. 7—Craig to School street, and River to Railroad: C. P. Ingham, H. B. Neaer, Thomas Dovington, John McClung.

No. 8—School, South Avenue hill to Borland's alley: Wm. McKee, S. Biddle, F. H. Beatty, Capt. James Gordon.

No. 9—Borland's alley, South Avenue hill to Allegheny Avenue: Daniel McKinley, W. L. Snowden, George W. Lyon.

No. 10—Allegheny Avenue, Saw Mill Run and South Avenue: E. H. Donohoe, Wm. Dilworth, Jr., Guy Freeborn, —Hill.

No. 11—Saw Mill Run, South Avenue and Charlotte: S. Bulford, George McKee, Isaac Reed, Sam'l H. Hartman.

No. 12—Ridge, Ohio, Allegheny Avenue: W. H. Forsythe, John T. Logan, John Atwell.

No. 13—Ridge, Allegheny Avenue, Ohio to West Commons: George W. Hubley, James McCutcheon, James L. Graham, John W. Riddell, Wm. France, George Shriver, Jr.

No. 14—Ridge street, 15 Marion Avenue: O. O. Phillips, Thomas Bakewell, Jr., Harry Campbell and Christ. Campbell.

The above named committees are earnestly requested to call at the Committee Rooms, Washington Hall, Robinson street, near the Ward School House, to obtain subscription books, and proceed at once to the public duty hereby assigned to them. The books for each block will be ready this (Tuesday) afternoon, at four o'clock. It is exceedingly desirable that the list shall be completed at once. The public is urged to be in readiness to promptly subscribe such amounts as they may feel able to contribute to this public fund, and to pay the same over, at once, to the committee.

The Criminal Court.

The following cases were disposed of on Tuesday forenoon:

R. R. McCracken, of Elizabeth township, plead guilty to selling liquor to minors, and was sentenced to pay a fine of ten dollars, and to undergo ten day's imprisonment.

Charles Hoffman, convicted of surety of the peace, on oath of Charlotte Hoffman, was sentenced to pay costs, and ordered to give bonds to keep the peace.

Otto Kabe, charged with the larceny of a horse, from Mr. Duff, was found guilty, and a motion made for a new trial.

John McCarren plead guilty of a charge of assault and battery, and was sentenced to pay costs.

John L. Cupp was acquitted of a charge of stealing a pocket book from Abraham Cornman.

Patrick Havey was convicted of the larceny of a butcher knife, from Wm. Latimer, and sentenced to ten days in jail.

John A. Heckler, Nancy and Wm. Heckler, charged with assault and battery on oath of Mrs. Maria M'Farland—and Mrs. Maria M'Farland, was similar charge preferred by Jno. A. Heckler—were put on trial, both cases being heard by the same jury. On trial.

Proposed Increase of Rates for Government Transportation.

A convention of railway managers, agents, and others, was held at Chicago, on Wednesday, having for its object an advance in the rates of Government transportation, upon the ground that, since the war commenced, labor, material, etc., had increased so much, that the old prices fixed upon are no longer remunerative to railway companies. A memorial on the subject, addressed to the Secretary of War, was ordered to be forwarded to all the railroads in the country, with a request that, if approved, it may be signed by the officers, and forwarded to such members of Congress as will interest themselves in the matter. It was also resolved to hold a convention of railway delegates, in Washington, on the 15th of January, to press the subject upon the attention of the Government.

Oil Destroyed.

The alarm of fire, on Monday night, was occasioned by the burning of a bulk oil boat, moored in the Ohio river, opposite the Ardesco Oil Works, at Woods' Run. The boat contained about five hundred barrels of crude oil, and the fire, it is supposed, was occasioned by one of the men letting a lantern fall. The fire raged with great fury for several hours, but the boat was so located as not to endanger the safety of any other property. The night was cloudy, and it was difficult to ascertain from this city, the location of the fire. In Manchester, however, the streets were lighted up most brilliantly, and for a time it was feared that some of the refineries had caught fire. The loss will be about $600. The boat was the property of Messrs. Lindsay & Barkhorn, and was nearly emptied of its contents at the time of the accident. The loss is therefore trifling.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES IN BIRMINGHAM.—The citizens of Birmingham, always actuated by motives of patriotism and good feelings, have arranged to make the coming New Years' day, as far as possible, a bright and happy one to the families of soldiers now in the field, or who may have been lost either through sickness or in battle. On Thursday next, there will be distributed, at Market Hall, to those who are entitled to it, something substantial, either in money or its equivalent. Further information in regard to the matter can be obtained at the office of James Salisbury, Esq.

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AN OLD METHOD REVIVED.—A room has been opened in Philadelphia in which eggs are hatched by the heat of steam, as they were in Egypt, thirty centuries ago, and are in China at this day. The apparatus in question will hatch, it is stated, 30,000 eggs weekly, the process requiring twenty days. The apparatus is an exhibition in about six hundred horse-power. Whether such an exhibition will pay remains to be seen.

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Larceny

On the day before Christmas a man named Benjamin Woods, gained access to the house of Alexander Stevenson, in the Third Ward, Allegheny, and, breaking open a trunk, stole therefrom a pocket book containing over $50 in paper, and about $4 in silver. Woods was arrested on Monday, and the stolen pocket book was found upon him. He had spent all the paper money, but the silver remained in the book. Woods refused to tell where he spent the money, but he stated that he bought $25 worth of clothing, and "fooled" the rest away. He had a very lively Christmas, but his prospects for New Year's are very gloomy indeed. He was committed for trial. The parties were both colored.

Died from her Injuries.

On Thursday last we reported a horrible case of burning, which occurred at the residence of Mr. James Bell, Western avenue, Allegheny—the victim being an orphan girl named Louisa Campbell, aged fourteen years. Her clothes caught while she was sitting with her back to the fire, and she was dreadfully burned about the limbs and back. The accident happened about eleven o'clock, and although the attending physician, Dr. Herron, pronounced the case hopeless from the first, she lingered for four days, expiring on Monday forenoon, after suffering the most intense agony. Her remains were interred this afternoon, in Mount Union Cemetery.

Amendment of the Constitution.

As the subject of amending the Constitution has already been brought before Congress, a desire has been expressed to have a meeting of the "Central Committee," appointed by the *Religious Council*, who have the matter in charge. We have been requested to state that a meeting of the Central Committee will be held, in accordance with this desire, in the Lecture Room of Dr. James Prestley's Church, on Sixth street, on Thursday afternoon, the 31st inst., at two o'clock.

CENTRAL UNION LEAGUE.—There will be a meeting of the Central Union League this evening, at 7 o'clock, at Wilkins Hall. Members are requested to be punctual in attendance, as business of importance will be presented. By order of the PRESIDENT.

GROSS STUFF.—Charles Arnold was yesterday held to bail by Mayor Alexander, to answer a charge of assault and battery preferred by Benjamin Bulfer. The latter individual charged Arnold with surety of the peace, and he also gave bail for trial.

NATIONAL BANK.—Subscriptions to the amount of fifty thousand dollars have been made to the capital stock of the First National Bank of Mercer, and the articles of association have been signed by the stockholders.

DIARIES FOR 1864.—A fresh stock of the best manufacture, just received at Frank Case's news depot, Chronicle Building.

GREAT bargains in ladies' furs, at J. Finch's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets.

CARPETS at first cost at J. Finch's, corner of Grant and Fifth streets.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

TUESDAY, December 29, 1863.

GRAIN—Wheat is quiet but firm with small sales from wagon at $1,37 for fair red and $1,44@1,46 for good to prime. Rye is in fair active but without quotable change; sales of 300 bush; in Ear, from store at $1,30. Oats dull but unchanged; we note small sales from store at 84@85. Barley is quiet with some few sales from wagon at $1,35 for Spring and $1,50 for Fall.

GROCERIES—Sugar is steady, while the demand is light; small sales of Raw at 13½@14¼ and 17@17¼ for "B" and "A" Coffee and 18 for Crushed, Powdered and Granulated. Molasses remains unchanged. Sales in lots of 50 bags prime Rio Coffee at 36c.

FLOUR—Is steady with a regular local demand, while prices remain unchanged. Small sales of Baltimore Family from store at $7,00@7,25 and fancy brands command 15@20 cts per bbl more. Sale of 2000 lbs Buckwheat flour from first hands at $1,00 per cwt; also, small sales from store at $4,50.

BUTTER & EGGS—Roll Butter is in good supply and the market is quiet, with sales of 8 bbls at from 25 to 28. Eggs unchanged, with sales of fresh packed at 25.

SEED—Flax Seed is steady with sales of 100 bush, from first hands at 2,00@2,05 and 200 bush from store at $2,10. Timothy Seed is quiet but unchanged. Sales of 150 bush Clover Seed at $7,20.

PROVISIONS—Sugar Cured Hams are in good demand and sell readily at 12. Lard is firm and prime kettle-rendered is held firmly with sales at 13½. Mess Pork is firm, and in the absence of sales, may be quoted at $30@31 per bbl.

HILL STUFF—is less active but unchanged; sale from depot of 11 tons at $1,10 per cwt for Bone; $1,05 for Seconds and $8,05 for Middlings.

DRIED FRUIT—firm but unchanged; sales of 150 bush Apples at 3 cts per lb and 50 bush Peaches at 14 cents.

APPLES—Steady with a fair demand and light receipts. Quotations may be fairly given at $2,50 to $2,75 per bbl—according to quality.

HAY—is active and a shade lower, sales from scales of 10 loads at $28@30 per ton.

FISH—Sales of 40 bbls No 3 Mackinaw Mackerel at $8,00 per bbl.

POTATOES—firm with a sale of 125 bush prime French Blows from store at $1,00 bushel.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

DEC. 29—The Petroleum market values for it has been for several days past, quiet and rather dull, while at the same time there is no material change to note in values. *Crude* is offered more freely and some holders appear willing to sell at a slight concession. Quotations may be given at 19@20 in bulk and 24@25 in bbls, and in this connection we may add, there was not a single sale reported. Refined is steady and firm though unchanged; we note a sale of 200 bbls in bond at 40 and 100 bbls free at 50, and these may be regarded as its ruling figures. Benzine is steady with an occasional sale at 34@37 per bbl.

The receipts and shipments for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-day, were as follows: Shipments to New York, 618 bbls Crude; to Philadelphia, 498 bbls Refined, 1163 bbls crude, 60 bbls Naptha and 6 bbls Residuum; to Baltimore, 23 bbls crude; west, 162 bbls refined. Receipts, 300 bbls crude and 224 bbls refined.

The direction of oil now is directed, to a pointed and well written article, under the caption of "The Proposed Tax on Crude Petroleum."

New York Petroleum Market.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28—Crude is dull and a shade lower, ranging from 21@23c. Refined is steady with sales of bonded at 44@47 on the spot and 42@49 for January and February options. Free oil is nominal at 52@53. Naptha is dull and entirely neglected.

Weekly Review of the New York Petroleum Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24, 1863.

At the beginning of the week there was a large movement in Crude, part on speculation, and part reported for shipment to South America, when prices advanced to 22@23 cents. The market has relapsed into dullness since Monday, and during Wednesday, Thursday and Friday almost nothing has been done. The nominal price is 22@23c.

Refined has been dull all the week yet the market is firm. 2,000 bbls arrived from Liverpool last week, but will go back in the same vessel to avoid the heavy duty, provided, the arrangements can be perfected. The house to which it was consigned is reported to have failed, which may render the landing of the oil necessary, but probably not.

The sales foot up 23,000 bbls, chiefly on Monday and Tuesday last; 15,000 bbls Refined in bond mostly on the spot at 43@44c for light stock to within, and 47@48 for prime white. The sales to-day were at 46@46½ and 47@48, and only about 1,200 bbls sold. Free oil has sold to the extent of about 4,000 bbls at very irregular prices varying from 50c for straw to 52@53 for light straw to white, and 55 for white. Free oil is lower, relatively, than bonded. The sales to-day were at 52c for light straw to white. Naptha is dull and nominal at 30@32 for water.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD.—Dec. 29.—300 pcs bacon, 300 lbs butter, 20 chickens, 7 bbls flour, 100 bbls do, 55 bbls Flour, 30 bbls highwines, 2 H. Myers & co, 50 do, 5 H. Watson; 100 bbls flour, Wm McCutcheon; 50 sacks Seed & Parker; 50 bbls highwines, Lambert & Shipton; 8 bbls cloves, seed, M. Yoder; 19 cases tobacco, J. A. Marquis; 25 bbls oil, S. A. Fahnestock & co; 21 bgs seed, Burghley, Scrogey & co; 11 bbls onions, J. Cubbin; 120 bgs seed, T. Robison & co; 120 do do, J. S. Kirkpatrick & co; 200 bbls flour, Wm Coogan; 50 bbls beef, H. Hasselman; 21 pcls leather, Seibert & Kellerman; 100 bdls paper, Gaston; 100 bbls oil, A. Mellon; 100 bbls pork, Wm Cooper; 5 cases, 50 kegs, J. S. Rahm.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD.—Dec. 29—100 bbls hay, W. P. Fetterman; 200 bushes, Jones, Park & co; 100 bbls pork, Hussey, Wood & co; 100 bbls flour, Chess, Parkin & co; 100 do do, Wm Phillips; 100 do do, Sedgwick & Co; 100 do do, Jos. Dilworth; 100 do do, Wm Phillips; 100 do do, Chess, Parkin & co