The Daily Post.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

PITTSBURGH:

TUESDAY MORNING.....DEC. 17.

For Afternoon and Midnight Telegraph and Local News See First and Third Pages.

☞DEMOCRATIC STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—A meeting of the Democratic State Executive Committee will be held at the Buehler House, HARRISBURG, on Wednesday, January 1st, 1862, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

Democratic papers in the State will please copy.

WILLIAM H. WELSH, Chairman.

UNION CONVENTION.

ALL PERSONS FAVORABLE TO A Union Convention, for the purpose of selecting candidates for Mayor, Controller and City Treasurer, to be voted for at the ensuing municipal election, will meet in their respective wards and precincts on SATURDAY NEXT DECEMBER 21st, between the hours of 4 and 6 p. m., and select five delegates to be represented in a Convention to meet at the COURT HOUSE at 10 o'clock, on TUESDAY, the 24th.

BY ORDER OF THE UNION COMMITTEE.

THE NEWS FROM ENGLAND.

The news received from England, and published on Saturday last, in relation to the seizure of Mason and Slidell, by order of our government, did not create any alarm in the public mind of this country—not even where it is most sensitive, in New York, the great commercial metropolis of the Union. The journals of that city received here on Sunday apprehended no danger of any disturbance between this country and Great Britain. They arrived at this conclusion from the tone of the English papers received, as well as from the expression of sentiment, by several meetings of prominent citizens held in Liverpool, Manchester and other important points in England.

It appears, however, from dispatches published here yesterday, that the meetings and papers alluded to, were speaking simply for themselves. Great Britain has a policy of her own, and this she expresses a determination to enforce.—The Queen's special messenger to Lord Lyons, her Minister at Washington, arrived in the Europa, which vessel brought the warlike intelligence alluded to, and will be at our Capital in a day or two with his government's instructions.—What these instructions to Lord Lyons are, we learn from the London *Observer* to be a *"demand from President Lincoln and his Cabinet of the Southern Envoys, Mason and Slidell to the British government."*—This, together with an *"apology"* from our government for boarding an English vessel is all that John Bull desires. In addition to this news, we receive by the same vessel that brought it, that England has made and is making immense preparations for warlike purposes; that "in a few hours" 30,000 Enfield rifles, and a large number of "Armstrong guns," "field artillery," two ships of war and any quantity of ammunition, together with an increased force, will be sent to the Canadian frontier." All this mighty preparation, or rather account of it, is intended we presume to intimidate our government, but it won't succeed. It is true that rebellion in the South is still unconquered, but this showing of hands at last, by perfidious England, will not strengthen her cause. On the contrary the mighty masses of the North will be aroused by this shameless pretext, on the part of England, to meddle in defence of rebellion against our government, and will rush with ten-fold energy to beat back her advancing hirelings. She will learn that if England could not, four centuries ago, brook the double reign of "Harry Percy and the Prince of Wales," this magnificent, just and liberal government cannot tolerate treason. This news will cause the heart of the North to beat with warmer pulsations for our threatened institutions; especially will cause the Irish-Americans to rush in overwhelming numbers to the defence of their adopted country. For this, the time is propitious; famine in Ireland is appealing to the government for bread, but instead of heeding the famishing wail as it is wafted across the British Channel, they turn a deaf ear, considering plans for the assistance of our Southern traitors. England has at length taken off her thinly disguised veil of neutrality, but our government will not be alarmed by her accounts of mighty preparations against us.

Hon. A. P. Harcourt, in 1855, anticipating the very state of affairs which now surround us said "From England, America can expect nothing. Should our internal commotions and sectional animosities once carry our nation to the verge of disunion and certain destruction, we can look for no conciliatory interference on the part of that crafty power. Already has the war whoop been raised by the crowned heads of Europe, and the cry has gone forth that the great luminary of the Western world is on the wane; that her light in the political heavens is beginning to grow dim; that soon she will sink into eternal gloom, never, never to rise again. Shall it be? Shall the eagle be stopped in his lofty flight? Proud bird! shall they tear from thee thy plumage? Shall they pluck from thee that quill that is to record on the scroll of time great America's fall? Shall our laurels wither: forbid it Almighty God!

☞LATE information from Washington leads us to believe the destination of the Burnside Fleet to be the Potomac, and that an effort will be made in that direction at once, which will be the signal for a simultaneous movement of the army on both banks. We sincerely trust Gen. McClellan feels strong enough to push the traitors from their hiding places, and that he may eat his Christmas dinner in Richmond. We hope they will not burn it down before he gets there.

CONSERVATISM in CONGRESS.

On the 11th inst., the consideration of a resolution, previously offered by Mr. Lansing, of New York, condemning the order of Gen. Halleck, relative to fugitive slaves, came up in Congress. This was considered a test question between the straight abolitionists and the conservatives. Thad. Stephens lead off in favor of the resolution, delivering one of his impracticable and boisterous speeches Lovejoy followed, on the same side, calling upon the President to remove and cashier Gen. Halleck.

Frank Blair, of St. Louis, lead the conservatives, proving very conclusively that the two preceeding him knew nothing of what they were talking about; and Mr. Foulk, of Illinois, informed Lovejoy that the officers regarded Gen. Halleck's orders as most wise and salutary. The allusion by his colleague, Mr. Lovejoy, to the fidelity of these slaves was untrue. The army was misled on the 7th of November by slaves. His own regiment was thus led into an ambuscade. Let the resolutions pass, and recruiting in Illinois will cease. The army will stand by the order of Gen. Halleck. If his colleague would pay less attention to the negro, and more to the interest of the country, we would get along better.

Mr. Valandingham moved to lay the resolution upon the table, which carried by 78 to 64. In looking over the yeas and nays, we find every Democrat and liberal Republican voting to sustain the administration and Halleck, and every abolitionist voting with Stephens and Lovejoy. Among the other names we again perceive that of our representative, Gen. Moorhead. We are to infer from this, we presume, that he has entirely gone over to the impracticables of this party.

☞The emancipation scheme of the ultra Republicans is being pushed upon all occasions. The Baltimore *Sun's* Washington correspondent says that "of all the Cabinet officers, the one most conspicuous in hostility to the emancipation programme, is Secretary Smith. In his State (Indiana) there never was much Abolitionism pure, and hence it has xxcelled all others in furnishing volunteers for the army. The same is true of Pennsylvania, while States that are most clearly identified with fanaticism (like Massachusetts) are far behind those before named. But so desperate are the prospects of the ultras, that Senator Sumner violated all propriety to-day in pronouncing a tirade against slavery under the form of a eulogy of Senator Baxer, who having been an earnest advocate of compromise during the past winter, would, were he alive, surely confront those who are now seeking to "Jamaicize" the South.

For the Post.

The Administration and Contumacious Fanatic's in Congress.

The conduct of a large number of the present Congress, under the leadership of that most notorious *Ben Wade*, Thad. Stevens and his facetical colaborer Lovejoy, of abolition notoriety, are truly characteristic of their reckless course. They are seeking to drag down the administration to a level with desperadoes who take good care not to expose their own persons to the fire of the enemy—Braggarts can be very defiant when nicely seated in Congress, living sumptuously at the public expence. If they are so ardent as to desire a forward move before the administration deems it advisable, under the advice (no doubt) of the distinguished generals in command, why do they not enter the army and find out for themselves the real cause of the delay?

No, they would much prefer to doff out their every day twaddle and string together frosty resolves, which, when passed, will not amount to as much in reality as the paper on which they are written.

The President has so far conducted himself as becomes a National man, who has sworn to protect the Constitution and keep our Union from immolation, if he but continues disregarding rash, unthinking profligates, whose conceit outweighs their judgment, and who appear impatient of anything that does not respond to their heated and most reckless impulses. But they can well ease their minds on the floor of Congress, out of harm's way, by denunciations of the public men who are only responsible for the conduct of the war, and will have the less temptation, as we trust they will have no encouragement to embody their restless insanity in legislative laws. This we find announced already by the wise and prudent conduct of a majority of that body in which the financial scoundrels have tried to hold sway, they are most properly rebuked by the intelligence and patriotism of those who hold the prosperity of the country paramount. There should be mutual confidence and toleration between the Government and the mass of the members, who think more and talk less, and the sixty-three patriotic gentlemen who voted as first to table the ridicule proposition of Lovejoy are eminently deserving the hearty approval of every true American. It were well indeed for men such as Stevens, Lovejoy and others of their deluded followers to take a lesson from that exalted statesman, Hon. Mr. Foulk—they would not then be the bane of our institutions and cause more real sorrow in the land than can well be conceived. Let us crush out rebellion first, and talk and act on lesser evils hereafter. There are two points concerning which there are appearances of dissension: one relates to the prompt prosecution of the war, and the other to the question of slavery. Many in Congress, and out of Congress, insist upon more active movements, they are intolerent of delay in the army and are now at their former work, which led to the disaster of Bull Run. It it would be downright folly on the part of the government to sacrifice to it anything of substantial success or to permit it to overrule the deliberate plan of action they have formed. General McClellan, it is to be presumed, to this time, will not make such a blunder, and when he is ready to attack the rebels it will be done in a masterly manner, and no amount of fulsome flattery or unpatriotic denunciation of the administration or himself will weigh a feather in his imagination. No man North will object to the confiscation of rebel property. Let Congress act with wisdom and pass a confiscation act. Slavery need not be exempt from its operations. It will be better not to go further nor yet faster in making such laws than we can enforce. Congress, methinks, passed an important, and I think, a sweeping act regarding the confiscation of all such property belonging to the rebels, and it will be just as well at this time to secure the execution of that law and test its sufficiency, before enacting new laws going further on the subject without attaining any good end. Let common sense hold sway in place of loud declamation, and Congress will be largely benefited and the people better served.

The admirable sentance in the President's message which refers to foreign States, should be sunk deep into the hearts of all classes: *"The integrity of our country and the stability of our Government mainly depend not upon them but on the loyalty, virtue, patriotism and intelligence of the American people."* To all of this we give our unqualified approval: no foreign, or yet domestic war, which may be set on foot by ambitious designing leaders, will we allow to drag us from our allegiance to the American Government. The Democracy will be responsible for the safety of the Union and the Constitution, and to them the President can look for support when deserted (as he will be) by the party who brought him into trouble. In a word we should never have it said that the free white millions of the North were compelled to resort to slaves to put down this wicked, unnatural rebellion, produced by the mad ambition of Southern demagogues. We must rescue our country from rule or ruin oppressors, and then the old flag of the Union, as of yore, will float proudly in every State of the Confederacy. OLD BUTLER.

From sickles' Brigade.

IN CAMP NEAR RUDD'S FERRY.
LOWER POTOMAC, Dec. 10th, 1861.

Editor Post—To day about noon, the Pensacola, and another smaller vessel began down the stream and engaged the rebel batteries erected on Freestone Point. The action lasted about an hour and a half, during which time our boys worsted them so much as to expect that they retreated helter skelter over the hills in the rear of their batteries. Our guns (both on the battery and steamers,) were well manned, the balls and shell falling with the most fatal precision. Towards the close of the action, the Pensacola, neared the shore and lowered a boat containing about a dozen men, which landed, while they were returning. Their work of destruction was plainly visible, several houses near the river were enveloped in a sheet of flames. A noticeable feature of the affair was that several shot thrown from our steamers fell immediately in their midst, and from the excitement they evinced, created sad havoc, while every ball thrown from the rebel pop guns fell short of or passed harmlessly over the desired objects. It is now 9½ o'clock, P. M., and a vigorous firing is going on at the same place. From a person just returned, I learn that a gun steamer is engaged, perhaps the former vessel, off the Freeburg, some twenty or thirty shots have been exchanged but with what effect I am unable as yet to learn. One fact is clearly ascertained, that it would be more on dis play to drive them from the place they now infest. This afternoon, four members of our regiment and two of the 4th, crossed over at Sandy Point in a small skiff, what was their object, I cannot tell, but as we intercepted voyagers have not as yet returned; beyond doubt they have been taken prisoners. The only incident that has transpired of late to vary the routine of our camp life was the robbery of over a barrel (the latter) on Friday night last of $25 worth of tickets. The ingenious thief, whoever he was, managed the affair in a manner peculiarly his own, having returned the stolen property, (for the greater part of it) on Sunday night last, accompanied with the following sarcastic note:

"Friend Butler—It is with great pleasure that I present you the beautiful little green box. There is only one thing that I am sorry for, that is, that it did not contain what I supposed it did. If it had only contained some of the "shin plasters," the same as I have often seen in it, I should have been square with you up to this date and been paid off with interest and compound interest at that. You will find enclosed in this box a part of your tickets, with the exception of those that were in the center of the box, they have gone to dust and a near fit, I return the box to you, I thought you would like it next pay day My old cove you have cheated me out of many a dime by the outrageous prices that you charge for your goods. Now let me tell you, that if you don't come down a peg or two on your goods, you will find the tent gone from over your head one of these nights. I do not wish you to have any bad feelings against one, nor do I wish you to accuse me of stealing the little box, for I did not, I only borrowed it for a little time, and now I return it with my best respects to you and all whom it may concern. I will not attempt to write any more at present as I am in a great hurry, but will endeavor to write you at some future period,

I remain Yours Truly,
POLLY LOSE-STOCKING,
1st. Regiment Rocky Brigade

It is only necessary to say that the little green box was the receptacle of many a hard earned dime of the poor volunteers, and great was the Sutler's wrath at the loss thereof. His outrageous prices may be judged from the naming of one item, one pair of common mohasses, hose, and other articles in proportion. When will these army robbers be dispensed with echo answers when.

Our mail facilities are now somewhat as in the last of civilization, the regiment having purchased a horse for the Post Master (Joe Brentinger, Friend Rilke). We receive inspiring words from home at least twice a week, that is a source of gratification to us all, for we would rather be minus our mess than our mail matter. There is some talk of our moving down to Liverpool Point, at an early day, but I hardly think it probable, as we have made due preparations to spend the winter at our present abode. We have about ninety non exploded shells in our camp, sent over by the rebels, which we will return some day with more telling effect. They fired fifty shot at a small scow, a day or two ago, and as usual struck every thing else but it. I wonder if whisky has not got a Colonelcy over them?

Since our departure from Camp McClellan we have had eight deaths in the Hospital, seven cases of typhoid fever, one of diptheria. There are now three cases of the former disease under my care, but convalescent. I would just mention here to the ladies, that there is great deficiency in the Hospital stores, allowed of fruit articles, jellies, preserves, wine, &c they are craved and in reality a necessity to the convalescent. Our sick list shows seven in the Hospital, 21 in quarters. Dr Irvin, of the 3d Regiment, was over to day and stated that he had 23 in Hospital and 60 in quarters and one death to-day. This places our sick report in quite a favorable light. In truth the general good health of the 1st is unsurpassed by any other in the Brigade. Our Surgeon, Dr. Harvey E. Brown, and Asst. James Ash, are both well versed in medical and surgical knowledge, and thus far have been most successful in their treatment.

Our Corp. the Friend Rifles, is enjoying excellent health and I am happy to state the men are seldom compelled to call at my quarters for Pills and mixtures. They have plainly an aversion to the shrine of "Esculapius."

It is now quite late ("Grand Rounds" have just passed) and I have seven times been interrupted by calls for medicine, and I shall for the present withdraw. As to the future, I can only say more anon. Yours, truly, R. C. H.

From St. Louis.

A correspondent of the New York *World*, an Administration organ, writing on the condition of the Western Military Department under Fremont and now under Halleck, says:

The Department—Then and Now.

Inasmuch as it may one day be a matter of interest, I propose to mention briefly some of the more marked changes which the Department of the Missouri presents to-day, as contrasted with its keeping previously. Less important subjects have become matters of grave history.

Under the administration of Lyon, notwithstanding the trying circumstances, the public service suffered little or no detriment. So long as he retained it all went as well as human ingenuity could have influenced it. When Fremont assumed charge it rapidly deteriorated, and it was not until vast resources in men and money had been spent that the tide of reverses was turned. But, in the midst of all this, it was said Gen. Fremont was working night and day, and was so intent upon his plans that, with the aid of a splendid mansion, a large staff, and princely state, he could not find time to listen to the messages of couriers or the counsel of governors of states. Immured in the fine stone structure, he was not to be seen except after running a gauntlet of bristling steel and red tape ceremonies. We have changed all that. Gen. Halleck has neither frowning body-guard nor impertinent secretaries. He is not eternally in a fussy, feathery concoction of plans. He evidently can do the work, and he can do it with ease. Some one remarks that "he seemed as if he had no thing to do but smoke," which he does constantly. "But from behind those clouds of curling smoke he watches the field of operations more narrowly than did his predecessor with his "tremendous energy." Like Morphy at the Chess Congress, though he is, so to speak, blindfolded and removed from the game, he carries the chart of every move, and can dictate his actions to others. No bustle, no hurry, pressure, or confusion. A prominent gentleman from the interior called on him early the other morning with information of importance, when he was surprised to learn that he had been anticipated, and the remedies he was ready to suggest had already been applied. His subordinates may fill him, as indeed did those of the great Napoleon, but his far-reaching mind will go far to demonstrate that it is to the controlling central intellect that we must look mainly for our triumph or failure.

Such a failure of the subordinate commander, then, would seem to be at Sedalia in Gen. Sherman. It is a matter of special wonder that the rebels should have been frequenting Georgetown only three miles from his headquarters, and, later, the telegraph informs us that ten forage teams, were captured on Friday miles west. Several little facts, which have not found their way into print, would seem to justify Gen. Halleck in appointing Gen. Pope to the command Now that Gen Grant has been removed from Cairo, it may be safe to say that a similar laxity must have prevailed here. It is asserted most positively that the only iron-plated gun boat we had in service was kept at anchor twenty miles above Cairo while the reconnisance was made at Belmont; and it is believed by military men that she could have run the batteries, at any rate her commander was anxious to have the chance.

But the most egregious failure seems to have been in sending the column from Paducah without any concert of action, whereby the command were not only a day's march behind, but were prevented from rushing in and seizing Columbus, which was left defenceless by the hasty retreat of our forces from Belmont. An inquiry into the case would either settle these statements or disprove them

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JOHN McCLUNG, Coroner.
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OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY, Pittsburgh, December 14th, 1861

☞DIVIDEND NOTICE—THE PRESIDENT and Directors of this company have this day declared a dividend of THREE DOLLARS per share payable to the stockholders forthwith.
de14:1w SAMUEL REA, Secretary.

☞CITY CONTROLLER—THE UNDERSIGNED announces himself a UNION CANDIDATE for the office of CITY CONTROLLER at the ensuing municipal election.
CHARLES W. LEWIS
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OFFICE OF THE CITIZENS INSURANCE CO. Pittsburgh, December 5th, 1861

☞AN ELECTION FOR FIFTEEN DIRECTORS of this company, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at this office on MONDAY, 16th inst., between the hours of 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. (de6:td) SAMUEL REA, Secretary.

☞TO THE CITIZENS OF PITTSBURGH.—I announce myself to you as a candidate at the ensuing election, for the office of
CITY CONTROLLER,
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no23:tf WILLIAM LITTLE.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE.—Quartermaster General's Office, Washington City, December 5, 1861.

The following Resolution has been adopted by the House of Representatives, of the United States viz:

"Resolved, That the Secretary of War be requested to furnish to this House copies of all contracts made by the Quartermaster's Department for feeding disabled horses during the winter; to state the terms of these contracts, the names of contractors, the number of horses given out and whether those contracts were made upon public notice."

All officers and agents of the Quartermaster's Department are instructed to send to the Quartermaster General, immediately upon seeing this notice, copies of all contracts, and all information embraced within the terms of the Resolution.
de13-10td M. C. MEIGS, Quartermaster General.

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Yours, &c.

B M'Gowan,	P Hamill,	W W Gordon,
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J Mason,	M'M'rrice,	S Nelson,
F Dunn,	P Ferrell,	S M'Munn, jr
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J Melaney,	J Cooper,	D L Evans,
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and many others.

GENTLEMEN—For this expression of distinguished consideration, accept my grateful acknowledgements, and should my fellow citizens see fit to elect me to the position of Chief Magistrate, having no friends to reward nor enemies to punish I shall impartially administer the prerogatives of the office.
de17:1t JOHN A. SCOTT.

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