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CITY MATTERS.

ORPHANS' FAIR.

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EVERY NIGHT THIS WEEK.

Court of Quarter Sessions—Important Charge of Judge Mellon.

The December term of the Court of Quarter Sessions commenced yesterday morning, Judges Mellon, Adams and Brown on the bench.

The list of grand jurors was called over, sixteen answering to their names.

Twenty-three traverse jurors answered to their names at the first call.

The returns of the constables of parties selling liquor in their respective districts were then received. As is generally the case, not more than one-third of the officers made their returns.

The grand jury was now sworn by Mr. Fullwood. It is constituted thus: J. W Blackburn, Foreman; Sam'l Andrews, Henry Ackley, John Barkley, David Carnahan, Jas. Carson, jr., Wm. Carry, John Dougherty, Wm. Ewing, Jacob Forcer, A. H. Gilleland, Wm. Hune, Edward Kearns, Caleb Lee, jr., John Moore, Jas. Rigby.

Judge Mellon then proceeded to charge the grand jury, at great length, on the subject of our railroad indebtedness and the heavy rate of county taxes.

After remarking upon the light calendar for the term, and the national troubles, the Judge spoke of the avalanche of debt with which our county is burdened, bringing the machinery of the public business to almost a dead lock, and rendering it a matter of doubt whether the witnesses will be paid this term. The assessed valuation of our property, (including occupations), is $27,956,098, viz: Pittsburgh, $10,624,708; Allegheny, $8 708,641; rural district, boroughs and villages, $13,605,686. This will hardly be increased by the assessment now in progress. Our indebtedness is $3,321,061, viz: county debt, $202,547; railroad debt, $2,800,000; interest on same, $816,390; costs on railroad suits, $2,124. This is divided as follows: City of Pittsburgh; debt proper, $1,034,020; share county debt, $1,267,460; city railroad debt, $1,800,000; interest on same, $520,000, costs, $8,000, total, $4 641,070. City of Allegheny: debt proper, $487,163; share county debt, $440,668; city railroad debt, $400,000; interest on same, $46 000; costs on railroad suits, $811; total, $1,428,972. Rural Districts: county debt, $202 547; railroad debt, $2,300,000; interest on same, $816,390; costs on railroad suits, $2,124—total, $3,321,061. This makes a total aggregate of indebtedness of $7,682,642, after deducting from the county railroad debt the portion to be borne by the cities, over one half. By this showing at least one fourth of the property in the county belongs to her creditors, while the cities are in even a worse condition. This does not include borough or township debts or the amount necessary to be raised for ordinary annual expenses.

The estimated taxes for next year are: for county purposes, five mills; for railroad purposes, thirty-five mills; for school purposes, 8½ mills; poor tax, 1½ mills; city taxes, averaged with township and road taxes, 2 mills; State tax, 2½ mills; special do. for interest on $3,000,000 loan, ½ mill; special do. for relief of volunteers, 4 mills; direct tax, 3 mills—making a total of 62 mills.

The Judge goes on to say: "In case of the cities an assessment to meet the interest on its own proper railroad debt must be added to the foregoing. Interest on all the railroad debts is payable semi-annually, and the principal is due at about twenty years hence. You have seen that to pay the county railroad interest due requires 35 mills, and subsequently, for accruing interest, 5½ mills per annum. Besides this it requires to meet the interest due from the city of Pittsburgh, 50 mills, and 10 mills for the accruing interest after wards; and for Allegheny City 30 mills, and 6½ mills afterwards. The aggregate taxes for all purposes next year is therefore as follows:

In the rural districts of the county	62 mills.
In the city of Pittsburgh	112 "
In Allegheny city	92 "

After the present accrued interest is paid, and this year's two mill relief tax is paid, the aggregate for all purposes will be:

For the rural districts	30½ mills
City of Pittsburgh	40½ "
Allegheny city	37 "

It thus appears that for next year our taxes will be about double the average income or rent estate, and after which nearly equal to it. Except in a few very favorable localities, the net income yielded from real estate does not average over six per cent. on the value ion. Four per cent, I am told, is nearer the mark. Whereas, next year it will require, in the rural districts, over six per cent; in the city of Pittsburgh over eleven per cent.; and in Allegheny City over nine per cent. It is a sad picture to contemplate, and has already produced its legitimate effects in depressing the market value of real estate in every part of the county; and if no remedy is found, it must soon also depress business of all kinds. No business, or property invested in business, can stand such exactions and compete with similar business in neighboring counties where no such exactions are made. Capital will be withdrawn from the infected district and invested elsewhere, and the languishing prosperity of Pittsburgh come to an end."

The Judge goes on to say that we are clearly liable for all these taxes, and quotes the decision of Judge Woodward, some two years since, in support of that view.

After some remarks on compromise, which he individually preferred, although he was of opinion it was not for the Court, but the Grand Jury, to recommend it, the Judge says: "I would say, however, that no time is to be lost. We must act. The Sheriff or U. S Marshall holds the respective treasuries. And parties holding coupons of bonds that may turn out wholly invalid, or on which thirty per cent may not be legally recoverable, are receiving payment in full. If one is to be paid in full, all should be, and no one deserves payment sooner than a nother. I would, therefore, have a compromise if we can, and at once. Otherwise a proceeding to stop the continued bringing of suits, and accomplish a fair adjustment, which might still eventuate in an amicable arrangement. Whatever course you may think proper to recommend to bring about some result in the matter, whether you act upon your own responsibility in suggesting terms of compromise or advise the Commissioners to adopt some line of action, or call together the citizens to consult, there is no use in wasting time in delays, or in vain regrets, or crimination, or denunciations. Let the people accept the facts of the nature and extent of their liability as it is found to exist, and provide a remedy accordingly."

He then comments upon the origin of this debt and the impossibility of escaping from it; also the effect on our properey and says:

"Such is the effect of holding such debt, to be estimated and collected as rates and levies for other tax purposes are collected; and here the necessity for prompt action, to obtain the best terms that may be had, or to redeem or liability to its minimum; and there is no occasion for reflections against the bondholder. It is not his fault that we are in such predicament; and it is natural and to be expected that he will take the most he can get by his security, and use all the remedies which favorable legislation has placed at his disposal.

And we have no occasion to despond.—We should be thankful that our railroad debt is not twice as much as it is. It might as well, perhaps, have been the one as the other. There was no reason for its being so little except the modesty and forbearance of the different railroad companies; and by a judicious compromise, or compulsory adjustment, its present amount may be greatly reduced, so as to leave it possible to pay it, and still have some income from our property left. If we get this matter once rightly adjusted, and are not overwhelmed with other public burdens, we might, by inaugurating a system of economy and retrenchment and reform in our public expenditures, again restore our finances to a healthy condition.

Then follows a suggestion for settling the amount of liability: "As the proceeding necessary to apply this remedy would probably be by bill in the Supreme Court, making the bondholders and railroad company, and city or county, parties, and enjoining a suspension of all other suits, elsewhere, and a stay of proceedings to levy the tax for the full nominal amount until the real amount is settled and ascertained, the saving in the matter of costs alone would be immense. As it stands now, every bondholder brings his separate suit on his particular coupons—and as in such suit the remedy indicated above can hardly be applied, and whether or not, suits and costs are accumulated to an oppressive extent."

He then refers to "numerous small leaks in the public purse," which he says might be stopped and in conclusion enjoins them to scrutinize carefully the county accounts and ascertain the truth of the rumor that the Commissioners have drawn funds from the Treasury to pay their fines, and have not liquidated them.

The jail calender for the present term of court is exceedingly light. The names of prisoners, and their offences, are as follows:

NAME.	PROSECUTOR.	OFFENSE.
Wm A Anderson	T Patterson	Forgery
" "	R J Leonard	"
" "	" "	"
" "	A W Miller	"
" "	T J Coffey	"
" "	Wm Burdett	"
J W Morn	Process	"
Thos Keegan	"	Ass't and bat'y
Thos Warrington	Brid Warrington	" " Surety
Fred Conowy	John Peck, jr	" int. to kill
Marion Anderson	"	" "
H H Jordan	Robert Hague	Rec'g st'n goods
G W Brickmyer	K Earhe dt	Hold as witness
Jackson Link	Mary Link	Surty of peace
Mary Miller	"	" "
John Clark	Jos Lefler	False pretences
"	"	Larceny
Wm Boniface	John Leech	"
David Tuttle	G J Coyle	"
Case Myers	Robt Hague	"
Silas Emory	Mary Green	"
John Bowg	Chas Verner	"
Henry Brown	Eurette Butler	"
Mary Morrison	M Dougherty	"
Marg't Jackson	C Kelly	"
Wm Topper	M Fisher	"
"	F Swain	"
Frank Peterson	J Graener	"
Nicodes Smith	John White	"
J Eli Morgan	Edw H Pratt	"
Thos Williams	David Tues	"
Bridget Joice	Jos Horne	"
Henry Barret	H W Darby	"
Joseph ne Taylors	Richenrick	Bawdy house
Margaret Miller	Jemima Nicely	" "
Eva Unrue	"	" "
Jemima Nicely	"	" "

Of these Mayor Wilson committed 11; Mayor Drum 2; Ald Lewis, 6; Ald. Taylor, 5; Justice Stevenson, 3; Ald Overson, 2; Ald; Humbert, 2, Coursin, 2, Ald. Nicholson, 1; Ald. Jones, 1; Justice Graham, 1—Total, 37.

After Judge Mellon's charge to the jury the Court adjourned until nine o'clock this morning.

PITTSBURGH BIG GUNS.—A Washington correspondent has the following in relation to the "Union" and "Floyd" guns cast here: "While the report of the board of naval captains upon iron-clad armed steamers says that the latter cannot reduce a well-constructed fort, it is admitted, in the same quarter, that such vessels as the Black Warrior and La Gloire, can safely pass the forts that are erected for defence of our great harbor. In other words, the guns are not of sufficient calibre to destroy the iron shield of said ships, and of others like them. It is a matter of doubt whether the celebrated eleven inch gun of Captain Dahlgren would effect such an object, even if rifled, and while it is thought that the fifteen-inch Rodman gun, (throwing a four hundred pound ball,) *might*, if put in position, it is stated that no apparatus has yet been devised for properly mounting and working it. There are two of this class of ordnance at Fortress Monroe. If, then, a war with England is to be precipitated upon us, it will become necessary at once to obstruct the channels to the harbors of the country."

MAN KILLED AT A SAW MILL.—A distressing and fatal accident occurred at the Saw-mill of miller, Nickel, & Co., Port Perry, on Saturday about noon. A man named John Crawford, employed about the mill, while greasing some portion of the machinery, was caught as is supposed, by one of the cogs and drawn several times around the shaft, killing him instantly, as the wheel was revolving with great velocity. When taken out he was dead, both feet cut off and his head terribly crushed. The body was removed to the residence of deceased in the vicinity. Deceased was a middle aged man and leaves a wife and several children.

DEATH OF A VOLUNTEER.—A lady named Robbins, residing at Connellsville, Fayette county, arrived in the city last Sunday, having with her the remains of her husband, who died in the military hospital in Washington of typhoid fever, on Friday night. Deceased was a member of Captain Bierer's company and held, we believe, the position of corporal in the corps. Mrs. R. was at the hospital at the time those of our men who were wounded in the Drainesville fight were brought in, and heard the poor fellows relate many incidents of the conflict. She also saw some of the enemy's wounded, but they were, for the most part, very taciturn, and refused to converse in relation to the fight.

PRIME OYSTERS.—Nearly every family in the city will want a can of oysters for the Christmas dinner. We can say to any who do that the place to get a good article is at Eli Young's Cornucopiae, Fifth street, nearly opposite our office. He has a full supply of the best Chesapeake Bay oysters, in can or shell, by the gallon, bucket or quart. They can be relied on as fresh, large and A No. 1 in every respect. At Young's Exchange, corner Smithfield street and Virgin alley. Eli serves up the bivalves in every style known to epicures, including the newest innovation, "steamed." We know any who try the contents of Eli's chests will be satisfied.

HOLIDAY CONFECTIONERY.—Messrs Raymer, Brothers have about as much as they can attend to just now. We looked in yesterday and found the store filled with customers. They have an infinite variety of confections embracing every known description of candy, with foreign nuts and fruits in abundance and pickles, preserves, jellies, &c, without end. For any of the fine table delicacies or the choicest confections we say call on this firm.

WE see in the window of Craig, Brothers, Wood street, a beautiful specimen of workmanship in brass, which is a credit to Pittsburgh mechanics. It is a jacket for the boiler of the steam fire engine "Eagle" and will add much to her appearance.

COMMITTED FOR MURDER.—A story having gained some circulation in Allegheny that James McCleary, husband of the woman who was found drowned in the canal at Duquesne borough last week, had been the cause of her death in some manner more direct than brutal treatment; an information was yesterday made against him before Mayor Drum for murder, upon which he was arrested and committed for a hearing this morning

SUITS AGAINST CORPORATIONS.—The Eastern papers state that two bills in equity are about to be filed against the Pennsylvania Railroad company, the Westmoreland Coal Company and others, the object of which seems to be to obtain justice and redress from the repondents for certain parties in the gas coal business, who claim to have suffered deep injury at the hands of defendents.

THE ORPHAN'S FAIR opened last night and there was a very full attendance. The display of articles was very fine and well assorted. It will be open every night (at Concert Hall,) until further notice.

MANAGER HENDERSON, offers a splendid bill for to-night, as will be seen by the programme in another column.

GRADUATED AT DUFF'S MERCANTILE COLLEGE, PITTSBURGH.—Wm. Berriman, Erie, Pa; J. B. McDonald, Gavers, Col Co, Ohio; T. H. Carson, Allegheny, Pa.; all of whom passed a highly honorable examination, and with the elegant new College Diploma were awarded copies of the new enlarged edition of Duff and Duncan's Gems of Penmanship, as testimonials of their industry and exemplary conduct while attending College.

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" Pen and Cases,	" Cream Ladles,
" Lockets for Miniatures,	" Sugar Tongs,
" Necklace,	" Salt spoons,
" Studs,	" Mustard spoons,
" Sleeve Buttons,	" Child's Knife & Fork
" Crosses,	" Cups,
" Finger Rings,	" Thimbles,
" Chatelain Chains,	" Snuff Boxes,
" Ear Rings,	" Napkin Rings,
" Ear Drops,	Plated Castors,
" Guard Chains,	" Cake Baskets,
" Keys,	" Tea Setts
" Charms,	" Coffee Setts,
" Armlets,	" Molasses Pitchers,
" Pencils, &c, &c	Plated Ice Pitchers,

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LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

Last Night's News up to Two O'clock.

Interesting from Missouri.

OTTERVILLE, Mo, December 23.—Part of the prisoners captured by Gen. Pope at Black Water last Tuesday, passed down last night on a special train. Among those sent down are Colonel Magoffin, brother of Governor Magoffin, of Kentucky, Colonel Robinson, who had command of the rebel force at Black Water, and who was in the battles of New Springs, Wilson's Creek and Lexington, Colonel Alexander, who says that he fought in all the battles, Lieutenant Colonel Robinson, Major Harris, Doctor Smith, one of the wealthiest men and largest slaveholders in Missouri, who has done everything in his power to aid and comfort the enemy. McKown, Sheriff of Benton county, who, it is said, by misrepresentation gained admittance into one of our camps, made a diagram of it and left, and that night the rebels made an attack and killed 16 or 17 of our men—Dr. Moore, of Syracuse and many others who have gained notoriety by their zeal and labors in the secession army.

Many of the prisoners wore a kind of uniform and have served with Price for several months. They all say that they have been well treated by the Federals and seem to think that they will soon be released by Price. The wagons, horses and mules were turned over to the Quartermaster at Sedalia.

The troops are again in possession at Lamine. We were absent on this expedition just five days. In this time we marched about 100 miles in a direct line from the place, and scoured the country through which we passed for a distance of 40 or 50 miles on each side of the route—took about 1,500 prisoners, 1,000 horses and mules, 1,000 stand of arms, 100 wagons and quantities of stores, supplies and clothing.

Gen Pope has received the following dispatch from Gen. Halleck:

HEAD QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI, Dec. 20, 1861.

Gen John Pope: I congratulate you and your command on the brilliant success of you expedition. I hope it will be the forerunner of still greater success.

(Signed.) H. W. HALLECK,
Maj. Gen. Commanding

This prompt appreciation of their labors and frank acknowledgment of their services by Gen. Halleck, has completed the happiness of the officers and men of this command, and they will move off with alacrity whenever they are ordered out on another expedition, and will do everything in their power to deserve the commendation of the General commanding.

THIRTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON CITY, Dec. 23.—HOUSE—Mr. Morrill, of Vt, from the Committee on Ways and Means, asked leave to report a bill to increase the duties on tea, coffee and sugar. It proposes a duty on tea of all kinds of 20¢ per pound; on coffee 5¢, and sugars 2½, 3¢ and 5¼, according to quality. Molasses 6¢ per gallon.

Mr Vallandigham objected to the introduction of the bill, but on motion of Mr. Morrill, the rules were suspended for that purpose.

Mr. Morrill, said that this bill was simply in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of the Treasury. It was expected that the incomes would be worth from seven or eight millions of dollars provided the same quantities of the articles should be taken in 1860. The bill also proposes a duty on tea in order to secure the slight revenue now coming into the country, and the tea and coffee soon expected to arrive. The price of these articles have already risen in anticipation of the passage of the bill, so the consumer will pay just as if the bill was already a law in the land.

The Committee of Ways and Means intend bringing in a supplemental tariff bill for the further increase of the revenue, when the general subject will come up for discussion.

Mr. Vallandigham briefly opposed the bill. By the increase of duties these articles will be absolutely interdicted. Already in the west four bushels of corn are necessary to buy one pound of coffee. The imports of foreign merchandize are millions less than they were years ago. This subject should be postponed until a proper tariff system should be adopted to meet the necessities of the country and its changed condition. The present tariff law was an incongruous composition of three different systems for levying duties.

Mr. Morrill denounced the previous question.

No quorum voted and a call of the House was resorted to for the purpose of securing a quorum.

The bill was subsequently passed, yeas 77, nays 29.

Mr. Microhead, of Pa, introduced a resolution which was adopted, instructing the Committee on the Judiciary, to report a bill providing that any person or persons engaged or employed in the present rebellion be forever rendered incapable of holding any office or trust under the constitution and laws.

Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Judiciary, reported a bill amendatory of the act to establish the Judicial system. It provides for two circuits instead of one in the northwestern States, and consolidates the 5th and 9th circuits, consisting of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Texas, into one. It does not change the number of judges, but leaves the Supreme Court as it is now.

Postponed.

The House adjourned till Thursday.

SENATE—The bill to increase the number of Cadets in the West Point Academy was taken up. The bill increases the number from 170 to 350.

The consideration of the bill was postponed till to morrow.

The bill from the House to increase the duties on tea, coffee and sugar was taken up and passed:

The Senate then adjourned.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The *Post*, of this evening says that private letters from well advised sources in Washington represent that certain interviews were had between Lord Lyons and Mr. Seward; immediately upon the Trent affair, and their respective letters to London based upon the disavowal of all knowledge of our government that such capture was to take place; and of all purpose to insult the British flag, have delayed the presentation of the peremptory demand of the British government, which came out in the Europa.

Further advices from London will probably be awaited.

The bank statement for the week ending on Saturday, shows an increase of loans of $1,863,000, of specie, $2,622,000; of circulation, $21,000; and of deposits, $4,482,000.

The Board of Fire Insurance Companies of this city have resolved to charge a special rate of three per cent. on all coal, rock and other oils.

From Frankfort.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 23.—The *Commercial's* Frankfort dispatch says that the Hon. W. C. Anderson, formerly a member of Congress, died to-day.

The Governor, contrary to expectations, approved all the bills presented to him.

There is nothing from Somerset.

Arrival of the Persia.

ST. JOHNS, N. F, Dec. 23.—The steamship Persia passed here this evening with 1,100 troops, bound for the river Du Loup or Bic.

She left Liverpool on the 15th inst., to which date she brings papers.

Prince Albert, the Prince Consort, expired of gastric fever at noon on Sunday.

The Liverpool Mercury, of the 19th, stated that reports prevailed in London that the Earl of Derby had been consulted by the government and approved of its policy in reference to the American difficulty.

It is suggested to ship owners to instruct the Captains of outward bound ships to signalize any English vessels, that war with America is probable. This suggestion is strongly approved of by underwriters.

The Australasian sailed from Liverpool on the 18th, with troops for Canada.

LONDON, Friday afternoon, December 13.—Consols opened at yesterday's prices, but relapsed to 90¼, and then reacted to the opening prices, 90½.

Railway shares have been dull in the absence of business but closed a shade better. Bank shares, steady; miscellaneous shares, dull, at previous rates.

The arrivals of American wheat and flour are heavy and a small business is doing with prices in favor of business.

PARIS, Dec. 13.—The Bourse is heavy and rentes closed at 67 to 70c.

Destruction of the North Missouri Railroad.

WARRENTON, Mo., Dec. 23.—The destruction of the North Missouri Railroad is as complete as was at first stated. At short distances, all the way from here to Hudson, the track is torn up, ties burned and rails broken or bent so as to be useless. Wellsburg station was burned with all its contents. The large bridge over Davis' Fork of Salt River, west of Mexico, and the bridge crossing Quiver River, were burned, and all the culverts either burned or torn down. Cars of all kinds were destroyed, even the hand cars of the track. The men who were engaged in this work of wholesale destruction, are not known, but it is stated that the inhabitants along the road say that no repairs can be made except where the road is guarded by federal troops

An extra from the army organ's office has been in circulation for two days, which says that the day of retribution is at hand; that 9,000 men who have been under Gen Price's command are now north of the Missouri River and that more are coming.

Arrival of the North Star.

NEW YORK, December 23.—The steamship North Star, from Aspinwall on the 14th inst, arrived at this port this evening.

She brings $822,000 in treasure and the California mails of the 1st inst.

The French transport ship, the Resource, bound to Callao, was wrecked when forty-nine miles South of Valparaiso. She had over 600 troops aboard, only five or six of whom were saved.

Successful Expedition.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 23.—Dispatches received at head quarters say that the command sent to Lexington by Gen Pope, burned two ferry boats and a bouncery at that place, and took two Captains, one Lieutenant, and four men prisoners, and several horses were captured

New York Market Report.

NEW YORK, December 23.—*Evening*—Flour dull; sales 12,000 barrels at $5 55@5 70 for State; $5 10@$5 90 for Ohio, and $5 50@$6 90 for Southern. Wheat has advanced; sales 31,000 bush at $1 25@$1 26 for Old and opening, $1 30@$1 32 for Milwaukee Club, and $1 35@$1 38 for Red. Corn dull; sales 63½@64½. Lard heavy at 8@8½. Whisky dull at 19@20.

Cincinnati Market Report.

CINCINNATI, December 23.—*Evening*—Flour very dull and nothing enough demand to establish quotations, ships fine $3 90@$4 00; extra $4 05@$4 10; family brand $4 25@$4 40; mixed unchanged and steady. Wheat better, with sales at 29½@30c. Corn firm at 38c. Whisky 18½c. Hog opened firm but closed lower; receipts good, sales 2,500 head at $3 10@$3 25, mostly at $3 10@$3 20; packers are holding at $3 30. Mess Pork is held at $9 25, but the demand has fallen off, and there were no sales of consequence. Lard firm at 7c for prime in tierces, but no enquiry demanded. Bacon meats firm, 4,000 pieces sold at 2½@2¾c for shoulders and 4½c for hams. Coffee quiet and unchanged. There was not much done. Sugars 6½@20½c as the whole range. Molasses and rugar unchanged. Exchange steady at ¼ premium. Money easy for short paper at 2 per cent.

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Use HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU for Excesses from habits indulged in
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Franklin, Bennet, Brownsville.
Gallatin, Clark, Brownsville.
Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
Minerva, Gordon, Wheeling.
Economy, Shunk, Cincinnati

DEPARTED.

Franklin, Bennet, Brownsville.
Gallatin, Clark, do
Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
John T. McCombs, McCombs, Wheeling.

The River—Last evening at twilight there were 5 feet water in the channel and rising slowly During the after part of the day we had qu te a snow storm

CAIRO, Dec. 20, 1861.

MESSRS. EDITORS POST: The steamer Jacob Poe left Cincinnati on the 17th and arrived at Louisville on the 18th, where we discharged 45 tons of assesh pills, to be given in doses of one each by our army in Kentucky. We also discharged quite a large quantity of government soap, besides sundry lots of city freights, and left at 12 m. same day, bound for Cairo with 50 tons of munitions of war, consigned to Captain Hatch, of Cairo, where we arrived at 1 a. m. making the trip from Pittsburgh in less than four days. We leave to-day for Pittsburgh light. Prospects for up trip very slim.

Yours, &c, RAGING JACK.

The new and splendid passenger steamer Emma Graham, Capt. M. Ayers leaves this day for Zanesville and intermediate ports. We take pleasure in recommending boat and officers, Mr. W. G. Wilson will do the honors in the office.

Being unavoidably detained the A No. 1 steamer Diadem leaves this day, positively for Cincinnati and St. Louis.

We are pleased to learn that the fleet that left here on Saturday, which conveyed the cavalry regiment, got along fine. They were heard from below Wheeling, all right.

The fine passenger steamer Florence, Capt. Brickell's, new steamer is announced for Cincinnati, Cairo and St. Louis. We take pleasure in recommending this boat.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the A No 1. steamer "Key West," Captain Evans, leaves for Cincinnati and Louisville. We take pleasure in recommending boat and officers.

Ho, for Saint Louis, the far famed passenger steamer Diadem, Captain Rogers, leaves for Saint Louis direct on this day. This boat has unsurpassed accomodations and is in charge of careful and attentive officers. Mr. Hare, will do the honors in the office.

The fine packet "Empire City," Captain B. Way, is up for Cincinnati and Louisville. We take pleasure in recommending boat and officers.

The fine packet Ida May, Captain John C. Reno, leaves to-day for Cincinnati and Louisville. Capt. Reno is a clever gentleman and a good officer. Persons who have traveled with him speak in flattering terms of him as an officer Our attentive friend Capt. F. X. Reno, will do the honors in the office with credit to himself and profit for the owners.

It will be seen by reference to our advertising columns that Capt. Shunk's fine steamer Economy, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville. Passengers and shippers will bear this in mind. She will leave this day.

The splendid passenger steamer Marengo, Capt McCallum, leaves for Saint Louis on Saturday, positively. For speed, accommodations and attentive officers, this boat has no superior. Our young friend McCallum has charge of the office.

The mammoth side wheel steamer Westmoreland, Capt. Evans, is announced for Cincinnati and Louisville

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 10 A. M.
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Regular Tuesday Packet For Marietta and Zanesville.
THE fine passenger steamer EMMA GRAHAM, Captain Munroe Ayers, commander, leaves Pittsburgh every Tuesday, at 4 o'clock p. m., and Zanesville every Friday at 8 a. m.
For freight or passage apply on board, or to
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MONDAY, DECEMBER 23d.
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