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CITY MATTERS.

Dead Body of a Woman Found—Foul Play Suspected.—At an early hour yesterday morning, Mr. Robert Allen and another person, found lying on the bank of Four Mile Run, in Pitt township, the body of a woman partially divested of clothing, and her face and limbs considerably bruised. It was ascertained that the deceased was Mrs. Davis, wife of Matthew Davis, a coal miner residing in the vicinity, and as marks of violence appeared, Alderman Donaldson, in the absence of the Coroner, went out to hold an inquest on the remains. The jury have as yet not arrived at no determination, and consequently we will not enter into details. It was stated, however, that deceased had left Geo. Meehow's, where there had been a turkey raffle, at a late hour the night before, with her husband, both in a state of intoxication. Suspicion naturally fell upon Davis, and he was arrested at his own house by officer Sessions, brought to the city and lodged in jail to await the result of the inquest. The body of the woman is now at Devore's undertaker shop, Grant street, where it was examined by a physician, who will give his testimony at the inquest, which adjourned until to-morrow.

The Union Municipal Convention.

The delegates selected to nominate candidates for Mayor, Controller and Treasurer, to be voted for at the approaching municipal convention, assembled at the Court House at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning.

This convention was called to order by Will A. Lare, who nominated Jackson Duncan, Esq., for chairman, and that gentlemen, having been unnanimously chosen, took his seat James Black and R. W. Roberts were chosen vice Presidents, and Will. M. Hartzell and H. H. Smith Secretaries.

The list of delegates was then called over and several substitutions made for absentees, when the convention was constituted as follows:

First Ward—Jas. McKee, J. C. Buffum, George D. Ebbert, John Patton, H. W. Buffum.

Second Ward—John M. Irwin, Will A. Lare, Geo. Deary, James Black, Geo. N. Armstrong.

Third Ward—Jackson Duncan, Hugh Duffy, Frank Kelly, John O'Neill, Frank B. Porter.

Fourth Ward—Jas. Caldwell, E. D. Rinehart, S H. Watson, W. W. Speer.

Fifth Ward—William Scott, William Brown, Rosse Jones, John O'Donnell, Chas. Kirsch.

Sixth Ward—J. R. Hunter, Jas. Blackmore, David McKnight, Wm. Floyd, Wm. M. Hartzell.

Seventh Ward—W. W. Patrick, F. Schuttinger, Henry Atkinson, Simon Sweeny, Henry Hoffmaster.

Eighth Ward—Philip James, Jno. B. Larkin, R. W. Roberts, Chas. Lowry, John D. Evans.

Ninth Ward—Hugh Kane, James Neeson, Chas. Roberts, Christopher Woods, John Power.

On motion a committee of five was appointed to draft resolutions, as follows:—Will A. Lare, Jas. Caldwell, Joseph R. Hunter, Jas. McKee, Chas. Roberts.

Nominations being now in order, Hon Henry A. Weaver was nominated for Mayor by acclamation.

Wm. Little and Chas. W. Lewis were placed in nomination for Controller and John C. Davitt and Wm. Eichbaum for Treasurer.

John M. Irwin, Esq, desired to know if Mr. Eichbaum's sympathy was with this movement. If so the nomination was a good one; if not he was not entitled to a nomination.

Mr. Lare asked if Mr. E. would support the nominees of the convention; he had already received one nomination and cannot pledge himself to two parties.

The delegates who nominated Mr. Eichbaum then withdrew his name.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, the vote for Controller and Treasurer was taken *viva voce*, and resulted as follows:

Controller.		*Treasurer.*	
Wm. Little	24	John C. Davitt	38
C. W. Lewis	16	Wm. Eichbaum	2

On motion Messrs. Little and Davitt were declared the unanimous nominees of the Controller and Treasurer.

The committee on resolutions then reported, through their Chairman, Mr. Lare, who read the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, At the present time, when Pittsburghers of all former shades of political opinions are banded together, standing "shoulder to shoulder" in the defense of our country and her institutions—on the Potomac, in Kentucky, Western Virginia, and on the sacred soil of South Carolina itself, it is manifestly improper for good citizens at home to engage in party squabbling over issues which, if not dead, are at least in abeyance for the present. Therefore, be it.

Resolved, That at no time in our history has there existed the same necessity for fostering among the people of the loyal States a fraternity of feeling and sentiment; and that no more fruitful source of dissension can be found among us than that which springs from the baneful influence of party.

Resolved, That on our platform of devotion to the Union in its integrity, and of retrenchment and reform in our municipal affairs, we present the candidates this day nominated, for the suffrages of the citizens of Pittsburgh, irrespective of political predilections.

Resolved, That in Hon. Henry A. Weaver we recognise one who, as Mayor of the city of Pittsburgh, for two successive terms, characterized his administration with an energy and impartiality which convinced the people that their choice was well made, and this Convention takes pleasure in presenting his name again to the people.

Resolved, That as this Convention has eschewed party ties, we represent to the candidates nominated by it the importance of observing the same rule, (in case of their election,) and allow honesty and capability, rather than party fealty, to be the test.

Resolved, That the nominations for Controller and Treasurer are in every respect worthy of the confidence and support of the people, who should wish to see their municipal affairs administered in a capable and honest manner.

Messrs. Jos R. Hunter, Will. A. Lare, and John M. Irwin having been appointed a committee to inform Mr. Weaver of his nomination, that gentleman now entered and was introduced to the Convention by Mr. Hunter, and, being called to the stand, made the following brief address:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:—Permit me to thank you for the nomination which I learn you have conferred upon me.

To be selected by a committee of my fellow-citizens, composed of men of all parties, as the choice for the chief magistracy of our city, is an honor of which any man may feel justly proud.

I accept, gentlemen, the nomination which you have tendered me. If elected I shall go into the office untrammelled with any party ties and in the discharge of the duties devolving upon me I shall keep an eye single to the welfare and prosperity of our large and growing municipality.

On motion of Mr. Lare, the chairman was authorized to appoint an executive committee of two from each ward, to be announced through the papers.

On motion of Mr. Irwin, the Convention, having concluded the business for which it was called, adjourned.

Preparations.—During the whole of yesterday and last night our streets wore a holiday aspect, and the jewelry, toy, fancy and confectionery stores were constantly crowded by ladies in gay attire, purchasing Christmas gifts for young and old.—These dealers reaped a golden harvest and none hail with greater joy the advent of the holidays. There are doubtless many little ones who will miss the ever welcome gifts they have been accustomed to receive from papa, now enduring the winter's cold under a canvas roof, but we sincerely hope they may be made happy by the benevolent in our midst.

Great Operatic Entertainment.—Our citizens anticipate unusual delight and satisfaction from the promised musical and operatic festival about to be given here by the director of the Italian Opera, on the 2d prox. He has selected the principal artistes of the New York Academy of Music for the occasion, and, as they are to appear both in a concert and in opera in costume, a full realization of their talents may be enjoyed. All the artistes are deservedly popular. Miss Isabella Hinckley, the *prima donna*, has achieved a high reputation both abroad and at home, and has recently been successful in several of our most populous cities. We all know Brignoli by his fame as a tenor of unrivaled sweetness and skill. For several seasons he has been a great favorite in the cities on the seaboard, and his vocalization was never better than now. Mancusi and Suzini are admirable vocalists, and have great power. They are very efficient in the impassioned scenes of opera. Herr Mollenhauer is a master of the violoncello, and is highly extolled for his excellence as a musician. Thus, with Carl Anschutz as director of the music, the public may expect a rare and delicious musical treat. Of course there will be a general curiosity to listen to these artists under the most favorable circumstances.

Amusements for Christmas.

Amusement seekers to-day will thank us for a brief summary of the places where it is to be found. At the Theatre afternoon and evening performances will be given, when the trick pantomime of "The Night Owl" will be produced, with Mr Maffitt as clown, and other novelties.—Trimble's Varieties and Canterbury Hall will also be open afternoon and night, with the usual variety of dramatic and musical entertainment. The panorama of the war, exhibiting all the battles of importance to the present time, will be open at 2 and 7 o'clock, at Masonic Hall. The Orphans' Fair will be in full operation and no one can fail to find amusement there, while at the same time they are contributing to a worthy charity. Remember the place, Concert Hall. The lesser and private places of amusement will of course be open and contribute their quota to the general hilarity. We wish a merry Christmas to all and hope they may find the fullest enjoyment to-day.

The new trick pantomime of the "Night Owl" and the musical extravaganza of "Beauty and the Beast" attracted a large audience to the Theatre last night and both were received with thunders of applause. The pantomime is a great success and must please all, especially the little ones. The bill for this afternoon at two o'clock includes "Beauty and the Beast" and the pantomime of "The House that Jack Built," and for seven o'clock this evening the spectacular and musical drama of "Alladin or the Wonderful Lamp" and the "Night Owl." Maffitt clown and lots of fun may be expected. We look for full houses afternoon and evening.

The Court of Quarter Sessions was engaged in trying surety of the peace cases yesterday. The adjournment was until Thursday morning

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

Destruction of the North Missouri Railroad.

Warrenton, Mo., Dec. 24.—The damage to the North Missouri R. R. may be summed up as follows:

The bridges at Sturgeon, Centralia, Jeffertown and Warrentown burned. Also one station and perhaps twenty cars, from fifty to sixty culverts (large and small,) three or four water stations, 10,000 ties, from 200 to 300 telegraph poles, and five miles of iron and ten miles of wire rendered useless. Two trains, one having eight car loads of hogs and several cars of hemp and the other having two cars of merchandise, are in the possession of the rebels, and four engines are lying where they can be seized by them.

Some of the men who belonged to the trains have arrived here, from whom I learn that the persons who did the damage are yet encamped along the road, 500 being at Allen Hill, and other bodies are near Martinsburg, Mexico, Centralia, Sturgeon and Allen. At Centralia, they were within half a mile of the camp of the Bleige sharpshooters, and destroyed a bridge and water station, and two freight trains were captured within four miles of the camp of a detachment of the same force at Renick. The work was directed by practical railroad men, and the right course was always taken to make the destruction complete.

Where the track was taken up, the rails were removed, the ties gathered in piles and set on fire and the rails thrown across the pile so that when the centre of the rails became heated the weight of the cold ends bent them, so as to render them useless. In destroying the bridges the fires were kindled around the corners where they would soon throw the bridge down, and the trussed girders when spanned the open culverts were burned with the ties to heat the rails as were also the frames on which the water tanks stood usually.

The houses of railroad men and other Union men in the vicinity of the road were surrounded, and the inhabitants assured that no harm was intended them while they remained in doors.

We hear scarcely of any pillage or any outrage beyond the destruction of the rail and telegraph line. The damage to the road cannot fall short of $300,000, and at least a month will be required to repair it so that a train can pass.

Interesting News from Southern Papers.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The Memphis *Appeal*, of the 19th instant, contains the following:

The Richmond correspondent says that in addition to $250,000 applied by the Confederate Congress for the relief of Charleston sufferers, the Legislature of Virginia will appropriate $20,000. Collections also were taken at all the churches on the 15th.

The correspondence says that to such a frightful extent has violence increased in Richmond, that city bids fair to become as infamous as ever Baltimore or Naples was. Shootings and stabbings occurred every day.

The *Appeal* publishes telegraphic reports of the foreign news and remarks:

What will become of the trembling tyrant at Washington, we are unable to say, but presume that he and his satanic advisers will refuse to take up the gauntlet so fearlessly offered by Great Britain. It thinks that the action of the Federal government will engender such a state of sentiment in France and England as to secure speedy recognition of Southern independence.

The rebel account of the Green river fight places the Federal loss at 75 killed and wounded and the rebel loss, four killed and one mortally wounded. The same exaggeration characterises their report of the battle at Camp Allegheny, Western Virginia. General Milroy is reported killed. The Federal loss is set down at 500 killed. The rebels acknowledge 20 killed and 97 wounded.

The *Appeal* rejoiced at the movements of the radical Abolitionists in Congress.—Speaking of the emancipation schemes of Stevens, Bingham, Sherman and others, it says, our people rather like this species of legislation, inasmuch as it wins victories for us which bayonet and bullet will be tardy to achieve.

The Fort Smith *News* of the 12th has discouraging news from the Indian country. The Creeks, Cherokees and Seminoles are deserting the rebel cause, and large numbers have joined Opotheghobo, who has encamped about Big Bend, Ark., with 4000 Indians well armed with rifles, revolvers and knives. They are naked to the waist. To oppose this force, the rebels had a small force under Col. Cooper, who was clamorous for reinforcements. A battle is daily expected, as the two armies are only a few miles apart.

The New Orleans *Delta* of the 17th, says that the naval commander of the Federal fleet forbids the transmission of General Phelps' proclamation ashore, and threatened to fire into any boat that attempted to carry it.

The Fort Smith *News* of the 12th, learns from the telegraph operator at Fayetteville, that about one hundred Union men have been arrested in Madison and Carroll counties.

The Nashville *Union* of the 17th has the gratifying assurance that Lincoln's message had produced a complete revolution among the Union men in Georgia.

The Legislature appropriated $10,000 for the relief of the Charleston sufferers

From Missouri.

Warrenton, Mo., Dec 24—By the arrival from New Mexico we learn that the bridge over Salt river which is the longest and most costly on the road, except that at Perrugue, which the rebels spared on Friday night, was entirely destroyed on Sunday night. The station house at Jacksonville was also burned, together with four or five cars. The repairs progress rapidly here. The bridge is repaired and the culverts between here and Jonesburg and the track at that place will be laid to-morrow if the men are not interrupted and the repairs of the telegraph line keep pace with the road.

Notorious Rebel Shot.

Ottoville, Mo., Dec. 24.—The cavalry which Gen. Pope sent to Lexington have returned. In addition to the two ferry boats and rebel foundry which they burned, and the rebel officers and privates captured, previously reported, they killed the notorious Arkansas Robinson, and drove every band of rebels from the country for miles. On either side of the route they report the country quite clear of rebels.

From Kansas.

Atchison, Kansas, Dec. 24.—Orders have been given to the Overland Mail Company to take no more express freight from any source until further orders. This is in consequence of the company having been fined by the government for reported neglect of mail matter.

English Troops Arriving.

Cape Race, Dec, 24.—The English steamers Persia and Australasian passed here at 5 o'clock, p. m., with the troops for Quebec. The Australasian was twenty miles eastern of the Persia. They were to sail on the 15th inst., with 1,100 soldiers, 5,000 stand of arms, 300 tons of stores and two batteries of artillery.

Arrival of the Santa Fe Mail—Gov. Connolly's Message.

Kansas City, Dec 24.—The Santa Fe mail, with dates to the 9th has arrived. The Territorial Legislature was convened on the 2d, and on the 4th Gov. Connolly read his annual message to a joint session of both Houses.

The Governor recommends all the Indian tribes to be placed on reservations, under very strict regulations, as the only way to prevent the constant recurrence of troubles with them. He advises a thorough revision of all Territorial laws and says that many of the provisions of the law for the protection of slave property in New Mexico are unnecessarily severe and vigorous and recommends that they be modified or repealed. In relation to the national strife he says:

I am proud to say that my loyal political fellow-citizens of New Mexico have manfully responded to their country's call and constitute more than a fair proportion of armed men for her defense. This evidence of devotion to the Union cause is flattering from the fact that when the strife began and for some time after it had been in progress it was presumed by our principal movers of the scheme, that the territory would join them in their attempt to pull down the pillar of free government and rejoice with them in the midst of the wreck and desolation produced, by their evil machinations. This patriotic outpouring of men has removed all cause of suspicion which may have been excited in the minds of other countrymen in the loyal states, and brought us to the position we occupy. A more positive demonstration of fidelity to our institutions cannot be given than that which New Mexico has in the manner described. Be it for weal or for woe, it is the position she will occupy to the end.

An Indian force still remained at Fort Fillmore, but they have not ventured to come north of the Jornands. I am glad, however, to say that our army now in the field is amply sufficient, not only for the protection of our people north of that district, but to expel the invaders from our limits. This will be done as soon as supplies and transportation can be accumulated at Fort Craig in quantities sufficient to meet the demands of this army destined for operations in that quarter. The military commander has made some wise and judicious distributions of troops which remain for the protection of our frontiers during the absence of the forces employed in the recapture of the forts disgracefully surrendered into the hands of the enemies of our government.

Interesting from New York.

New York, December 24.—The *Herald* says that considerable excitement was created in this city yesterday by the arrival of Lieutenant Samuel D. Hurd, of the 21 Maine Cavalry, with very interesting dispatches from Charleston, Richmond and other portions of the Southern States. Hurd was in Charleston during the terrible conflagration which destroyed the chief of secession, and describes the excitement and consternation as one of the most intense character. According to his statement there were 400 prisoners confined in the common jail of Charleston at the time of the fire. Col. Corcoran and himself were among the prisoners thus incarcerated, and our informant adds that the gallant commander of the 69th regiment had been quite sick for some days by a fearful attack of typhoid fever. Late on the night of the fire, the flames reached the jail, situated on Broad street, and the front of the building was soon immediately in a blaze. Col. Corcoran was the first to venture out, it meaning the window of the jail and exclaiming "Boys, here goes for Beaufort or the North!" at the same time leaping from the window down upon the stone pavement. This was the last that was heard of Col. Corcoran up to the time of Lieut. Hurd's departure. The other prisoners followed the example of Corcoran, and leapedinto the streets, where some remained about for a few days, while others fled towards Beaufort. Many of them were re-captured and confined in Castle Pinckney. Lieut. Hurd wandered about the city the next day, but was finally retaken with several others, who, as before stated, were confined in Castle Pinckney. From this place he, with his companions, was sent to New York, from which place he was taken to Fortress Monroe under a flag of truce, and surrendered to the U. S. authorities. He is a young man about 24 years old, very thin and spare, and has evidently suffered very severe hardships. At Bull Run, he was shot in three places, in the hip, knee and shoulder, rendering amputation of the leg, near the hip, necessary. Twenty minutes after they escaped from the prison the building was a heap of ruins. Lieutenant Hurd thinks it probable that Colonel Corcoran, if not overcome by exhaustion, succeed in making good his escape to Beaufort. There appears to be little hope of this opinion proving true, however, in view of the fact that Col. Corcoran was in a most enfeebled condition previous to his escape, and it is impossible that a man suffering from typhoid fever as he is said to have been, could keep up his strength for so long a period as would be necessary to journey the distance of some thirty miles between Charleston and Beaufort.

Thirty-Seventh Congress.

Senate.—Not more than 21 Senators were present at the session to-day, the majority of them as well as many members of the House, having left to enjoy the holidays at home.

The Attorney General has respectfully declined to give his opinion on a private claim, stating precedent as well as want of power, as a justification for a non-compliance with the request.

Several petitions were presented, praying for the emancipation of the slaves of rebels, with compensation for those belonging to loyal masters.

Mr. Grimes, of Iowa, introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the manner in which war vessels had been fitted out. He had heard rumors of great extravagance practiced in the Navy Yard in this respect. The resolution was agreed to.

Mr. Hale, of N. H., offered a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Navy for a list of the volunteer lieutenants, masters, pavmasters, etc., in the Navy Yard.

Agreed to.

Mr. Hale, of N. H, presented the petitions of citizens of Boston, complaining that the freedom of the press has been infringed.

Referred.

Mr. Howe, of Wis., gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill to amend the fugitive slave law.

The Senate then went into executive secession, and subsequently adjourned till Thursday.

House not in session to-day.

Retreat of Price's Army.

Jefferson City, Dec. 24.—A man who has been with the rebel army several weeks, arrived here to day. He reports that on Thursday last, Price's camp at Osceola was thrown into confusion by the news that the Federals were upon them. They beat a hasty retreat and when last heard from were at Humansville, hurrying south.

Arrested.

Williamsport, Dec. 21.—This morning a man named J. B. Wharton, residing at Clear Spring, approached one of the river pickets and offered him $25 to carry a dispatch to the other side. The soldier made the fact known to Col. Leonard, who had him arrested, but not until he had destroyed the dispatch. He is connected by marriage with ex-Senator Mason, now at Fort Warren. Col. Leonard holds him as a spy.

From Fortress Monroe.

Fortress Monroe, Dec. 24.—The bark Island City arrived here last night from Boston with 249 prisoners of war released from Fort Warren, who are to be exchanged for an equal number now held at Richmond. The steamboat George Washington took them to Craney Island this afternoon under a flag of truce.

Mrs. Brown and her two daughters and a servant, of Mo.; Mrs. Ingersoll, of Michigan, were also passengers for the South. A large number of letters and several boxes of clothing for the prisoners of war were also sent over. The Richmond prisoners are expected here in a day or two.

The gunboat Young Rover stationed at the mouth of the York river, reports an extensive conflagration in Yorktown about a week since.

A Chapel tent, 42 by 28 feet sent to the Sixteenth Massachusetts regiment, by its friends in Boston, was dedicated yesterday afternoon with religious services, in which chaplains of all denominations participated.

The steamer Coeur de Lion arrived from the Potomac last night with four launches in tow.

The first rain for about three weeks fell last night. The wells were previously quite dry.

Rumor of Instructions to Minister Adams.

New York, Dec. 24—The *Express* of this evening contains a rumor current in this city this afternoon, that in an interview which Lord Lyons held with Mr. Seward the latter read to him a letter which he had written to Minister Adams ten days ago, in which that if the British government claimed Mason and Slidell upon the ground of illegal capture and as contrary to the law of nations, and would consider the surrender as settling the principle for both governments, they would be given up on request.

The London Times says that private letters from Rio Janeiro, state that Gen. Webb, the American Minister had sent a demand to the Brazilian Government that the Governor of Maranham be superseded for having allowed coal to be supplied to the privateer Sumter.

From Williamsport.

Williamsport, December 22.—From personal observation, your correspondent is convinced that the rebel troops, which have threatened this point, were not at the utmost extent over 7 000 in number and not over four pieces of artillery, have been seen here within the past week. The militia which might have numbered 1500 refused from the first across the river and on two occasions, would not approach nearer than a mile.

Intelligence, yesterday, from the other side goes to show that the rebel commander, being foiled in all his attempts, withdrew his forces towards Martinsburg, leaving only three or four companies as pickets, but not taking away his wagons and boats.

Maryland News.

Hancock, Md., Dec. 20—The 39th Illinois have received their arms, are now here posted in a strong position awaiting an opportunity to repel the enemy or co-operate with Gen. Kelly's advance guard, which now extends here, besides guarding the railroad all the way from Cumberland

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" Necklaces,	" Salt Spoons,
" Studs,	" Mustard spoons
" Sleeve Buttons,	" Child's Knife & Fork
" Crosses,	" Cups,
" Finger Rings,	" Thimbles,
" Chatelain Chains,	" Snuff Boxes,
" Ear Rings,	" Napkin Rings,
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RIVER NEWS.

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Gallatin, Clark, Brownsville.
Col. Bayard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
John T. M'Combs, M'Combs, Wheeling.

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Franklin, Bennet, Brownsville.
Gallatin, Clark, do
Col. Barard, Peebles, Elizabeth.
Minerva, Gordon, Wheeling.
Economy, Shunk, Cincinnati
Emma Graham, Ayers, Zanesville
J. B. Ford, Kerr, Portsmouth
Diadem, Rogers, St. Louis

☞ The River—Last evening at twilight there were 7 feet 2 inches in channel and rising slowly. The weather during the day was cold and winterish.

☞ The Marietta and Parkersburg packet for to-day is the steamer Science, Captain Kent; she leaves at 4 p. m. Passengers and shippers will bear this in mind.

☞ Captain William Conway, of the late steamer "Maclay" left for Saint Louis, yesterday on business. The Captain looks hale and hearty. We hope to soon greet the Captain in a fine new side wheel steamer; his numerous friends we think will soon see him in that position.

☞ Business on the wharf was not very active yesterday, the near approach to the holidays has a depressing effect in shipments.

☞ The steamer Diadem, left last evening for Saint Louis with a fine trip.

☞ 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.

☞ 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 absent friend Capt. F. X. Reno, will do the honors in the office with credit to himself and profit for the owners.

☞ 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.

For Cincinnati, Louisville Evansville and St. Louis.
REGULAR PACKET.
THE NEW AND SPLENDID PASSENGER steamer FLORENCE, D. Z. Brickell commander, leaves as announced. For freight or passage, apply on board, or to
de25 J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.

For Cincinnati & Louisville.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 10 A. M.
THE FINE STEAMER KEY WEST, W. S. Evans commanding, leaves as above. For freight or passage, apply on board, or to JOHN FLACK, J. B. LIVINGSTON, or D. H. LEWIS, Agents.
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For Cincinnati and Louisville.
THIS DAY, DECEMBER 25, 10 A. M.
THE FINE PASSENGER STEAMER HASTINGS, R. Robinson commanding, leaves as above. For freight or passage, apply on board, or to J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.
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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 J. B. LIVINGSTON & Co., Agents Pittsburgh.

For Marietta, Gallipolis, Parkersburg and Portsmouth.
EVERY TUESDAY, 10 A. M.
THE FINE PASSENGER steamer, J. B. FORD, W. H. Kerr, commander, leaves as announced above.
For freight or passage apply on board.
JOHN FLACK, Agent.

For Cincinnati and Louisville
THIS DAY, 10 A. M.
THE FINE PACKET IDA MAY, John C. Reno, commander, leaves for the above and intermediate ports.
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For Beaver, Steubenville and Wheeling.
THE PACKET STEAMER, J. T. M'COMBS, J. T. M'Combs, Commander, leaves for the above ports Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 12 M.
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LEAVES ON THIS DAY.
THE splendid passenger steamer MARENGO, A. G. M'Call, commander.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
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For Marietta, Gallipolis, Parkersburg and Portsmouth.
REGULAR WEEKLY PACKET.
THE FINE PASSENGER steamer ROCKET, Captain John Wolf will leave on the above and intermediate ports every Saturday at 10 a. m.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
no16 JOHN B LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Gallipolis.
EVERY TUESDAY, 4 P. M.
THE STEAMER SCIENCE, Captain Wm Reno, leaves for Wheeling, Marietta, Parkersburg and Gallipolis, making weekly trips, leaving Pittsburgh every WEDNESDAY at 4 o'clock, and returning leaves Gallipolis every FRIDAY at 8 o'clock.
no16 D. R. LEWIS, Agent.

For Marietta, Parkersburg and Gallipolis.
REGULAR SATURDAY PACKET.
THE FINE SIDE WHEEL steamer UNDINE, M. A. Cox, commander, leaves Pittsburgh every Saturday at 4 p. m., returning leaves Gallipolis every Tuesday at 10 a. m.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
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For Cincinnati and Louisville
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 10 A. M.
THE A NO. 1 PASSENGER Steamer EMPIRE CITY, B. Way commander, leaves as above. For freight or passage, apply on board, or to [de24] JNO. FLACK, Agent.

For Cincinnati and Louisville.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27.
THE FINE SIEAMER WESTMORELAND, E. Evans, commander, leaves as above.
For freight or passage apply on board. de24

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ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD OFFICE, Pittsburgh, December 18th, 1861.

SPECIAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING—The Stockholders of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company are requested to meet at the office of the company, corner of Pike street and the canal, in the city of Pittsburgh, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of December inst., at 10 o'clock, a. m, to take into consideration the affairs of the company. By order of the President pro tem.
de19-td JAMES GIBSON, Secretary.

PROCLAMATION—City of Pittsburgh, ss.

In accordance with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing for the incorporation of the City of Pittsburgh, and of the various supplements to said Act, I GEORGE WILSON, Mayor of said city do issue this, my proclamation, that on the FIRST TUESDAY IN JANUARY, A. D., 1862, being the seventh day of the month, the freemen of each Ward of said city, qualified to vote for members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth, will meet at the several places of holding elections in their respective wards and precincts, and elect, by ballot, under the provisions of an Act of Assembly, passed the 16th day of May, A. D., 1857.

One person to serve as Mayor of said city.
One person to serve as Controller of said city.
One person to serve as Treasurer of said city.

Each of whom shall hold their office for two years.

On the same day in conformity to the above cited authorities, and also to the ordinances of Councils dividing said city, the citizens of the

First Ward will elect, by ballot one person to be a member of the Select Council of said city for two years, one person to be a member of Select Council of said city for one year, and three persons to be members of the Common Council.

Second Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and two persons to be members of the Common Council.

Third Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and four persons to be members of the Common Council.

Fourth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and three persons to be members of the Common Council.

Fifth Ward—One person to be a member of the Select and five persons to be members of the Common Council.

Sixth Ward—