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MONDAY MORNING, DEC. 22.

CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD INTELLIGENCE.

Allegheny City Democratic Club.

A stated meeting of the club will be held this (Monday) evening, at 7 o'clock, at Moore's Hall, in the Diamond. All Democrats are invited to attend. By order

C. P. WHISTON, Secretary.

Gen. Jackson.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Inquirer* relates the manner in which Brig. Gen. Jackson fell, as follows: "The General was sitting on the railroad track, and Lieut. Dehon (his Aid) was approaching him with a dispatch from General Meade, when both were shot, and killed instantly. The fatal shot entered the right temple, near the eye, of the General, and passed out behind the left ear. Lieut. Dehon was shot, with a rifle ball, evidently, in the breast near the collar bone, and fell from his horse. A faithful waiter of the General was sitting on a horse near him at the time, and narrowly escaped with his life, his clothes being perforated with balls. The bodies of the two officers laid upon the field until Monday evening, although efforts were made to obtain them, the rebels not recognizing several flags of truce which had been sent to them. The body of Gen. Jackson is in excellent condition, notwithstanding the disadvantageous circumstances under which the embalming process was applied; and but for the wound might be mistaken for a person in sleep." Those who accompanied the body home say it was stripped of every article of clothing, except the drawers and undershirt. His artificial teeth were also removed, for the sake of the gold plate to which they were fastened.

Attempt to Break Jail.

Three prisoners in the county jail made an unsuccessful attempt to escape on Friday night, viz: Cyrus Pryor and Robert Rankin, two young men charged with a robbery in Upper St. Clair township, confined in cell No. 31 and John Ogle, in No. 34, recently committed for robbing J. D. Thompson. In the cell with him was Rudolph Weil, awaiting sentence for manslaughter. The prisoners were heard working in their cells at nine o'clock, but were left undisturbed until midnight, when operations having been suspended, their cells were entered. In No. 31 the bricks were all torn away, except a shell, ready to be broken through when all was ready. This, however, would only have let them out into the corridor, from which their chances of escape would have been small. Ogle had made little progress, only a few bricks having been removed. The vigilance of the officers of the jail defeated the whole plan, whatever it may have been.

The late Ice Gorge.

Speaking of the late loss by the gorge of ice in the Allegheny river at Oil City, the *Register* says it is impossible, even now, for the losers to form correct estimates of their losses, but believes that the aggregate is rather over than under $350,000. "The heaviest losers," says the *Register*, "were Messrs. Shreve, Filson & Company. These gentlemen will lose about six thousand barrels of oil, and out of fifty boats one-half will prove a total loss, and a large number of the balance are not worth half price. We should estimate their total loss, in oil, boats, expenses, delay, &c., at not less than $100,000 The gentlemen composing this firm are the largest shippers we have. They are energetic, enterprising men, and we sincerely regret the heavy loss which has befallen them. But they are not the men to be discouraged, and we trust that they will have, as they deserve, sufficient good fortune in short season to make them forget their present loss.

Ladies' Episcopal Relief Association.

The report of this Society's operations for the past year shows that it has received a total of $621 22 in money; 1,638 shirts, socks, drawers, vests, coats, pants, handkerchiefs, &c.; ninety packages of fruit, jellies, wine, whiskey, raspberry vinegar, &c., together with a large number of books, periodicals, &c. These have all been distributed, and as the treasury of the Association is now empty, they appeal to the benevolent and patriotic of the community for means to permit them to continue their good work. Contributions may be sent to Mrs. Felix Brunot, President, or Miss Mary C. Metcalf, Secretary.

Honorably Discharged.

First Lieut. W. W. Fullwood, of Co. L, 102d regiment, (son of John Fullwood, Esq, who has two other sons in the army) has returned home from the army, having received an honorable discharge. He was wounded in the battle of Williamsburg and after remaining at home some weeks returned to his regiment, but his leg was in such a condition that he was not fit for service and was obliged to apply for a discharge, which he obtained.

Fatal Accident.

On Friday afternoon, a lad named Williams, residing on Bank Lane, Allegheny, was fatally injured, on the track of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railway. He was on the trestle work, in the Fourth Ward, and seeing a train approach he ran to escape, but fell, and the car wheels ran over his left leg, crushing it above and below the knee. He died in about three hours. He was scarcely nine years of age.

More Contributions.

The Subsistence Committee acknowledge the following contributions from churches to the Hospital Fund:

Christ's M. E. Church, Pittsburgh	$53 12
Central Presbyterian, additional	5 00
1st Evangelical Lutheran, additional	10 00
4th U. P. Church, Pittsburgh	40 00
U. P. Church, East Liberty	16 78
U. P. Church, Hebron	14 00
2d U. P. Church, per Rafferty est'ate	10 00
2d U. P. Church, per a member	10 00

U. P. Theological Seminary.

The catalogue of this institution contains the names of sixty-five students, twelve of whom are in the army. The Professors are Rev. John T. Pressly, D. D., Rev. A. D. Clark, D. D., and Rev. D. R. Kerr, D. D. The students are divided into four classes, and the curriculum of of study requires four years, occupying five months in each year. The institution was founded in 1826. The Seminary building was erected but a few years ago. It is neat and commodious.

Col. J. B. Clark, 128d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers.

The friends company G. Capt. Boisol, McCandless Infantry, will have an opportunity of sending (free of charge) such articles as they may desire to members of the above company, by leaving the same, properly directed, at the store of McCandless, Jamison & Co., 103 Wood street, Pittsburgh.

To be Consolidated.

It is stated that the 1st and 11th Virginia Regiments of Infantry are about to be consolidated. In that event, the best officers in the two regiments will be retained, and the balance will be mustered out of service. There is just about a sufficient number of men in the two regiments to make one good one. There are a number of Pittsburghers serving in the 1st.

Death of Gen. Jackson.

The remains of Brig. Gen. C. F. Jackson were buried in the Allegheny Cemetery on Sunday afternoon, from his residence in the Sixth Ward. An immense crowd assembled in the vicinity to witness the departure of the funeral, a most imposing cortege. It was headed by Col. Galway's Fifteenth Pennsylvania State Militia with colors enveloped in mourning and a brass band, playing a solemn march. Then followed a large delegation of the Masonic fraternity, marshaled by Wm. Noble and Jos. R. Hunter, Esq. Next came the pall bearers, in carriages, viz: Chas. Shaler, Jas. Herdman, Jno. H. Bailey, Isaac Whittier, B. P. Harbours, Henry A. Weaver, John Evans and Wm. Phillips; then a detail from the Fifteenth, as a guard of honor to the hearse, containing all that was mortal of Gen. Jackson in a coffin shrouded by the American flag, this was followed by some twenty-five carriages in which were sorrowing relatives and friends. The procession was a solemn and impressive one and thousands assembled on the street corners to see it pass. Gen. Jackson was buried with military and masonic orders. Rev. Isaac Sawyer, pastor of the Union Baptist Church, made the address at the grave. Thus ended the earthly career of as loyal a man and brave a soldier as ever suffered in our country's cause.

Personal.

Col. R. Biddle Roberts paid a flying visit home, arriving here on Saturday night and returning yesterday afternoon. He came to take his family to Harrisburg for the winter.

Major Jas. Onslow, of the 62d, our esteemed correspondent "Cussewago," arrived here on Saturday night from the army in front of Fredericksburg. He brought with him Capt. McDonald, who is an invalid, and the effects of Adjutant Swearingen. The Major is somewhat under the weather himself, from the exposure of camp life.

Commissioner Appointed.

Sam'l John, of Northumberland county, has been appointed a Commissioner to look after and contribute to the comfort of the sick wounded Pennsylvanians in the Army of the Potomac.

Narrow Escape.

It is stated that Lieut. Samuel A. Long, formerly High Constable of Allegheny, made several narrow escapes from death in the battle of Fredericksburg. One shot struck his tin or canteen, hanging upon his side; another took the point off his sword; while a third ball tore the knapsack off his back. Still he escaped unharmed. After Capt. Humes, of Co. I, fell wounded, Lieut. Long was detailed to take command of that company, as it was without a single commissioned officer—the First Lieutenant having been killed, and the Second wounded.

Frozen to Death.

Justice Aiken, of Bridgeville, held an inquest on Thursday evening on the body of Mr. Isaac Rankin, of Upper St. Clair township, found frozen to death in a thicket near Bridgeville, with a bottle of whisky near him. It is supposed the body had lain there several days.

Briggs' Brigade.

Col. Clark's 123d and Col. Allen's 155th regiment are attached to this brigade, which was in the battle at Fredericksburgh, commanded by Col. Allbach of the 123d, Gen. Briggs being sick.

The Nation's Gratitude and Hope.

This is the title of a sermon delivered on Thanksgiving Day, by Rev. W. M. Paxton, now published in pamphlet form, and for sale at all the book stores. The proceeds are to be handed over to the Ladies' Soldiers' Relief Society.

Prisoner Released.

Washington dispatches announce the release of Mr. Wm. White, of Westmoreland county, from the Old Capitol prison, where he was confined on a charge of defrauding the government.

Lost.

Some twenty barrels of oil and whiskey, out of 200 on the Wheeling wharf, were swept away the sudden rise on Wednesday night. The rest were saved.

Theatre---The Octoroon.

Miss Charlotte Thompson, engaged for this week, could not possibly come here from Indianapolis in time to play to-night and consequently "The Octoroon" is announced for one night only, with a strong cast, Mrs. Myron as Zoe. The piece will surely draw a good house. Miss Thompson appears to-morrow evening as Julia in the "Hunchback."

The Great Eastern.

This mammoth steamer has been thoroughly repaired since her late disaster and is now as strong and seaworthy as ever. The strongest proof of this fact, to our mind, is that Thos. Ratigan, of Water street a competent and experienced ship agent, has accepted the agency for this locality, which he would not have done had he any doubts of her safety. The Great Eastern, as will be seen by advertisement, sails on Saturday, January 3d. Full particulars can be obtained by calling on Mr. Ratigan, at his office.

The Holman Opera Troupe.

This talented company appears for the first time in our city, to-night, at Masonic Hall, as will be seen by their advertisement. They have been most successful and met with high commendation. Wheeling exchange says: "Underlying the refreshing piquancy and charming originality of their performances there is a mine of sterling talent which, to the discriminating eye, foreshadows a brilliant future. The performance of La Somnambula has forced this fact continually upon our minds; to hear *children* execute the difficult arias—extremely difficult even to a matured proficiency—and give the recitatives of the great Italian maestro with precision, and in a finished, graceful style, to see them completely lost to their own identity, and embodied heart and mind in the characters they portray is not only extraordinary but absolutely astonishing. Talents and innate artistic qualities such as the young members of the Holman Troupe undeniably possesses, deserve the fullest encouragement, and this we are glad to know they have everywhere received."

Toys for Christmas.

The little folks will be delighted to hear that a remedy for a dull Christmas in these days of high prices, has been found by our enterprising friend, T. A. McClelland, of Masonic Hall Auction House, who has brought on for their especial accommodation, an immense lot of toys, for the holiday season, which he will sell at incredibly low prices, either at private sale or by auction, commencing at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The lot embraces everything imaginable; ten pins, animals, dishes, china figures, baskets and mugs, drums, whistles, trumpets, violins, philosophical ducks, wind mills, horses, wagons, dogs, whips, cannons, dishes, soldiers, &c. We advise all parents about purchasing gifts for children to call at McClelland's, as they will by so doing, save one hundred per cent.

Gifts.

Those in want of books and jewelry for holiday presents should call at the branch of New York Gift Book store, No. 118 Wood street, where they are giving splendid gifts, worth from 50 cents to one hundred dollars with each book sold. A fresh supply of splendid photographs, albums just received at greatly reduced pricesar

Price of Carbon Oil.

The following are the rates for carbon oil, at the Ardesco Oil Co., *for to-day only*:

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In smaller quantities 75 " " "
This is free of charge for packages.

Christmas Presents.

If you intend making a present, call on Bown & Tetley, 136 Wood street, and see the latest styles of skates for ladies and gentlemen. They have a full supply of those most in fashion at the skating ponds in New York.

Arbitrary Arrests.

Recorder Hoffman of New York city deserves the thanks of all law abiding citizens for his charge to the grand jury, last Monday, on the subject of arbitrary arrests. He said:

The removal of any person from this State into any other State or territory, to answer to any charge of having committed here any offense against the laws of either the United States or the State, is without the authority of law. And every person, whether he be an officer or private individual, who shall thus seize and confine any person whomsoever, with intent either secretly to confine or imprison him here, or to remove him out of the State against his will, acts in violation of the statute and renders himself liable to indictment and imprisonment. Upon the trial of such indictment, the fact that such seizure, confinement, and removal was by order of the President of the United States, of any member of his cabinet, or other officer of the government, will constitute no legal defense. Neither the President, nor any member of the cabinet, or other officer, (not judicial,) has any lawful authority to order the seizure, or imprisonment, or removal from the State, of any citizen of the State, for any offense whatever, committed, or alleged to have been committed, within its borders.

And again:

That in a State, not being the scene of actual military operations, not having even an army within its borders, not even any soldiery, excepting such as may be on their way to fight the battles of the Constitution and the Union, whose laws are not obstructed or defied; where no form of the "law martial" can, by any construction, be made applicable to any person not mustered into military service, it is my duty as a judge to declare to you that the seizure of her citizens, their secret imprisonment against their will, their removal from beyond her borders without authority of law to answer to criminal or other charges, their confinement in places beyond the reach of legal process, is in violation of the rights secured to them by the Constitution and by the laws, and it is the right and solemn duty of the grand jury to indict any person or persons who have in these respects offended against the law.

Marriage a Hundred Years Ago.

It may be of interest to know how they did up marriages one hundred years ago. An old paper has the following description bearing upon the subject:—"Married, in June, 1750 Mr. William Donkin, a considerable farmer, of Great Tosson (near Rothbury), in the country of Northumberland, to Miss Eleanor Shotten, an agreeable young gentlewoman of the same place. The entertainment on this occasion was very grand, there being no less than 120 quarters of lamb, 44 quarters of veal, 20 quarters of mutton, and a great quantity of beef, 12 hams, with a suitable quantity of chickens, etc', which was concluded with eight half ankers of brandy made into punch, 11 dozen of cider, a great many gallons of wine, and ninety bushels of malt made into beer. The company consisted of 550 ladies and gentlemen, who concluded with the music of 28 fiddlers and pipers, and the whole was conducted with the utmost order and unanimity.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Co. will be held in the building of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co, No. 234 South Third street, Philadelphia, on Monday, January 12th, 1863, at 12 o'clock m., when an election will be held for President and twelve Directors to serve the ensuing year. A report will be submitted by the officers of the Company and such other business transacted as may come before the meeting.
N. W. HARKNESS,
dec15:3tw Secretary.

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PROVISION FOR THE SICK, PENNSYLVANIANS.

McDOWELL COURT OF INQUIRY.

Important from North Carolina

Another Victory!

Petition from Publishers.

&c., &c., &c., &c.

HARRISBURG, December 20.—The announcement of the success of Gov. Curtin's mission to Washington will cause universal joy. Intelligence from a reliable source has been received here to the effect that an order has been made permitting the removal of the sick and wounded to their several States. The credit of the originality of the idea and success in its accomplishment is eminently due to our noble Governor, and his unceasing efforts in this humane undertaking is worthy of all praise. There are many wounded Pennsylvanians now in Washington, whose removal will be commenced speedily.

The Governor, accompanied by Surgeon General King, left Washington yesterday for Gen. Burnside's army, where they propose making such arrangements as will quickly insure the removal of all those whose wounds and ailments do not render railroad travel dangerous. Within a few days large numbers of the sufferers will probably arrive at various points within the State, and it becomes our citizens to make at once such arrangements as will add to their comfort, and insure them a warm and hearty reception. Thousands will rejoice in the prospect of an early meeting with those who have so long been suffering and battling in a righteous cause.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—In the McDowell Court of Inquiry to-day, Major McDowell, a brother of the General, was the first witness sworn. He was dismissed after replying to a few unimportant questions.

Maj. Gen. Sigel was next sworn. He was examined in regard to his movements while co-operating with Gen. McDowell in the Virginia campaign, of which he gave detailed accounts. In answer to an inquiry whether he had ever found reason to impute treachery, inefficiency, or a want of courage to McDowell, he replied that though loth to testify on matters pertaining to the conduct of a general officer, he would finally state his opinions at that time—mistaken as they might have been. With respect to the first charge he had no proof of General McDowell having held unlawful communication with the enemy.

In regard to the second charge of inefficiency he believed McDowell to have evinced incompetency as a corps commander, to support which he cited several instances. He believed the junction of Longstreet and Jackson's forces was not sufficiently obstructed by McDowell, and that the latter might have easily kept possession of Thoroughfare Gap. In the course of his testimony he referred to a remark made to McDowell by one of his staff officers, but Gen. McDowell objected to its publicity, on the ground of similar evidence being inadmissable on a previous account. The Court was cleared and after a secret session of half an hour was reopened without arriving at any decision.

The examination of Sigel was continued. Being desired by the Court to state the nature of the remark and the name of the officer He replied, that having been sent to McDowell on a certain day for an order to march to Manassas, that officer informed the Aid de Camp that General Sigel should fight with his own corps, the aid was Capt. Dahigren, who chanced to be present: whereon the Court decided that if Gen. McDowell considered the further interrogation of Sigel prejudicial to his cause, the other witness, Captain Dahlgren might be called. Gen. McDowell did not so prefer, however, but insisted on the propriety of Capt. Dahlgren remaining to confer in the room as he was to be examined on the same point. The Court then requested Capt. Dahlgren to leave the room and be ready to appear when requested. The remainder of Gen. Sigel's testimony was substantially the same as the foregoing.

The following has just been received at the headquarters of the army of the United States:

Headquarters of the Department of North Carolina.—KINGSTON, Dec. 14.—Maj. Gen. Halleck, Commanding the Army of the United States: Sir:—I have the honor to inform you that I left Newbern for this place on the 11th inst., but that owing to the bad roads and consequent delays to the trains, &c., I did not reach W. Creek, five miles from this town, until the afternoon of the 13th. The enemy were posted there, but by a heavy artillery fire in front, and by a vigorous artillery fire in the rear, I succeeded in forcing a passage without much loss. This morning I advanced on this town and found the enemy strongly posted at a defile through a marsh bordering on a creek. The position was so well chosen that very little of our artilley could be brought into play. The main attack was therefore made by infantry, assisted by a few guns posted formidably on the roads. We succeeded, after four hours hard fighting, in driving the enemy from their position. We followed rapidly to the river. The bridge over the Neuse at this point was prepared for firing, and was fired in six places, but we followed so closely behind them that we saved the bridge. The enemy retreated precipitately by the Goldsborough and Kingston road. Their force was about 6,000 strong, and about twenty pieces of artillery. The result is, we have taken Kingston, and captured twenty guns, capturing from four to five hundred prisoners and found large quantities of quartermaster's and commissary stores. Our loss will not exceed 200 killed and wounded.

I am, General, with great respect,
J. G. FOSTER.

A board of officers will meet in Washington in a short time to propose amendments or changes in the articles of war, and a code of regulations for the government of armies of the field, as authorized by the laws and usages of war. The board consists of Francis Lieber, LL. D., Major Generals Hitchcock, Cadwalader and Hartsuff, and Brigadier General Martindale.

The petition presented to-day by Representative Colfax was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. It was from numerous editors and publishers of New York, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Troy, Boston, Baltimore, Portland, Washington, Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit, Wheeling, Albany, Pittsburgh, New Haven, Hartford, Providence, New Haven, Hartford, Providence, Manchester, Milwaukie, Newark, Muscatine, Peoria, Dubuque, Toledo, Cleveland, and many other cities, in favor of a reduction or the abolition of duty on paper.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The remains of Maj. Sidney Willard, who was killed at the battle of Fredericksburg, were deposited in the Mt. Auburn Cemetry to-day. Gov. Andrews and many distinguished citizens attended the funeral. The Independent Cadets and home guards of Cambridge composed the escort.

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WASHINGTON MATTERS

Entire Change in the Cabinet at Washington.

Rebel Desertions in Arkansas.

&c., &c., &c., &c.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, December 19.

All is quiet to-day with the exception of two shots fired from our hillside batteries to disperse the gathering bands of rebels on the plain opposite.

The enemy strongly picket the river along our front, but maintain a peaceful condition with our own on this side.

Rev. Mr. Reed, of Pa., on behalf of the christian commission, has visited these headquarters, bringing comforts and delicacies for the sick and a corps of volunteer nurses for the wounded remaining in camp. All were placed at the disposal of the Medical Superintendent, and were highly appreciated by the Medical Directors.

No new movements by the enemy have been observed since we evacuated the South side.

It is not known to Gen. Burnside that he has tendered his resignation as commander of the army, as stated by a Washington correspondent.

Everything is quiet along the lines, although the stock of the sutlers in this command is nearly exhausted, and supplies are much needed. It is not deemed judicious by them to transport goods by the overland route.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The resignation of Secretary Seward up to noon today had not been accepted. Various rumors as to additional tenders of resignations prevail. It is not improbable that others will, if they have not already done so, and relieve the President from the embarrassment in reorganizing his Cabinet. The fact of Secretary Seward's resignation and that of the Assistant Secretary, embodied in a message, was placed in the telegraph office, in Washington, at half past twelve o'clock on Friday afternoon, by the agent of the Associated Press—that it was not transmitted or addressed, affords presumptive evidence that it was suppressed by official direction. There is no means of the positive assertion or the source of this order.

The circumstance, however, affords much comment in all circles in the absence of any cause assigned why this important fact should be withheld at the telegraph office, while the newspapers of Washington give it unmoleated publication. The order heretofore issued by the department had reference to the transmission of such items of intelligence as would give information to the enemy respecting army movements, but the censorship seems also to extend to all messages of whatsoever character.

The agent of the Associated Press deems it proper to state this fact which may be explanatory of the non-reception, in some cases, of items of interest through the telegraphic channel. The resignation of Secretary Chase is positively stated by gentlemen of respectability, but this correspondence will not vouch for the fact.

A member of the Border State Committee, appointed by a recent caucus, states that in the interview with the President yesterday, he informed them as to the emancipation proclamation. He had acted from the firm belief that it would effect good results, but that if he could be convinced to the contrary, he would modify his position upon that subject—his purpose being to do the best he could under all the circumstances which surrounded him.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

It is ascertained that the Senators who met in caucus last week, were pledged to keep their proceedings secret, excepting to the President, and this they did with more success than usually attends such deliberations. The Secretary of State, however, soon heard of the proceedings and promptly tendered his resignation.

On Friday night the committee from the caucus again visited the President, and remained with him and all the Cabinet, Seward alone being absent, for more than four hours.

The next day by noon Secretary Chase sent in his resignation, not merely as a matter of form, but in good faith. It was not known that there was any objection to him on the part of the caucus.

The Representatives were in no manner consulted, regarding the propriety of the action of the Senators, but no complaints were made by them, there being a general acquiescence in their proceedings.

The resolution adopted recommended a partial re-construction of the Cabinet, which several senators interpret an ultimate and entire change of programme.

Reports are current, but which cannot now be verified, that all the members of the Cabinet have resigned. However this may be, it is believed that none of them will in the least embarrass the Executive in the choice of successors, while some of the senators insist that all of them shall be undoubted Republicans; others are content to leave the entire matter in the hands of the President so that he may act as will best serve the country in its present circumstances.

Senator Fessenden and D. L. Dickinson, of New York, are the most prominent among others named for Secretary of State, and the belief is entertained that the former will soon be tendered the appointment.

Speaker Grow will probably be offered a secretaryship. Many of his friends seem to regard this as nearly certain.

The President, it is known, some time ago, decided on Representative Fox, of Indiana, to occupy the Secretaryship of the Interior, but that gentleman inflexibly declined the honor, owing to the present doubtful political complexion of his district, which another election might return one of opposite faith.

The impression is general that neither the resignation of Mr. Seward nor that of Mr. Chase has yet been accepted.

After careful inquiry it is believed the above statement contains all that is reliable upon the subject, and that the resolution which passed the houses received the unanimous vote of all the Senators present.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 19.—Gen. Curtis has received a despatch from Gen. Herron to the following effect:—Hindman is believed to have crossed the Arkansas river with his infantry, while Marmaduke is on the north side with his cavalry. Hundreds of men from Hindman's army are daily joining that of Gen. Herron. Many of them are Missourians, who express great disgust with the rebel campaign in the West, and avow the conviction that its further prosecution is hopeless.

Gen. Curtis, yesterday, received a written communication from Gen. Holmes, commanding the Trans-Mississippi Department of rebels, forwarded by direction of Jeff Davis, in which he inquires for the facts in relation to the alleged shooting of Confederate citizens, by order of Gen. McNeil. Enclosed with the epistle is a slip from the Grenada Appeal, containing a passage credited to the Palmyra Courier. Gen. Holmes says the Confederate Government desires to know if the passage is substantially correct. The reply of Gen. Curtis will probably be published, and is looked for with interest.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—The bodies of Lieut. Cols. Curtis and Sails, lay in state this morning at the State House. Thousands of our citizens paid their last respects to the deceased. The funeral will take place this afternoon. Lieut. Col. Sails was buried with Masonic as well as military honors.

AMUSEMENTS.

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The celebrated and Popular
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Will make their first appearance on MONDAY, Dec. 22d, on which occasion will be produced Rossini's Grand Fairy Spectacular Opera of Cinderella, or the Fairy and the Little Glass Slipper. Also, the new and popular Operetta of Where There's a Will there's a Way. See programme.
Admission, 25 cents; reserved chairs 50 cents; children under ten years of age half price.
Doors open at 7 o'clock—commence at 7½.
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PITTSBURGH THEATRE.
LESSEE AND MANAGER.....WM. HENDERSON
PRICES OF ADMISSION—Private Boxes, $5 00 Single Seat in Private Box, $1 00; Parquette and Dress Circle, chairs, 50 cents; Family Circle, 25 cents; Colored Gallery, 25 cents; Colored Boxes, 50 cents; Gallery 15 cents.
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Mr Myron as Zoe
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Received by Express this day at
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25 Barrels No. 3 Mackerel;
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TWO NEW STANDING TOP BUGGIES whose former price was $325, will be sold now for $90, at Mrs. JOSEPH WHITE'S,
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Kenton, Short, do
Jessen, Frazer, do
Starlight, Harton, Louisville.
Poland, Hinkle, Cairo.

☞ The river—Last evening at twilight there were 5 feet 8 inches water and falling.

☞ The fine passenger Steamer Shenango, Capt. French, leaves this day positively for Cincinnati and Louisville. Our friend Capt. D. Moore has charge of the office.

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