Pittsburgh Gazette.

TUESDAY MORNING, SEPT. 1, 1863.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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Meeting of Councils.

A regular monthly meeting of City Councils was held on Monday evening, August 31st.

In *Select*, (the President being absent) on motion of Mr. Reed, Mr. Wm. R. Brown was called to the chair.

The following members answered at roll call: Messrs. Allen, Brown, Miller, M'Millen, M'Carthy, Morrow, M'Clintock, Quinn, Thompson, Rees, D. Reed, J. Reed, and Young.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Quinn, from the Committee on Fire Engines and Hose, to whom were referred the bill of B. H. Hartley & Co., submitted a report, with the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Chairman of the Committee on Streets, Markets and Water, be appointed as a Joint Committee to investigate and settle the bill of R. H. Hartley & Co., referred to in the above report. Read three times and passed.

The resolution previously passed by Common Council, instructing the City Solicitor to draw up an ordinance donating a portion of the old bath lot to the Pittsburgh High School as a site for a school building, was called up.

Mr. McCarthy offered an amendment providing that said Central Board shall cause to be placed in their regular list of studies to be taught in said High School, the German language, as long as said ground is occupied under the ordinance.

The amendment was discussed at some length, and lost by a tie vote, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Allen, McMillen, McCarthy, McClintock, Thompson, Willis, and Young—7.

Nays—Messrs. Brown, Miller, Morrow, Quinn, Rees, J. Reed, and D. Reed—7.

Mr. D. Reed moved to concur in the action of Common Council, relative to the High School site, which motion was lost by a tie vote as above.

Mr. McClintock tendered his resignation as a member of the Police Committee.

Mr. Morrow moved that the resignation be accepted.

Mr. Thompson moved to lay upon the table.

Mr. Quinn moved to postpone further action, which was agreed to.

Mr. J. Reed offered the following:

Resolved, That the Street Committee be and they are hereby empowered to pay the amount of expense that has been incurred by their authority for the cleaning and repairing of the streets traversed by the Pittsburgh and Oakland Passenger Railway Company, and collect the same from said Company.

Adopted.

Mr. J. Reed presented the following:

Resolved, That the Street Committee be instructed to report an ordinance at the next regular meeting of Councils for the repeal of an ordinance passed July 27th, 1863, for the grading and paving of Morton street.

Mr. Thompson moved to lay it upon the table, which was lost by a vote of 4 to 10.

On motion of Mr. Morrow, the resolution was read three times and passed.

Mr. Allen, the following:

Resolved, That the sum of $800 be transferred from Appropriation No. 9, and $800 from No. 10, to Appropriation No. 6—Water Works. Adopted.

Mr. Thompson, the following:

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Market be instructed to cause the rigid enforcement of the ordinance against hucksters and store keepers buying within market hours; and further, that the rent to hucksters be increased from twenty-five to seventy-five cents. Adopted.

The resolution relative to the Vigilant Fire Company, passed in C. C. July 27th, was called up and concurred in.

In *Common Council*, present—Messrs. Armstrong, Ardray, Bailey, Barclay, Coffin, Colville, Cameron, Duffy, Hubbard, Hutchison, Hays, Jeremy, Mackey, Montgomery, McCandless, McClelland, McTighe, McGowan, O'Neill, Portzell, Roberts, Steel, Sullivan, Taylor, and Killen, President.

Prayer by Mr. Montgomery.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

Mr. McGowan presented an ordinance for the appointment of a measurer of wood, bark, lime and sand.

Mr. McGowan said that heretofore that has been the duty of the Clerk of the Markets; that it was made his duty at a time when his time was not so much occupied as at present.

The ordinance provides that the Committee on Markets shall appoint some suitable person to measure and inspect all cord-wood, tanner's bark, lime and sand, offered for sale within the city, whose duties in respect to these articles shall be the same as those now devolving upon the Clerk of the Markets. The Committee on Markets shall prescribe the fees to be charged for measuring and inspecting wood, bark, lime and sand, and fix the compensation to be received by the measurer; the said Committee shall also require of the measurer security for the faithful performance of his duties.

Mr. O'Neill moved to amend the ordinance by inserting "that the fees of the measurer shall be taken from the salary of the clerk of the markets."

Mr. O'Neill's motion was not seconded.

On motion to suspend the rules and pass the ordinance, the yeas and nays were called, and were as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Armstrong, Ardray, Bailey, Barclay, Cameron, Coffin, Duffy, Hubbard, Hutchison, Jeremy, Kearns, Mackey, McClelland, McTighe, McGowan, Portzell, Roberts, Steele, Taylor and President—20.

Nays—Messrs. Colville, Montgomery, McCandless, O'Neill, and Sullivan—5.

Mr. O'Neill moved to strike out "Committee on Markets shall appoint," and insert "Councils shall elect at their next regular meeting." Agreed to.

So the rules were suspended.

The ordinance was then passed.

Mr. O'Neill read the following communication, which he had received from the coal men doing business along the river:

PITTSBURGH, Aug. 31, 1863.

D. O'Neill, Esq.:—

DEAR SIR:—You would oblige us very much by calling the attention of the Councils at your meeting this evening, to the old canal just above the wharf where the Steubenville Railroad Company are building their new bridge. The Company have opened it up, and thereby let out about an acre of loose ground which had accumulated in it, into the channel of the river, almost completely shutting it up. If we have a few more heavy showers it will be impossible for a steamer to get to the city. We would suggest that the Railroad Company be made to close it up as it was before, or turn the water inside the pier and down the shore, and clean out what has already run into the channel. A year ago there were three feet of water where it is entirely dry now. Your attention to the above will oblige,

Yours, very respectfully,

THE COAL MEN.

Mr. O'Neill presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Monongahela Wharf be and are hereby instructed to notify the Pittsburgh and Steubenville Railroad Company to remove, immediately, the dirt and gravel accumulated in the Monongahela river, opposite the mouth of the old canal, and if said company refuse or neglect to remove said accumulation within a reasonable time, then the said committee are authorized to have it cleared away at the expense of the said company.

The resolution was passed.

Mr. McGowan presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That John Pollock be paid one half the proceeds derived from measuring bark until the next meeting of Councils.

After some discussion Mr. McGowan withdrew his resolution, remarking that he would endeavor, at the next Council meeting, to present statistics, and then trust to the magnanimity of Councils to do what was right.

In all action not otherwise noted there was a mutual concurrence, when Councils adjourned.

EXCELSIOR INSTITUTE.—The sixth session commences Monday, September 7th. Send for circular, or call at the Institute, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets.

Union Committees of Vigilance:

The following are the Union Committees of Vigilance for the several districts of the county:

PITTSBURGH.

First Ward—John Gracey, George Wilson, Thomas Rees, John H. Barber, Sam'l Lindsay, John M. Roberts, Geo. W. Coffin.

Second Ward—D. O'Neill, Herman Stiles, Wm. Phillips, John A. Floyd, A. S. Nicholson, Jacob Klauser, Henry Tetmall, Wm. Woods.

Third Ward—1st precinct: A. McTighe, George L. McCook, David Sims, James L. Sutherland, William Simpson. 2d precinct: Jackson Duncan, J. Harvey Robinson, Henry Haley, J. W. Colville, J. J. Hobeneck.

Fourth Ward—R. W. Mackey, John H. Hare, Joshua Rhodes, R. J. Thomas, Henry Hays, Harvey Donaldson.

Fifth Ward—Robert Colville, John W. Taylor, Robert Quigley, Joseph Irwin, Alex. McClintock, Joseph French, Robert Dickson, John H. Rolston, George Portzell, Thomas Harris, John H. Jones.

Sixth Ward—Dr. A. G. McCandless, Henry Lambert, James Lowry, Jr., Thomas Roberts, John Phillips, Wm. Barnhill, James Longbridge and Jared M. Birch.

Seventh Ward—Robt. Thompson, Samuel Barclay, Henry Sairely, J. Richardson and Lewis Boll.

Eighth Ward—Conrad Bierman, J. M. Killen, John Glass, G. W. Smith, David Hutchison, Frank Fredericks, Joseph Nixon, John A. Sergeant and Robert Coward.

Ninth Ward—Wm. Williams, James B. Hill, W. O. Davis, Charles H. Armstrong, and Wm. Wills.

ALLEGHENY CITY.

First Ward—Daniel Johnston, Samuel Riddle, John Atwell, Capt. G. L. Brann, Wm. McKee, John Dyer, John Siddons, J. F. Ross and A. M. Marshall.

Second Ward—S. H. Geyer, John McDonald, John Brown, jr., Wm. Chambers, George R. Riddle, Thos. Scandrbit and John G. Curtis.

Third Ward—Col. Geo. Gantt, John Meyers, Arthur Hobson, Dr. Scrogge, Christ Delabaugh, D. Cornelius, Jacob Eschadorn, and Conrad Smith.

Fourth Ward—A. H. Burchfield, Wm. M. Moffett, Louis Mocl, John A. Myler, John Wright, and Sol. Schoyer, Jr.

TOWNSHIPS.

Shaler—John L. Lloyd, John Miller, Esq., W. C. Shaw, J. G. Williams, Wm. Sample.

North Fayette—Robt. Boyd, Geo. Y. McKee, Jas. R. Kelso, Vincent Miller, Robt. Glenn, John Byers, and Isaac Robb.

Neville—Wm. A. Shanks, Wm. Seaman, Jas. Cole, John Brandes, Joseph Walter, and Jas Dickson.

Plum—Dr. Shrelzer, H. P. Turner, Archy Kuhn, Geo. B. Armstrong, and David Drennan.

Patton—Ebenezer Clayton, James McElroy, John Aber, Michael Zimmerman, Wm. Shaw, and John Morrison.

Penn—Wm. B. Mitch ll, Ferguson Kelly, Thomas Park, David Collins, Logan Stotler, Joseph Toner.

Mollmore—Charles Lariman, J. C. Evans, J. Shipman, Hugh R. Fleming, Simon Small.

Lawrenceville—Samuel Reno, Samuel Neely, Robert P. Neely, John Irwin, Samuel Barber, Wm Jones.

Ohio—Park Bell, Henry V. Thompson, Frank Little, Jacob Robinson, Wm Morrison.

Franklin—Daniel Fasher, Isaac Neely, Robert Wright, W. Means.

Marshall—J. L. Wheeler, T. Pinkerton, George Neely, Sam'l Robinson, John Coulter.

McCandless—Wm. Hutchman, John Redpath, Jas. McDonald, Alex. Fox.

Ross—Wm. Peters, D. H. Cunningham, Col. T. M. Byne, Dr. McCrea, Wm. Bay, Esq., J. Barney Scott.

Hampton—Charles Gilmore, John Walter, John Herron, Maj. Joseph Rigby.

West Deer—John Caldwell, Allen Ater, John Magill, R. S. Gibson, Samuel Fleming, John Carnahan.

East Deer—Archy Gillow, J. C. Bunting, F. H. Edmundson, Antony Marvin, John Kennedy, Lewis Peterson.

Reserve Township—Fred. Bielaine, James Baxter, Hugh Richardson, Gust Billor, C. Lapple, William Webb, Charles L. Gosbrig.

Franklin—James Cunniston, A. S. McCord, John Crawford, Robert Hilands, Peter Momer, Oliver Anderson, John Grubbs.

Fawn—S. S. Alter, John Easler, James Kennedy, John Hunter, John Hill—P. O., Tarentum.

Harrison—T. J. Stephenson, John Randolph, N. Miller, Esq., Samuel Alter, John Barrion—P. O., Natrona.

Versailles—W. A. Shaw, B. L. Wood, F. O'Flanagin, James J. Larimer and David Shaw.

Elizabeth—John McKelvy, Isaac Miles, L. B. Davidson, James Kelly, William H Guthrie and Henry Chalfant.

Elizabeth—Benjamin Courtin, Francis J. Gardner, Frank Patterson, Captain Carr, G. Tower, Levi Edmundson and John Patterson.

Indiana—Robert Armstrong, Adam Walter, Wm. Handerson, John B. Beaty, Robert McPherson and Wilson Henry.

Union—Mo b. F Gillmore, J. H. Crane, John Slacker, Cap. B. Young and Wm McDonald.

Robinson—Matthew Hall, Robert McSherron, William Glass, sen., R. Kirk, Esq., John Young, Jr.

Moon—Wm Curry, Hugh Scott, J. S. Ferree, J. B. McCabe, Wm. H. Gray.

Crescent—John Hamilton, Frank McClelland, Esquire Davis.

Findley—Ross Byers, Josiah Grey, Jr., A. H Burns.

South Fayette—Samuel Collins, John Hickman, Richard Boyd, G. Z. Conller, and Thos. Collins.

Frankfort—Wm. B. Lea, Col. Wm. Espy, Thos. Gamble, Hugh Lea, Col. Jas. B. Gunn, and J. K. Phillips.

Upper St. Clair—Jas. Espy, A. Gillfillon, Dr. Wm. J. Gilmore, Dr. Donaldson.

Lower St. Clair—Jonathan Neely, C. B. M. Smith, Joseph Dilworth, Andrew Hare, John Nusser.

Baldwin—Samuel Moore, John Redman, Johnston Young, Robt. McKee.

Snowden—Esq. Tiffe, Allen Means, Esq Miller, Hiram Hults, James Wilson.

Mifflin—D. Calhoun, Thos. Sharp, John Lobe, Wm. Oliver, John Willock, Jas. Snodgrass, Robert Calhoun.

Richland—John B. Mahon, Dr. A. Harper, S. P. Harbison, Dr. S. H. Allen, Wm Dickey, and J. S. Crawford.

Charlties—Andrew McCartney, James Rees, Jas. McDonagh, Jas. Bell, Jas. L. Duff.

BOROUGHS.

Temperanceville—J. P. Vierhaller, John Bryant, Thomas Ferguson, Charles Geiger, N. Balentine.

West Pittsburg—Edw'd Spring, Esq., Geo. Wettengill, John Harts, John V. Auth, David Edwards.

Birmingham—Thos. Rentier, Richard Perry, Geo. Norcross, Martin Sayers, Edward Barrett.

South Pittsburgh—Wm. R. Barker, Jacob Kingsbury, Thos. Cassidy, Alex. Chambers, Wm. Stark, Thos. Healy.

East Birmingham—Geo. E. Slocum, Wm. Mittenwell, August Ammon, Thomas Wooster, David Gheen, F. H. McBride.

Brackenridge—W. H. Phelps, Thomas Harper, Wm. E. Spratz, D Lowther, Henry Burchind.

Birmingham—Thomas McKee, Fielding K. Hankard, Wm. Graham, Daniel Wenke, James Alexander, Philip Pitel, George Powell, Solomon Sala, Andrew Burt, James Ulfen, John B. Shafer.

West Elizabeth—David Sarvey, Jas. O'Neill, Wm. Yoadel, Wm. O'Neill.

Jeffersonville—John W. Riddle, Joseph Bishop, Z. Wainwright, Dr. J. Robinson, Thomas Harford, Jonathan Longstaff.

Elizabeth—Dr. J. E. Shafer, J. H. Moffett, Thos. Wylie, Sam'l Walker.

Turtetown—Jas. Dickey, John M. Porter, Wm. V. Evans, George Morrison, R. S. P. McCall.

Sharpsburg—H. P. Denham, M. H. Lewis, J. R. Butterfield, J. G. Comstock, George Brandy.

Dunseith—Bo ough—George Moul, Wm. O'Haley, Wm. Kiebs, J. Morrison, Henry Shuhle, Richard Beck.

McKeesport—W. D. Wood, Wm. E. Harrison, L. N. Gounsie.

Chairman Union Executive Committee.

JOHN H. STEWART, Secretary.

The City Gas Works.

The annual report of the operations of the Pittsburgh Gas Works, for the year ending June 30th, has just been published. From it we learn that the extension of gas mains during the year has been only 212 feet. There have been 110 new services laid, making in all 3,146. The number of public lights is 557.

The coal carbonized during the year was 244,978 bushels, being an increase over last year of 24,792 bushels. The entire quantity of gas consumed was 77,491,111 cubic feet, being an increase for the year of 5,409,855 feet.

The National tax paid for gas made since September 1st, 1862, amounts to $9,282.07. The local and State taxation for the year was $6,442 13, which, with $1,600 contributed for public defense and relief of sick and wounded soldiers, makes a total of $17,614 20.

Notwithstanding the heavy taxation, the high price of labor, and the advance of coal to nearly double its usual rate, the Board hopes to avoid any increase in the price of gas to its customers, without reducing its dividends before a fair and adequate remuneration to the stockholders.

Choice Homestead.

The most desirable piece of property for a home that has been offered at Public Sale for years, is the one to be sold at Davis' Auction, this evening, at 7½ o'clock. The lot is 63 feet front by 140 feet deep, situated at the corner of Duncan and Davis streets, in the 7th Ward. The house is new, built in the most durable and latest style, containing all the modern improvements that makes a home comfortable. It is easy of access, being only twenty minutes' walk from the Court House, and can be reached by the Minersville Passenger cars every twenty minutes. Any one wanting a really choice home should go and examine it. See advertisement in another column.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

AUG. 31.—There was an improved inquiry for Crude to-day, and with a light supply and meagre receipts, the market was unusually firm, and in some instances an advance over Saturday's rates was obtained. We quote at 24@24½c, in bulk, and 29½@30c in bbls—bbls included. The sales were: 450 bbls in bulk—measured in tank—at 24; 440 bbls at 24½c, bbls returned; and 145, 112 and 141 at 29½c, bbls included. It may seem strange, yet it is, nevertheless, true, that Crude is worth more here now, in the face of a dull and declining market in New York, than it was a few days since when it was firmest 40c there. This may be attributed to the fact that the supply is tight, and refiners who have contracts maturing, are forced to buy, no matter what the cost may be. Holders are well aware of the advantage they have over buyers, and they have no conscientious scruples in making the best they can out of it. Refined has been very quiet to-day, as we were unable to hear of a single transaction. Good brands of bonded may be quoted at 41@42c, on the spot; and some small sales of free are making at 60@65c, according to quality. There is no change in Benzine or Oil Barrels.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

GROVER AND BAKER'S SEWING MACHINES, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use.

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Also, a large assortment of plain and fancy cassimeres, well adapted for boys' wear, which he will sell by the piece far below cost. Mothers should not neglect to call early.

SAM'L GRAHAM, Merchant Tailor,
No. 54 Market street.

ATTENTION, RETURNED VOLUNTEERS!—The attention of our country's brave defenders recently returned from the seat of war, and of the public in general, is again directed to the very extensive and handsome assortment of the latest styles of French, English and American piece goods, for pants, coats and vests, lately received by Messrs. John Weler & Co., Merchant Tailors, No. 126 Federal street, Allegheny. A tasteful selection of gentlemen's furnishing goods will also always be found on the shelves of the establishment, together with a lot of ready-made clothing, got up in the best manner.

NEW ARRIVAL OF SUMMER CLOTHING.—Often we are asked, where can we buy a neat and comfortable summer suit, made to order, thus having the chance of selecting our own goods? To all these inquiries we can answer, go to Messrs. W. H. McGee & Co., corner of Federal street and Diamond Square, Allegheny, and you will be suited according to your taste. They have just received their summer goods, and for elegance of styles they cannot be surpassed, and for fitness they are the very persons, as their work is all done under their own supervision. Give them a call, and you cannot fail to be satisfied.

BETTER THAN ANY OTHER.—REV. MRS. R. C. ANDRUS, *for many years Missionary to Hayti, now of Martinsburgh, N. Y.*, (the climate having seriously affected her hair and scalp, writes, "I have derived much benefit from the use of Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer and Zylobalsamum. I have tried various other remedies, but never anything that so *materially and permanently benefitted me.*"

Sold by druggists everywhere. Depot, 193 Greenwich street, New York. dew

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, LANGUAGES AND COMMERCE, No. 110, Federal street, Allegheny. This institution, conducted by Rev. J. Davis, who is assisted by experienced and successful instructors, will commence its Fall Session on the 1st of September. Number of pupils limited. The English and Commercial Night School will commence on the 1st of October. au28 4t

IRVING COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE—A select classical school for ladies, corner of Beaver street and Stockton avenue, Allegheny city, Pa. The seventh semi-annual session commences on Monday, September 7th. For circulars or other information, as to tuition or board, call upon or address the Principal.

au31:7wms MRS E. A. SMITH.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS, AGENTS AND ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.—*For* repairs or alterations to stores or dwellings, new roofs, or anything else in the Carpenter line, call at Guthrie's Carpenter Shop, Virgin alley, above Smithfield streets. All orders promptly attended to.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.—The fall term of this institution will commence on Tuesday, the 1st day of September next. For particulars see catalogue, to be had at any of the bookstores in the city.

Aug. 18th, 1863. sod:2w

FOUR DOLLARS, four dollars.
Four dollars, four dollars.
Dental Institute, Dental Institute.
Best cheap Dentistry, best cheap Dentistry.
No machine work, no machine work.

OMNIBUS and CARRIAGE CALLS will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 405 Liberty street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance. 6m.

G. SILL, Dentist, 246 Penn street, attend to all business of his profession.

Fare in Rebel Prisons.

Some sutlers who were captured by Mosby and have been released, complain bitterly of their treatment in the Libby Prison. Over 200 prisoners were confined in one room forty feet broad by seventy long, and only eight feet high. Of the eating arrangements one of the sutlers says: "Our breakfast in the morning, between nine and ten o'clock, consisted of four ounces of bread and one of beef including bone, which stunk to badly and was so full of maggots, that we, as new beginners on such fare, turned from it in utter disgust and threw it away." What we abandoned was greedily devoured by others. At sundown we were called to dinner, which we ate standing. It consisted of four ounces of bread and a pint of swill, composed of fish oil, black beans, maggots and dirt. We abandoned our soup on the first taste of it. Immediately the men rushed from the table like a pack of hungry wolves, crowding around us, and begging us for what our stomachs, as yet unaccustomed to such carrion food, utter y refused."

THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Aug 31, 1863.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The Richmond *Dispatch*, of Aug. 29th, contains the following:

Raleigh, Aug. 28.—The Yankees are relaying the track of the Atlantic Railroad, between Tuscarora and Cane Creek, 14 miles this side of Newbern, protected by three small regiments, under Col. Classon, of New York.

On Wednesday two companies of cavalry and a section of artillery advanced from Newbern to Nethercutt's farm and returned.

White Sulpher Springs, Va., Aug. 28.—To General S. Cooper: We met the enemy yesterday, about a mile and a half from this place, on the road leading to Warm Springs. We fought from 9 a. m. to 7 p. m. The attack made by the enemy was repulsed. At night each side occupied the same position they had in the morning.

The next morning the enemy retreated toward Warm Springs, pursued by our cavalry and artillery, Col. Geo. G. Patton commanding. The enemy were about 3,000 strong, with six pieces of artillery, under Gen. Averill. Our loss is 200 killed and wounded; the enemy's is not known. We have taken about 150 prisoners, and one pieces of artillery.

(Signed,) SAMUEL JONES, Maj. Gen.

Jackson, Miss., Aug. 25.—Gen. Lemax, from Vicksburg, reports important military movements on foot. Their character has not yet transpired.

Three thousand Yankees are moving from Yazoo City towards Belton.

A party of our cavalry lately crossed the Big Black, and went within eight miles of Vicksburg, where they met a negro line of pickets, and chased them from their posts. The Yankee cavalry came up to their assistance, when our men retired.

Jackson, Miss. Aug. 27.—The Yankees are in force four miles below Raymond.

There is no news from the front.

Information was received here on Thursday evening that the enemy were advancing on Richmond from the direction of New Kent Court House, and at ten p. m. a courier arrived with dispatches to Gen. Elzey, stating that the Yankees had driven in our pickets at Bottom Bridge, fourteen miles from the city. The enemy's force consisted of cavalry, artillery and infantry, while ours was only about one hundred, placed there for the protection of the bridge.

Our men fought bravely as long as they could against such a disproportionate force, but were driven back, in the loss of Lieut. Jeter, of South Carolina, who is in command, and ten or fifteen men killed and a considerable number wounded. Reinforcements were called for, which were sent, and, yesterday, the citizens of Richmond, suspending their daily avocations, reported to the proper officers, armed and equipped for active service in the field.

Bottom's bridge was not destroyed by the enemy, but is held by our troops.

It was reported last evening that the enemy were falling back, and that their numbers had been greatly exaggerated. It was also said that the party which advanced to Bottom's Bridge were about 600 cavalry, but that a large force of infantry and artillery was at the rear of New Kent Court House.

In the absence of reliable information we give these rumors without vouching for their correctness.

INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The Government paid out thirty-four millions of dollars in gold, for interest on public debt, during the fiscal year ending 30th June.

AMOUNT OF DEMAND NOTES UNRENEWED.

The amount of Demand Notes unredeemed is less than 2,000,000, hence the Customs, which during the last fiscal year produced about $69,000,000, are paid almost entirely in specie. The receipts of gold now largely exceed the necessities of the government, and is accumulating in the vaults of the Treasury

ADDITIONAL PAYMASTERS.

The following additional Paymasters have been recently appointed: Josiah Miller, Robert D. Clark, John H. Dolman, Edward G. Fahnestock, John S. Hewick, Benj. mia L. Long, William C. Lapton, James P. Thurston George J. Dale, O. T. Turney, John W. Wallace.

THE FIFTH TREASURY AUDITORSHIP.

John C. Underwood has resigned the Fifth Auditorship of the Treasury, to accept the place of the United States District Judge of West Virginia, and Charles M. Walker, of Indiana, has been appointed to fill the vacancy thus made.

DEATH OF FLOYD.

The Richmond *Dispatch*, of the 27th, says Maj. Gen. John B. Floyd, died yesterday at six o'clock, at his residence at Abingdon.

WELLES ON A TOUR OF INSPECTION.

Secretary Welles has departed Northward on a tour of inspection through the Navy Yards of Portsmouth, Charlestown, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD

Is now in fine running order, and immense quantities of western produce are already passing to the sea-board by this route. The opening of this great work is second in importance to the Northwest only to that of the Mississippi. Two daily trains to the West are run to meet the increasing passenger traffic.

THE FIVE TWENTIES SUBSCRIPTION.

The subscriptions for five-twenties the past week at Jay Cooke & Co.'s footup about four millions. The Treasury is one month behind in delivering coupon bonds, consequently subscriptions are much less than if the bonds could be delivered immediately.

Mr. Chase has now, however, nearly completed arrangements for engraving and printing them in a department where it will be under his immediate control. The full number of "thousands" and "fifties" are already being delivered, and during the week the Treasury expects to be able to furnish a full supply of all denominations, and as soon as the present orders are filled, the public will receive bonds with little or no delay.

THE NEW BONDS.

These new bonds—the third series being prepared without the aid of the old Engraving Companies—receive, quite naturally, but little praise from interested parties, but the fact that the expense to the treasury is but about one-fourth of their former cost, and that they possess absolute safe-guards against fraud, either by counterfeiting the bond or altering the date of coupon, are sufficient to satisfy the people that the Secretary has evinced no less wisdom in this than he has in all other matters relating to the management of his Department.

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 31.—There are now two daily through passenger trains over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad to the West, leaving Baltimore at 1:35 and 8:30 p. m., except Sundays, when 8:30 p. m. train leaves only. Close connections are made with the morning and evening trains from New York.

War Against Japan.

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—A private dispatch dated Hong Kong, July 6th, says war against Japan by England and France is almost certain.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 31, 1863.

The brig William, Capt. Cook, from New Orleans, arrived this afternoon. He reports that, on the 20th inst., he saw the United States bark Reckless, having in tow a hermaphrodite brig, with no name, loaded with cotton. It is said the brig was sailing under British colors, but had run the blockade at Mobile. A prize crew was put on board, and the prize was taken to Key West.

A reliable correspondent of the newspaper man, who has been in every battle with the Army of the Potomac, arrived in Philadelphia this evening. He says it is improbable that another battle will occur between that army and the rebels under Lee. Our army extends over the whole region of country from the Manassas Junction to the Rappahannock.

There is not a word from Charleston. It will be observed that the story about the shelling of Charleston is exclusively from rebel sources. H. A. W.

Interesting from Europe.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The steamer City of London arrived to-night at 7 o'clock, with one day later news.

The privateer Florida appeared off Kinsdale on the 17th of August. She boarded a pilot boat, and sent three passengers, supposed to be Confederate agents, ashore by her.

The Florida was off Queenstown on the 18th inst. The Cork *Herald* had previously announced her expected arrival at Queenstown to effect shipments of men, and at the instance of the U. S. Consul.

Notice has been posted by the Port Admiral, warning the people against any breach of the foreign enlistment act. It is reported that war vessels were ready to prevent any illegality.

The destruction of the American ship Nash by a privateer off Gibraltar is confirmed.

Parties interested in the steamer Peterhoff unequivocally stated that the points stated by Judge Betts were proved, and say they can substantiate their case. A law case had been on trial clearly showing that the Peterhoff had been previously engaged in carrying contraband goods.

The Confederate loan has declined 29@27c. discount.

The Mexican and Polish questions are in *statu quo*.

The notes of France and England to Russia are represented as quite pacific.

The *Morning Post* thinks if the Russia reply is unfavorable, the Poles should be recognized as belligerents.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 20.—The steamer from Cork at Liverpool saw the Florida lying to off Tuscar, at 5 p. m., on the 19th. Two hours later, she saw a Federal merchantman, from Liverpool, proceeding towards Tuscan. The ship Eagle had reached Liverpool from Bermuda, with nearly 80,000 ounces silver bars, supposed to have been taken from the ship B. F. Hexie.

The political news is unimportant.

LATEST COMMERCIAL BY TELEGRAPH TO QUEENSTOWN.—*Liverpool, Aug. 20*.—Cotton is buoyant, and all quality advanced.

Breadstuff's quite steady. Corn firmer and advanced 1s 3d per quarter. Provisions firm. Petroleum has an upward tendency, and holders demand an advance.

Sugar quiet and steady.

Rosin 4s 6d.

Spirits Turpentine 40s.

Console closed at 93½ to 93¾ for money.

Expedition up the Peninsula.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The Richmond papers of the 29th, contain the following:

Five hundred Yankee cavalry advanced up the Peninsula on Thursday, as far as new Kent Court House, and a detachment came up later in the day to the vicinity of Bottom's bridge, over the Chickahominy, fifteen miles below Richmond. At this point they exchanged a few shots with our pickets, and it is said several on each side were killed and wounded. We do not think that much blood was spilled. Our pickets were, however, driven in, but before returning, they removed the floor of the bridge, and prevented the farther advance of the enemy in that direction.

It is by no means certain that the Yankees designed to extend their reconnoissance this side of the Chickahominy, as they made no attempt to do so, but returned down the Peninsula. Whether they came from Williamsburg, or were landed from transports at the White House, we have not ascertained. An officer of Gen. Elzey's staff, who returned yesterday from a scout as far as New Kent Court House, reports that he saw no indications of the presence of a hostile force, but was informed at the Court House, that 600 had visited that place on Thursday. The strength of the invaders was greatly exaggerated by the first reports which reached the city.

Destructive Fire in East Boston---Monitor Turrets Destroyed.

BOSTON, Aug. 31—1 P. M.—A destructive fire is now raging in East Boston. It commenced on the Atlantic Works, where the Monitor turrets are constructed. The building, with four nearly finished turrets are already destroyed. The flames are rapidly extending through the mechanical and business section of East Boston.

LATER—THE LOSS, ETC.

BOSTON, Aug. 31.—The fire in East Boston, which broke out at the head of Lombard's wharf, about noon to day, has been got under. The Atlantic Works lost $10,000 by the destruction of machinery which was not insured. They were building five turrets for monitors, now being constructed at Charleston and Portsmouth. It is not known how much they were damaged, and it will not be ascertained for some time. The destruction of the machinery will cause delay in finishing the turrets, and will throw temporarily out of employment a large number of mechanics The turrets are valued at $40,000 each. The total loss is estimated at $300,000, about half of which was insured.

Union Mass Convention---Letter from the President, etc.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 31.—The delegates to the Union Mass Convention, to be held in Jefferson City to-morrow, are arriving from all parts of the State, and the prospects are that it will be the largest meeting ever assembled in the State.

The *Democrat's* Springfield dispatch says, that President Lincoln has written a letter which will be read at the Union meeting to be held there on the 2d of September, and states that its perusal will gladden the hearts of every true Union man in the country. It vindicates the President's fame and character, and will be the key-note of the next Presidential campaign.

Edward Bryant has also written a letter strongly urging the prosecution of the war.

The meeting on the 3d promises to be immense. Twenty-seven thousand people are expected to arrive by the Chicago and St. Louis Railroad alone.

The Bombardment of Chattanooga---Floyd's Death, etc.

STEVENSON, Ala., Aug. 31.—The rebel accounts of the late bombardment of Chattanooga, says Wilder opened without warning. The daughter of Hoobs, of Nashville, was mortally wounded, and three soldiers and five citizens killed, among them two ladies.

Floyd's death is confirmed.

Curry, of Kentucky, was killed in Richmond on the 29th, by Bassford, Clerk of the Treasury Department.

Gen. Crook penetrated to the summit of Lookout Mountain, and within nine miles of Chattanooga, and found the mountains clear of rebels. The enemy is in Chattanooga in force, digging like beavers, and making boats with the intention to fight us there.

The Kansas Massacre—Return from Pursuit of Quantrell.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 31.—Lieut. Col. Clark, of the 9th Kansas Cavalry, returned last evening from pursuit of Quantrell through Jackson, Cass and Johnson counties. His command killed 40 of the perpetrators of the Lawrence massacre.

Other companies have returned to different posts, having killed and wounded several bushwhackers.

Among the killed was Capt. Estes, recruiting officer for Marmaduke.

The whole number of guerrillas killed, so far as known, considerably exceeds 100.

The Blockade off Wilmington.

FORTRESS MONROE, Aug. 29.—The steamer S. W. Thomas arrived, this morning, from Newbern, N. C.

Our correspondent writes, from Beaufort, N. C., Aug. 25th, that officers from the Wilmington blockading squadron have arrived there with important intelligence. These officers regard the attempt to blockade Wilmington with eight gunboats, when thirty are required, as a great farce. They also state that regular lines of packets, with the hour of sailing advertised, are established between Nassau and Wilmington.

The Capture of the Brig Atlantic.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31.—The Navy Department has recent information of the capture of the brig Atlantic, by the United States steamer Princess Royal, off the Rio Grande, Mexico. From the statement of acting Master Chase, late in command of the gunboat Antonita, it appears that the Atlantic had cotton on board, direct from the Texas shore, and the Captain of the brig told him he would swear to the fact, and if a private interview could be granted it would be to the advantage of the United States Government.

The cause of the Captain's singular proceeding, was, he says, in consequence of a misunderstanding between him and the parties chartering the vessels, and he says he was taken into Key West in this same Atlantic, while bound for Texas, by a United States vessel as a prize, and laid there thirty-six days, but was smart enough to fool the authorities. Notwithstanding that he had contraband of war on board, he escaped from there, sued the United States Government, and obtained judgments for $10,000. He then went off and delivered his cargo, which went into Brownsville, Texas, via Matamoras. The Captain of the vessel further said, "If you don't look out I'll fool you again. I have been in such business a long time, having run the blockade during the Russian war, and if you are not very sharp, I will get to the windward of you again."

Operations of Guerrillas--The Tobacco Crop.

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 31.—Bands of guerrillas, one to two hundred strong, have recently appeared in Clinton, Monroe and Cumberland counties. On Saturday, one hundred captured four of Wolford's cavalry at Albany.

Small parties of guerrillas are reported in Trimble county.

The rebel Gen. Preston is at Taswell, Va., with seven regiments.

About 400 guerrillas passed through Pound Gap on Saturday.

Accounts of the damage done to the tobacco crop, by the recent fr