Pittsburgh Gazette.

THURSDAY MORNING, SEPT. 3, 1863.

CITY AFFAIRS.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

United States Christian Commission.

The Army Committee of the Christian Commission presents the following reports of its operations during the month of August:

Commissions to act as delegates have been given to Rev. William Dalzell, Hanoverton, Ohio; Rev. S. Seigfried, Jr., Adamsville, Ohio; Thompson R. Ewing, Indiana county, Pa.; Wallace Radcliff, Pittsburgh; B. S. Jeffers, Pittsburgh; making fifty delegates sent to the army since April 1st.

The letters and reports from our delegates demonstrate the necessity and efficiency of the Christian Commission. Rev. Robt. McQuaity, of Mercer, says:

"Never have there been such doors of usefulness opened to philanthropists and earnest Christians as at the present. The opportunities now afforded to such to alleviate the suffering in our own land, and to bring the weary and heavy laden to Christ, are such as have not been enjoyed in the past—nor shall such be had in the future.

"From the various camps and hospitals in our land, there comes to every lover of humanity and of God, more than a Macedonian cry to come over and help us. In response to this call, let earnest, faithful and intelligent Christian men come to this work—and such only—men who are willing to endure hardships for the sake of Christ, or for the salvation of men. Let pleasure-seekers, and those who are incited by mere curiosity, remain at home, and let those come who have a heart to compassionate the sufferings, and a mind to work for the good of the soldier. Such men may be the means of doing much good in the army, and in the realization of this, will enjoy much pleasure.

"And in response to this cry, they who cannot come in person should seek to encourage and cheer the soldier by these manifestations of regard and sympathy for him in his privations and dangers."

The Field Agents in different parts of the armies are asking for "earnest, active, faithful ministers," men of experience in their calling, possessing good bodily health, as well as sound judgment, to labor as delegates in brigades that are destitute of Chaplains.

We would suggest that each Synod, Presbytery or Conference appoint one minister to represent it in the army, make provision for the supply of his pulpit and the comfort of his family, and let him remain at his post at least three months to cheer and have choice young men.

We thankfully acknowledge the following contributions (omitted in our last report) for religious reading matter, through the publication societies of the churches:

Presbyterian Church, Sewickley, Pa.		$ 43 65
"	" Blairsville	40 40
"	" McKeesport	27 00
U. P. "	Salem, Indiana	10 00

The Treasurer thankfully acknowledges the following cash donations:

Baptist Church, Freeport, Pa.		4 23
" "	Hilderlin, Lawrence co. Pa.	5 00
U. P. Church, Dayton, Pa.		10 00
" "	Mounville, Pa.	9 00
" "	Kittanning, Pa.	10 00
" "	Rosemville, Mercer co. Pa.	18 65
" "	Robinson, Washington co. Pa.	32 00
" "	Sidney, Shelby co. Ohio	28 00
" "	East Palestine, Ohio	10 65
" "	Smith Creek, Henderson co Ill.	19 00
St. Clair U. P. Church, (additional) Pa.		1 00
Reformed Pres. Church, Allegheny		25 69
" "	" Elizabeth, Pa.	17 00
Meth. Epis. Church, Beaver st. Allegheny		55 87
" "	Smithfield st Pittsburgh	8 00
" "	East Liberty, Pa.	19 00
" "	Duquesne Borough, Pa.	6 12
" "	Monongahela City, Pa.	10 55
" "	Dayton, Pa.	7 25
" "	Oil City, Pa.	11 16
" "	Enon Valley, Pa.	6 00
" "	Greenock, Pa.	7 05
" "	Pine Run	7 00
" "	Bellair, Belmont co. O.	21 00
" "	New Lisbon Ohio	15 00
" "	Wellsburg, West Va.	10 50
Third Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh		84 55
Fourth " "	"	11 15
Central " "	"	42 00
Harmony " "	West Newton, Pa	6 00
Concord " "	Dayton, Pa.	5 50
Bethany " "	Harrisonville, Pa	29 21
Long Island Pres. Church, (additional,) Pa.		1 50
Round Hill, " "	"	15 00
Unity " "	Latrobe, Pa	70 00
Raccoon " "	Washington co, Pa	25 50
Rev. J. W. Martin's Church, Steubenville (Presbytery) Ohio		20 55
Bethel and Jacksonville churches		35 00
Harmony and Plank Road Church		8 00
Presbyterian Church, Congruity, Pa.		50 40
" "	Tarentum, Pa.	13 43
" "	Sharpsburg, Pa.	23 14
" "	Mt. Washington, Pa.	32 00
" "	New Castle, Pa.	43 20
" "	Rural Valley, Arm'g co.	18 17
" "	Elderton	7 33
" "	Hartsville, Butler co.	4 00
" "	N. Providence, Greene	35 00
" "	Ebenezer, Cambria co	21 00
" "	Amity, Butler co, Pa.	10 25
" "	Scrogg-field, Ohio	21 25
" "	Richmond, "	7 85
" "	Kerrville, "	8 10
" "	London, "	6 25
" "	Mt. Eaton, "	10 00
" "	Minerva, "	14 50
" "	Sabbath School, Lawville	6 40
2d U. P. "	" Mercer, Pa	5 00
Collection at Connellsville, Pa.		13 10
" "	Connoquenessing, Pa.	13 45
" "	Coalrock, Pa.	5 05
" "	Oil Creek, Pa.	8 85
" "	New Vernon, Pa.	15 78
" "	Marion, Ohio	25 30
Friends of the Soldiers, Clarkson, Ohio		15 00
Army Com., Salem Cong., New Derry, Pa.		11 65
Ladies' Aid Soc., Lexington, Somerset co. Pa.		10 00
" "	Eldersridge, Indiana co. Pa	7 00
" "	Burrill tp., Armstrong	8 00
" "	Bethel Cong. U. St. Clair	37 00
Soldiers' Aid Club, Sheakleyville, Mercer co, Pa		13 92
James O'Hara, Pittsburgh		100 00
J. F. Hanna & Co., Pittsburgh		50 00
Mrs. J. Seibert, "		5 00
Wm. Jeffrey, D. D., Harrisburgh, Pa.		10 00
Mrs. R. Jeffrey, "	"	5 00
Philip Reniel, Freedom, Pa		5 00
James McGaglin, Hickory, Pa.		3 00
Mrs. M. Craig		1 00
Miss Murdoch		1 00
A Friend		5 00
J. G., A, 6th U. S. Cavalry		50
Bells Town		10
A Friend, per Rev. J. N. Boyle, W. Elizabeth		1 25

The following contributions of hospital stores have been received during the month of August:

One box of hospital stores from S. Andrew's Aid Society of Centreville, Crawford county; 1 box do from ladies of Greensburg; 1 box of clothing and fruit from Soldiers' Aid Society of Loomis, Clarion county; 1 box of stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Coultersville, Allegheny county; 1 box of sundries from Soldiers' Aid Society of Glade Mills, Butler county; 8 boxes of clothing and fruit from ladies of Unity Congregation, Latrobe; 1 box of hospital stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Punxsutawney, Armstrong county; 3 boxes of hospital stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Blairsville, Indiana county; 1 box do from Christian Commission of West Lebanon, Indiana county; 2 boxes of hospital stores and 1 keg of wine from ladies of U. P. Congregation of Mount Hope, Washington county; 2 boxes of stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of West Middleton, Washington county; 1 box from Rev. G. W. Mechlin, Dayton, Ohio, 2 boxes and 3 packages of clothing and fruit, and 2 cans of milk, from Ladies' Christian Aid Society of Rimmon township, Allegheny county; 1 box of fruit from Ladies' Aid Society of Jefferson, Greene county; 1 box of hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of West Deer township; 1 box of hospital stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Cooksburg, Armstrong county; 2 boxes of hospital stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Pennsville, Fayette county; 1 box of clothing from Ladies' Aid society of Strattonville, Clarion county; 1 box of reading matter from Mrs. N. Bolentine, Temperance'ly; 5 boxes of clothing and fruit from Ladies' Aid Society of Hillside, Westmoreland county; 1 box of sundries from Kittanning Sabbath School District No. 2, Armstrong county; 1 box of hospital stores from Dam No. 3, Armstrong county; 1 box of sundries from Concord and Glade Run churches, Dayton, Penn; 3 boxes from unknown persons; 1 box from School District No. 2, Ohio township, per Beaver County Army Committee; 1 box of hospital stores from Soldiers' Aid Society of Eldersridge, Indiana county; 1 box of hospital stores and 1 barrel of dried apples, from Ladies' Aid Society of Somerset; 1 box of hospital stores from ladies of Congruity Presbyterian church, Westmoreland county; 3 boxes from Ladies' Aid Society of Dittico township; 1 of Coolspring township, Mercer county; 1 box of housewife s from Rev. Henderson's church, Pigeon Creek, Washington county; 1 box of hospital stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Freedom, per Army Committee of Beaver county; 1 box of housewives from Sunday School of Centre Presbyterian Church, near Greensburg; three boxes of hospital stores, and one barrel of potatoes, from Ladies' Christian Commission of Butler, Butler county; One box of stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Middlesex, Butler county; one box of hospital stores from Ladies' Aid Society of Clinton, Butler county; one box from Ladies' of Buffalo Washington county; 2 box s of com. Uniontown, Fayette county; 1 box from Ladies' of West Elizabeth, per Rev S. N. Boyle; two boxes from Ladies' Aid Society of Moon township, per Beaver county army Committee; 1 box from Soldiers' Aid Society of district N. Brighton township, per army Committee of Beaver county; 1 box from Ladies' Aid Society of Patterson, Armstrong county; 1 box of hospital stores from school area of Irwin's Station, Westmoreland county; 7 boxes of reading matter, from Christian Commission, Philadelphia; 1 box of housewives from Miss Ada S. Marshall; Also contributions of clothing, fruits, and reading matter, from Mrs. Craig, Miss Laughlin, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. R. McKee, Mrs. J. Cunningham, Mrs. Forster, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. Cluly. Work done at City Hall by the ladies, 204 shirts, 150 pair drawers, and 241 bandages.

The following articles will be made during this month: Flannel shirts, canton flannel drawers, woolen socks, blankets, comforts, canned and dried fruits.

The following articles have been forwarded to the hospitals and camps of our armies, during the past month:

468 shirts, 323 pairs drawers, 183 pillows, 175 pillow cases, 128 towels; 141 pads and slings, 87 sheets, 82 pairs socks, 214 housewives, 41 pairs slippers 63 dressing gowns, 353 handkerchiefs, 1,184 pounds crackers, 58 bushels potatoes, 50 dozen eggs, 703 cans of fruit, 1,225 pounds dried fruit, 1,217 books, 94,500 pgs. of papers and tracts, 412 testaments, 265 hymn books, 296 bandages, 29 pounds of lint, 67 arm slings, 6 reams writing paper, 1,500 envelopes, 18 pounds farina, 27 pounds corn starch 21 pounds corp, 225 pounds butter.

The work of the Commission is enlarging, and the demands upon our means constantly increasing. The calls for publications, especially, are very urgent, and with the continued increase of the work, there comes a continued demand for supplies, which we earnestly desire to meet.

Let all stores be sent to Wm. P. Weyman, No 79, Smithfield street, and all cash contributions to Jos. Albree, Treasurer, No 71, Wood street.

ROBERT McKNIGHT,
JOS. ALBREE,
W. P. WEYMAN,
R. G. COTTEN,
JOS. HOME,
J. R. SCOUNS,
} Executive Com.

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 1st, 1863.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE PITTSBURGH SUBSISTENCE COMMITTEE.

During the past month we have fed, at our rooms, at City Hall, 1,680 soldiers, on their way east and west. At the Soldiers Rest, on Liberty street, 1,016 sick and wounded soldiers have been cared for, and provided with all the attendance their condition demanded, making, since our organization, August 3d, 1861, 126,164 soldiers who have been furnished with meals by our Committee.

Transportation has been given to seven sick and wounded soldiers who were left in our city without means of reaching their homes. Five wounded soldiers have been placed in our hospitals, one of whom died, and his body was sent to his friends by the Committee.

Contributions of meats, vegetables and fruits, for use of our rooms on Liberty street, will be very acceptable, and can be left at the room No. 347 Liberty street, any day from nine to two o'clock; or at Messrs. Allerse, Son & Co., Wood street, or Messrs. Weyman & Son's, Smithfield street.

We thankfully acknowledge the following contributions of cash during August:

One-half of proceeds of Murdock's lecture	$102 57
Mr. H. Krebs	25 00
A friend	20 00
Cash	5 00
Francis Felix	5 00
Mrs. S. Fosdick	5 00
James M. Kain	5 00
John S. Campbell	3 00
Mrs. Pitcairn, Allegheny	2 00
A friend	1 00

Also contributions of eatables from Mrs. Schwartz, Allegheny; M s. R. Smith, Mrs. McGowan, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Gorrel; Battery A, 140 loaves of bread; 1 box of fruit from Elizabeth, Allegheny county.

W. P. WEYMAN,
JOSEPH ALBREE,
H. M. AYWOOD,
Executive Committee.

How a Lady Served Copperheads.

A few days since, the 27th of August, a number of men were engaged at the house of David Hassler, Esq, of Rostraver township, Westmoreland county, Pa., in threshing grain. On coming to the table for dinner, Mrs. Hassler noticed a butternut breast pin on one of the men named McClelland, which she requested him to take off or leave the table, as no man should sit at her table with one of them on. Her brother (son of Rev. Samuel Wakefield, recently representative of that county, in the Pennsylvania Legislature) spoke out and told her he had one on, and intended to keep it on. She replied that his must come off also, or he must leave the table. They hesitated in leaving, thinking she was not in earnest, when Mr. H. joined her in the request and invitation to leave the table unless the badges were taken off. With this the three brothers (McClelland's) and Wakefield left, packed up the threshing machine, leaving the threshing unfinished. The loyal men, some eight or ten in number, remained, and ate the dinner.

The action of Mrs. H. is highly approved by all her loyal neighbors, and deserves to be passed around as worthy of praise and imitation.

In the afternoon her brother returned with a message from the reverend traitor, her father, to Mrs. H., that she need not show her face at his house till she changed her politics.

THEATRE—ANNIE HYATT.—This evening, Miss Annie Hyatt, a protean artist of the most decided talent, makes her first appearance this season. During her last engagement at this establishment she made troops of friends, who will doubtless hail her re-appearance with delight. She appears in the sterling farce of "My Son Diana." The beautiful sensation drama of the "Duke's Signal," which has attracted large audiences during the week, will be repeated this evening. Let all attend who wish a good evening's entertainment.

STANTON CAVALRY WOUNDED.—We publish, in another column, a dispatch from Col. Schoonmaker to Lieut. Col. Blakely, of the Stanton Cavalry, giving a list of the officers who were wounded in the late fight at Rocky Gap, and of those who are missing. It may be interesting to our readers to know that Capt. Pollock belongs to this city, Captain Bird to Birmingham, Lieut. Jackson to Fayette county, Lieut. McNutt to Clarion county, and Lieuts. Shoop and Wilson to Armstrong county.

MASS CONVENTION.—The citizens of Allegheny county will hear in mind the mass meeting to be held this evening, in the Allegheny Market Square. We are assured that there will be a large assemblage of people, as the County Committee has procured some of the most able speakers of the day for the occasion, and every preparation has been made to accommodate all who may attend. The voters of all parties are requested to be present.

GRAND UNION MEETING.—The Ladies' Aid Society of Noblestown, in connection with the U. P. Church, of which Rev. Mr. Hutchinson is pastor, will hold a Grand Union Meeting in that village on Thursday, the 10th instant, at 10 o'clock a. m. The Rev. John Douglas, D. D., Professor S. J. Wilson, D. D., of the Western Theological Seminary, Col. and Rev. J. B. Clark and Hon. P. H. Shannon are invited speakers for the occasion.

SLIGHT FIRE.—About eight o'clock, last evening, the roof of the blacksmith shop, attached to Messrs. Jenks & Bro's machine works, on First street near Ferry, caught fire from the sparks of a chimney, it is supposed. The fire was put out with a few bucketfuls of water.

PERSONAL.—Mr. J. F. Charpenning, of the firm of Lyday & Charpenning, and who has been West for some weeks, arrived in town the last night. Mr. C. is in good health and spirits and is well prepared to resume business.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

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

A. F. GRATOT, General Agent.
No. 19, Fifth street.

THOMAS PARRY, Plain and Ornamental Slate Roofer, and dealer in Pennsylvania and Vermont slate of the best quality at low rates. Office at Alex. Laughlin's, near the Water Works, Pittsburgh, Pa. sp3:6m

BETTER THAN ANY OTHER.—REV. MRS. E. C. ANDRUS, *for many years Missionary to Hayti, now of Marlinsburgh, N. Y.*, (the climate having seriously affected her hair) and the most severe, 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 now only thing that *so materially and permanently benefitted me.*"

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

IAVING 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.

au31:2wms MISS E. A. SMITH.

WHAT AN AMOUNT OF SUFFERING AND DISEASE among the volunteers would be prevented by the free use of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. For Wounds, Sores and Scurvy, the Ointment is a certain cure, and for Bowel complaints, Fevers, Small Pox, &c., the Pills are the best medicine in the world. Only 25 cents per box or pot. 231

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 Cuthbert's Carpenter Shop, Virgin alley, above Smithfield streets. All orders promptly attended to.

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.

C. GIRL, Dentist, 248 Penn street, attend to all business of his profession.

THE LATEST NEWS
BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2, 1863.

FALSE REPORTS.

The reports of the crossing of the Lower Rappahannock by Lee in force is not true.

A FIGHT AT CONWAY PROBABLE.

The gunboats Satellite and Reliance are at Port Conway, and there will be a fight there, in all probability, to-morrow or next day.

OLD ISSUE OF DEMAND NOTES.

There is an outstanding to-day of the old issue of the United States Demand Notes of $2,475,000. Most of this amount is held in the South and California—not as singular a circumstance as that these notes bring the same premium in Richmond as gold, while in New York they are worth one or two per cent. less.

THE VANDERBILT.

The Navy Department is not in possession of any information concerning the reported capture of the Vanderbilt, by the pirate Sumter, but on the contrary, has facts which go to prove such an event utterly impossible.

THE FIVE-TWENTY LOAN.

Subscriptions to the 5 20 loan foot up twenty-one million seven hundred thousand dollars, during the month of August.

PENSION EXAMINING SURGEON.

Dr. E. Murdelholl, of Eaton, Ohio, was appointed Examining Surgeon, by the Commissioner of Pensions.

PAYMENT OF THE SOLDIERS.

Warrants on the Treasury for money to pay all the troops in the field will be issued tomorrow.

THE DRAFT IN OHIO.

The report that there will be no draft in Ohio, is correct, in so far as there shall be no deficiency; it is thought altogether probable, that the small quota required from that State will be made up by volunteering, but should that fail to produce the men in the right time, then the draft will be necessary, to make up the deficiency.

The sale of confiscated property to-day was postponed on account of notice being given by Capt. Tod, Provost Marshal, that certain portions of the property is now occupied by the Government, and will not be vacated as long as wanted for present use.

SENSATION SUBSIDED.

The sensation, caused by yesterday's statements, of the presence of a large body of rebel cavalry, near Edwards Ferry, has subsided, upon its being ascertained that the cavalry seen up there was a portion of our own men out on duty in that region.

NO CHARLESTON NEWS.

There is nothing new from Charleston up to nine o'clock.

THE FIGHT AT ROCKY GAP, VA.

The Loss in Colonel Schoonmaker's Regiment.

By Telegraph from Beverly, West Virginia.

BEVERLY, Aug. 31, 1863.

JAMES SCHOONMAKER: My Regiment was severely engaged at the Rocky Gap fight. Loss, six officers and sixty men killed and wounded. Myself and staff are well.

J. M. SCHOONMAKER,
Colonel 14th Pa. Cavalry.

SECOND DISPATCH.

The following dispatch has been received by Lieut. Colonel Blakely, dated

BEVERLY, VA., Sept. 2, 1863.

Lieut. Col. Wm. Blakely—Capt. Bird and Lieut. Wilson, of Co. M, are badly wounded and missing; Capt. Pollock is missing; Lieuts. Jackson, McNutt and Shoopare wounded and in our hands.

J. M. SCHOONMAKER,
Colonel 14th Pa. Cavalry.

The President's Letter---Tampico Occupied by the French---Fire in Williamsburg--James T. Brady--Pemberton.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—A Chicago dispatch to the *Post* says the following passage occurs in the President's letter: "The Proclamation, as law, is either valid or it is not valid; if it is not valid, it wants no retraction. It cannot be retracted any more than the dead can be brought to life."

A special to the *Commercial* says General Doubleday is ordered to report to General Banks.

The New Orleans *Picayune*, of the 22d, has Tampico dates of the 16th, stating that that place was occupied by the French.

A fire in Williamsburg, last night, destroyed the factory and agricultural implements of Listhurts & Bro. Loss, $10,000.

A note from James T. Brady, is published, emphatically declining the candidacy for any office, and will not accept a nomination from any political organization.

A Memphis letter, of the 25th, denies the death of Pemberton, but his men and officers have sworn to kill him. He had been taken to Richmond under a strong guard. Fully two-thirds of his army are in the field under Hardee. Johnston is in command at Mobile.

Life Interest Sale Postponed---The Capture of the Alice Vivian.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—The life interest of seventeen different owners of valuable real estate in Washington was to have been sold to-day. A large number of persons were in attendance, but after the District Marshal had read the decree of the Court, the Provost Marshal produced a letter from the military authorities, stating that they would give up no part of the property, of which they now have possession. The postponement of the sale to Wednesday next was then announced.

Captain Walker, of the De Soto, advises the Navy Department of the capture of the steamer Alice Vivian, for violation of the blockade. She represented herself as from Mobile, bound to Havana, laden with cotton. She had thrown her papers overboard. Among the passengers transferred to the De Soto were several of the staff of Gen. Slaughter, of the rebel army. Gen. Slaughter himself had embarked on the steamer, with all his staff, but a few hours previous to her leaving Mobile. He returned to the city, with the intimation of joining the vessel as soon as he could remove his baggage thither; but for this he too would have been captured. His destination was Texas to raise a brigade. Other naval captures are also reported.

Gen. Davidson's Expedition--Marmaduke Routed--Price in Full Retreat.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 2.—Gen. Steele telegraphs to Gen. Schofield, from Duvall's Bluff, Ark., Aug. 26th, that our advance, under General Davidson, has driven Marmaduke's Cavalry, about 3,000 strong, out of Brownsville, capturing Col. Burbridge and some privates. At last accounts, Glover's brigade was pushing the enemy toward Bayou Meloris.

A dispatch from Pilot Knob says that deserters from Burbridge's command report that Price's forces were driven across the Arkansas on the 29th, and that the rebels are in full retreat, and Steele and Davidson in hot pursuit.

Marmaduke's command was completely routed and scattered.

Little Rock is within grasp of the Federal army.

The Syracuse Convention.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 2.—The Committee on Permanent Organization reported the name of Abraham Wakeman for President and a number of Vice Presidents, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Wakeman, on taking the chair, made a strong Union speech, which was frequently applauded.

A Committee to report resolutions was appointed.

Peter A. Porter was nominated for Secretary of State, E. W. Alcott for Comptroller, and John B. Cochrane for Attorney General.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 2, 1863.

DIFFICULTY BETWEEN GEN. GILLMORE AND ADMIRAL DAHLGREN.

It is currently reported in high circles that a misunderstanding exists between Admiral Dahlgren and Gen. Gillmore.

It is not unlikely that Admiral Farragut will be called to supersede Admiral Dahlgren.

ESCAPE OF REBEL SUBSTITUTES.

Some rebels, nine in number, who took the oath of allegiance, and then were received as substitutes for drafted men, escaped from the rendezvous at Alexandria. Each fellow stole a horse and as much other property as he could conveniently carry away.

LEE'S ARMY.

I have it from the best authority, that Lee's army is scattered over a large section of country. Longstreet has the right occupying the line of the Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad, Gen. Ewell has the left, and A. P. Hill, the centre.

STUART BECOMING UNPOPULAR.

Stuart, the raider, because of a number of failures lately, has become unpopular

GUERRILLA BANDS.

Many bands of guerrillas are hovering about the rear of our army, but have not met with any great success recently. It is stated that White and Imboden's guerrilla bands, variously estimated at from one to five thousand, have made several attempts to cross the Potomac, but in every instance they were repulsed by the Union artillery and infantry.

THE FUTURE OF REBELLION.

A rumor, started a few days since, seems to come in for a pretty authentic shape to-day, that President Lincoln will issue a paper in a short time defining the future of rebellion

OFFICIAL REPORT OF MCCLELLAN'S CAMPAIGN.

It is said that the official report of General McClellan's campaign occupies nearly 4,000 pages of foolscap, and an extra appropriation will be required to be passed by Congress to defray the expenses.

THE REBEL GEN. LEE DOWN-HEARTED.

The rebel General Lee is evidently downhearted. He is reported to be in Richmond, endeavoring to raise reinforcements for his army. Rebel deserters say that unless he makes battle his army will disband in less than a month.

GEN. MEADE'S ARMY.

Gen. Meade's army will not make any offensive operations. This seem to be a fixed fact.

CHARLESTON.

No arrivals at this port from the Charleston Squadron.

The President's Letter to the Illinois Convention.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—The following is President Lincoln's letter:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, Aug. 26, 1863.

HON. J. C. CONKLIN:—*My Dear Sir*:—Your letter inviting me to attend a mass meeting of unconditional Union men, to be held at the Capital of Illinois, on the 3d day of September, has been received. It would be very agreeable to me thus to meet my old friends at my own home, but I cannot just now be absent from this city so long as a visit there would require. The meeting is to be of all those who maintain unconditional devotion to the Union, and I am sure that my old political friends will thank me for tendering, as I do, the nation's gratitude to those other noble men whom no partisan malice, or partisan hope can make false to the nation's fate. There are those who are dissatisfied with me. To such I would say you desire peace, and you blame me that we do not have it. But how can we attain it? There are but three conceivable ways: First, to suppress the rebellion by force of arms. This I am trying to do. Are you for it? If you are, so far we are agreed. If you are not for it, a second way is to give up the Union. I am against this; if you are, you should say so plainly. If you are not for force, nor yet for dissolution, there only remains some imaginable compromise. I do not believe there any compromise embracing the maintenance of the Union is now probable.

All that I learn leads to a decidedly opposite belief. The strenght of the rebellion is in its military and its army; all the army domiciles all the country, and all the people within its range. Any offer of terms made by any man or men without that range, in opposition to that army, is simply nothing for the present, because such a man or men have no power whatever to enforce their side of a compromise, if one is made with them.

To illustrate: Suppose the refugees from the south and the peace men of the north met together in convention and frame and proclaim a compromise, embracing a restoration of the Union. In what way can that compromise be used to keep Gen. Lee's army out of Pennsylvania? Gen. Meade's army can keep Gen. Lee's army out of Pennsylvania, and I think can ultimately drive it out of existence. But how can these gentlemen, with their compromise, induce all the country