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Preparations for a Grand Movement in Virginia.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Evening Post* writes thus encouragingly of the military preparations and prospects in Virginia:

The preparations for the impending conflict in Virginia are going on rapidly upon a gigantic scale. It is improper to give any particulars that might benefit the enemy, but it can do no harm to encourage the loyal people of the country with the statement that while we are meeting with reverses on the Red river, in North Carolina and other places, General Grant is not idle in Virginia. He is preparing with all possible despatch for a great battle, but if Lee remains in his present position it is not probable that it will be fought during the present week. Lee, however, can force a battle at almost any moment, and Gen. Grant will gladly take up the gage any day that the rebels will come out of their intrenchments, and if Lee intends to compel our army to attack him in his chosen position, he will have to wait a few days longer.

The army of the Potomac is gaining in strength and efficiency every day, but the extent of this gain would hardly be credited were it to state it. One of the most hopeful signs of the hour is the fact that nobody here seems to understand the plans of Gen. Grant. Heretofore, before a great battle, the secret of the campaign and the plan of operations have been understood by at least a hundred persons in this city. The three or four individuals entitled perhaps by their position to know something of the plan of a campaign, told all their friends—and the rebels, through their secret agents here, have anticipated all that was coming. It is not so now. Gen. Grant has either kept his plans to himself, or has warned his distinguished counsellors and advisers in Washington to be reticent. I do not believe there are three men in Washington who, 48 days, have any knowledge of Burnside's destination, though he has been in town for a day or two and his troops are not thirty miles off.

The Red River Country.

Shreveport is the capital of Caddo parish, Louisiana, situated near the foot of Caddo Lake, in the northwestern part of the State. It is finely located for business, on Red River, being surrounded by an exceedingly fertile planting region, about thirty miles below the "great raft." Some fifty thousand bales of cotton were annually shipped from this place before the war, and a very large number of cattle from Texas. The town contains a large number of stores, several steam mills, churches a printing office, and a resident population of about 3,000. Since the rebellion Shrevenport has been a extensive depot for commissary and other stores for the trans-Mississippi Confederate troops, and up to the time of the siege of Vicksburg formed an important link in the "chain of supplies" for the whole rebel army. There is a military prison there, which has at times contained a large number of Federal captives of war. It is 230 miles from the mouth of the river.

Alexandria is one hundred and fifty miles from the mouth of Red River. Eighty miles above is Nachitoches, an old French town, settled in 1713. It is noted in history as the scene of a hard battle between the inhabitants and the Natchez Indians in 1732, resulting in the extinction of the Natches as a distinct nation.

From Shreveport there runs a railroad westward to Marshall, Texas, and sixteen miles beyond, making a line in all some sixty miles in length. Many years ago a route was projected to Vicksburg, which was completed from the latter place west as far as the Ouachita river.

The Story about Mrs. White.

The N. Y. *Tribune* publishes the following:

We have the highest authority for the following statement in connection with the story that Mrs. M. Todd White (a sister of Mrs. Lincoln) was permitted by the President to carry contraband goods South: Mrs. White went south with only the ordinary pass which the President gives to those persons whom he permits to go. The President's pass did not permit Mrs. White to take with her anything but ordinary baggage, nor did she attempt to take anything more. The President's pass *did* not exempt her baggage from the usual inspection; and her baggage *did* undergo the usual inspection. Gen. Butler found no contraband goods or letters in her baggage. She did not insult or defy Gen. Butler; nor was there anything in her words or actions which led him to suspect that she was either a rebel spy or emissary, or that she was violating any of the rules under which persons are sent through the lines. As the Copperhead papers throughout the country are quoting the *Tribune* as authority in this matter, and using that authority to sustain assertions never made through our columns, we hope they will give this statement a speedy and wide publication.

Arkansas.

Arkansas now sits clothed and in her right mind among her free and loyal sisters. Governor Murphy has been formally inaugurated at Little Rock, with imposing ceremonies. A proclamation from Governor Murphy declares that at the late election the constitution and ordinances prepared by the State Convention, were ratified by 12,177 votes in favor, to 229 against them; and T. M. Jacks, A. G. Rogers, and J. M. Johnson were elected to Congress. A call appears for a State Convention to meet at Little Rock, May 2d, to appoint delegates to the National Republican Convention, which meets in Baltimore on the 7th of June next. Things are looking well in Arkansas. The Little Rock *Union* of the 16th says: "The militia is to be organized, a revenue to be raised, measures to be adopted, such as will render it forever impossible for traitors and Copperheads to grasp the reins of State government."

The Treasury Building.

Mr. Secretary Chase has replied to the resolution of the Senate of the 16th instant, asking whether it is intended to take down any portion of the south front of the Treasury building. He says that no alteration of the south front proper is intended, but that it is proposed to convert a portion of the large vestibule of the south portico into a suit of rooms, which are much needed, and that the depth of the vestibule is acknowledged to be an architectural defect, which the alteration will remedy, according to the opinion of Messrs. Walter and West, architectural superintendents of the Capitol extension. The design of the supervising architect of the Treasury is adopted, which will effect a saving over all expenses of the alteration of $13,508, by use of granite removed from the north front.

A NEW INVENTION.—Shirt collars of linen, cotton, paper, and steel are common, but to this catalogue are now to be added shirt collars from vulcanized India rubber, just patented in England, and which we have no doubt will soon be found at our India rubber establishments. The inventor states that suitable patterns may be painted or printed on the collars, either before or after they are cut from the sheet, and they may be made white, colored, or embossed. Cuffs and wristbands may be made also of the same materials.

A FARMER in Canada recently lost his wife, and on the day appointed for the funeral, when the guests were assembled, he persisted in postponing the funeral. Several sympathetic friends, who endeavored to reconcile him to a final leave of the loved remains, alleited from the distracted man the fact that he had been disappointed in the attendance of a professional gentleman, to extract several teeth containing gold filling, which had cost him $12 some years previous.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW-YORK, April 25.—The great Sanitary Fair closed Saturday evening, having, during the three weeks of its existence yielded over eleven hundred thousand dollars to the treasury of the Sanitary Commission. Of course it was a brilliant success, and the feeling of regret that it was allowed to close so soon, is general. The vote for the sword resulted in a victory for Grant by nearly sixteen thousand dollars. At two o'clock in the afternoon, Gen. McClellan was two thousand ahead, but the Loyal League of New York and Boston had not been heard from. The result has generated much bad feeling among the political adherents of McClellan, who term the contest a "pious and patriotic swindle," and who allege that by means of shoddy shinplasters, by the pound, *cox populi* was suppressed. It is openly declared in some high Democratic places that the funds of the fair were applied to procure this sword for Grant. However, to heal the painful wound, a movement is on foot to procure Gen. McClellan a sword by private contribution, "which nobody can cheat him out of." Though Mr. and Mrs. James Gordon Bennett and James Gordon Bennett, jr., did all that lay in the power of their "shoddy shinplasters," to procure the sword for the little Napoleon, yet the triumph of Grant is heralded as a bright omen for his future occupancy of the Presidential Chair!

Saturday was the three hundredth anniversary of the birth-day of Shakespeare—(about the spelling of whose name, by-the-by, there is as much difinality as with that of your city)—and it was appropriately celebrated. The corner stone of the first monument erected to the Bard of Avon in the United States, was laid at the Central Park by Mr. Hackett in the presence of a large concourse of people with negligent clothes, uncombed hair, and redundancy of shirt collar, whom we know as the literati. In the evening most of the Theatres played a Shakespearian piece, the whole proceeds of which go towards the monument. In anticipation of the rush greedy speculators bought up the tickets for the reserved seats at Niblo's and the Winter Garden, and peddled them out to the theatre-goers at a regular Harlem rate. Yours truly was fortunate enough to get a seventy-five cent seat for a dollar and a half. Hackett's rendition of Falstaff in Henry IV. was superb, but the effect was somewhat curtailed by the non-arrival of "Hotspur," (Mr. McCullough,) which part was *read* by Mr. Fenna. A New York audience will not submit generally to having a part read, but some allowance was made that night. Much disgust was created at the pronunciation of the gentleman who attempted to apologize for Mr. McCullough's absence. He started by reading a telegram to *Mr. J. H. Wheatley, Esq.!* and called a locomotive an "ingine." After having stated that Mr. Fenna would "throw himself upon the indulgence," &c., he retired amidst the hisses and laughter of the audience.

And now while I think of it, the departure of Mrs. Hoey from Wallack's Theatre, has occasioned much surprise and profound regret. It is understood that the cause of her emaute was the violation of a tacit agreement on the part of Wallack, that when Mrs. H. did not choose to play, she might name her substitute. Mrs. Hoey was a very pretty and wealthy lady, and it is reported was the leader of female fashions in the city. Her theatrical wardrobe was never excelled by any actress. Much speculation is rife as to whether she will re enter on the boards again, but the lady's friends maintain a resilience not to be permeated. *Quid nunacs* announce that her husband is about to build a new theatre near Wallack's, and this is as likely to be true as not.

The scarcity of seamen is really becoming alarming. No less than forty one vessels of all sorts lie at our wharves and in the stream unable to sail for the want of men skilled in navigation. Upwards of four hundred seamen were obtained last week by private enterprise, but when wanted they were found to have enlisted in the army to a man! The transfer of the seamen now in the army, will, it is thought, furnish men enough to equip the naval vessels now here.

The beautiful weather during the past two days has brought forth green leaves in abundance. The lilac bushes are almost in bloom, and everything betokens a "forward movement" in the vegetable "arm of the service," at any rate. W.

General Grant and his Cigar.

A private letter from Lieutenant James Hutchinson, of the Veteran Reserve Corps and formerly of the 13th New York Volunteers, furnishes a little incident wherein General Grant was one of the actors. Lieutenant Hutchinson is stationed in Washington, and a few days since was on duty as Officer of the Day at the War Department. An order was in force which forbade smoking in the building, and the sentries were instructed to enforce it. It so happened that among those who called to see General Halleck was Lieutenant-General Grant, who approached the door confidently, cigar in mouth, expecting doubtless to pass without question; but the veteran soldier on guard knew his duty better. Bringing his piece down to a charge, he barred the General out, and informed him, respectfully, that he couldn't go in and keep his cigar. The Lieutenant General is too good a disciplinarian to dispute such a point, so he yielded, threw the obnoxious weed away, and went in. After his departure, an order came from General Halleck rescinding the order about smoking so far as it affected Army officers.

EARTHQUAKE AT QUEBEC.—The Quebec (Canada) *Gazette* of the 20th inst. says there was an earthquake shock in that city on the previous day. It lasted several seconds, and the houses were so violently shaken that all who were in them made their way to the street as quickly as possible; the alarm in every part of the city was great. No damage was done except the falling of a few bricks from chimneys. The atmosphere at the time was clear, with a strong breeze from the northeast. The shock exceeded in power that of October, 1860.

THE New York *New Nation* contains an important announcement to the effect that the friends of General Fremont are to hold a Convention in Cleveland, on the 21st of May. It calls upon all men of mind like its own to hold township conventions, &c., thereby "telling the gentlemen that the friends of Fremont are big enough to take care of themselves and that they intend choosing for themselves." The *New Nation* thinks every one "at once to give up the idea of taking part in the Baltimore Convention."

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.—The Richmond *Enquirer*, of a recent date, announces that a regular system for a general exchange of prisoners has been agreed upon, and will be immediately inaugurated. Commissioner Ould has returned from Fortress Monroe, at which point he has been, under a flag of truce, two or three *days* past, on business connected with his department, the result of which is the resumption of the cartel, with the prospect under its provisions of an immediate exchange of all prisoners of war on both sides.

PERSONAL.—Maj. General Slocum, formerly of the army of the Potomac, from whence he was transferred with the 12th army corps to the army of the Cumberland, together with the members of his staff, was at St. Louis on the 22d inst. He is ordered on service down the Mississippi, and is en route for Vicksburg.

Major General Sykes, formerly of the army of the Potomac, arrived at Leavenworth, Kansas, on the 18th inst., under orders to report to Gen. Curtis.

In the late battle at Pleasant Hill, says a correspondent, General Banks, while encouraging his troops in the midst of a galling fire, had his coat pierced with a bullet. Gen. Franklin maneuvered his troops with great skill, and while leading his men on Friday he had two fine horses shot from under him, while a minie ball grazed his boot.

MR. SHERMAN said, in the Senate, that he heard a great deal about the desire of everybody to be taxed; but whenever Congress attempts to impose a tax to affect an individual that same person, although very patriotic, is always ready to show that while every body else ought to be taxed, he for some particular reason ought to escape.

THE Richmond papers do not pretend to deny the massacre at Fort Pillow, but rather glory in it. In this they are more honest than the Copperhead journals at the North, which attempted to explain away the matter and fix the responsibility on the victims of rebel ferocity.

RETALIATION.—A Washington telegram says: A profound conviction pervades Congress of the necessity of such terrible, inexorable retaliation for the Pillow and Plymouth massacres as will forever prevent a recurrence of similar barbarities.

THE Washington papers state that General Burnside's 9th Army Corps, lately reorganized at Annapolis, which has just marched through the Federal City into Virginia, is Forty Thousand strong.

CITY AND SUBURBAN.

Arrivals and Departures of Trains.

PENNSYLVANIA CENTRAL.

Departs.		*Arrives.*	
Thro' Acm'n...	6:50 a m	Balt're Exp's...	12:50 p m
Thro' Mail.....	2:50 a m	Phila. do ...	1:20 p m
Thro' Express...	4:25 p m	Fast Line.....	1:30 a m
Fast Line.....	8:35 p m	Thro' Mail.....	1:00 a m
Johnst'n Acm'n	8:00 p m	Johnst'n Acm'n.	10:05 a m
1st Wall st'n...	6:20 a m	1st Wall st'n...	6:22 a m
2d do ...	11:20 a m	2d do ...	8:35 a m
3d do ...	2:50 p m	3d do ...	1:55 p m
4th do ...	6:00 p m	4th do ...	6:05 p m

The Church Train leaves Wall Station (on Sunday) at 9:05 a m; returns at 12:45 p m.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO.

Departs.		*Arrives.*	
Fast Line.....	1:45 a m	Chicago Exp's...	2:00 a m
Express	1:45 p m	Phila. do ...	2:10 p m
Mail Train.....	6:30 a m	Cin'ti do ...	7:50 p m
Alliance Acm'n.	8:15 p m	Crestline Mail...	7:00 p m

The New Brighton Accommodation leaves Allegheny Station at 9:15 a m, 12:00 m, 4:30 p m, 5:40 p m. Returning, leaves New Brighton Station at 6:50 a m, 7:00 a m, 12:30 p m, and 2:50 p m.

PITTSBURGH AND CONNELLSVILLE.

Departs.		*Arrives.*	
Mail.....	7:55 a m	Mail.....	6:00 p m
Express.....	3:00 p m	Express.....	10:00 a m
1st M'Keesport..	11:00 a m	1st M'Keesport.	7:00 p m
2d do ...	6:15 p m	2d do ...	2:05 p m
Port Perry	7:00 a m	Port Perry.....	6:30 a m
Braddock's.....	4:15 p m	Braddock's.....	8:40 p m

The Sunday Train to and from M'Keesport leaves at 1:00 p m, and arrives at 10 a m.

ALLEGHENY VALLEY.

Departs.		*Arrives.*	
Mail.....	7:00 a m	Mail.....	7:00 p m
Express.....	3:00 p m	Express.....	9:35 a m
Accommodation	4:00 p m	Accommodation	8:10 a m

CLEVELAND AND PITTSBURGH.

Departs.		*Arrives.*	
Cincinnati.....	1:45 a m	Mail.....	3:50 p m
do ...	1:45 p m	Cincin. Ex'ps..	8:05 p m
Wheeling	6:30 a m	do ...	2:10 a m
Steubenville...	3:50 a m	Steubenville &c	10:00 a m
Cleveland.....	1:45 a m		
do	1:45 p m		

Combinations Against the Poor.

An exchange paper truthfully remarks: "It is not the high premium on gold that makes every article of living nearly double the price they were a year or two ago. It is combinations of traders and speculators that are engaged in this wicked and heartless business. The opponents of the Government would make the Secretary of the Treasury responsible for the high price of butter, beef and coffee. It is not so. Every one who takes leisure to reflect, knows that during February and March, 1863, the market value of gold averaged about the same, counting one week with another, as it has done in the months of February and March and the first two weeks of April, 1864. During these last named months, however, almost every necessary of household consumption—we speak, of course, mainly with reference to the larder—is from 75 to 100 per cent higher than it was a year ago. Thus taking the average quality of the following articles, we find butter advanced within the twelve months from 25 and 28 cents a pound to 50 and 54 cents; cheese from 14 cents to 22 cents; eggs from 20 and 25 cts per dozen to 30 and 35 cents; coffee from 40 cents a pound to 56 cents; sugar from 14 cents to 18 and 22 cents; roasting meat from 16 to 25 cents; pork from 10 and 12 to 18 and 20 cents; vegetables of every description from 60 to 100 per cent. To be blunt, then, as well as brief, we believe the public are swindled most unmercifully by the market middle man and the petty dealer. Again, we repeat, it is not the high price of gold that has made living so expensive, but the combination of heartless speculators."

Working-Women—Prize Essay.

The condition of the working women of the country, and the loud call there is for some remedy to relieve them, has induced a sympathising gentleman of Philadelphia to offer $50 for a paper or essay pointing out some practical means of relief. He says:

"Believing that there exists a remedy for this state of things, I cheerfully offer the Treasury bond, No. 8712, of fifty dollars, as a premium for the best paper on improving the condition of working women. This is but a small sum for so great a purpose, but it is all, as a poor man, I have to spare. Yet I feel assured that the good results from such an effort, if successful, with the gratitude of the toiling, ill-paid women, will make the purse invaluable, and perhaps not unworthy the efforts of the best statesmen in the land. Communications must not be longer than to compose a sheet of two or fifteen pages, must have the name of the writer on a separate slip, which will be kept from the examining committee until the decision is given, so that the members of the committee may not be influenced by any personal consideration for any writer whom they may know. Communications must be post-paid, and sent to Mr. Thos. W. Braidwood, Philadelphia School of Design for Women, 1334 Chestnut street, who will retain the names of the writers, but hand the communications to the committee for examination.

United States District Court.

THURSDAY, April 28.—Before Judge McCandless.

John S. Tracy, postmaster at Titusville, Crawford county, and his sureties, were sued on their bond for arrearages alleged to be due the Government. It appeared that Mr. Tracy had given the money into the hands of an agent, for payment. The jury found a verdict for the defendants.

The case of Dr. R. A. King, indicted for harboring and carrying away a deserter, was called for trial, but the District Attorney, not having his witnesses in Court, or within reach, asked that the case be continued until Friday morning, which was granted.

UNGERESORS.—Mr. McGonnigle, whose store was robbed at Freeport on Saturday night last, offered a reward of one hundred dollars for the arrest of the thieves and the recovery of the stolen goods. Officers Will and Dalby, supposing that in case they were successful in finding the stolen property, the reward would be paid, exerted themselves to do so, and expect a considerable sum of money in the effort. Yesterday, after the goods had been removed from the office, McGonnigle refused to pay the reward, stating that the reputation the officers had received in making the arrests was a sufficient compensation for their trouble. He was induced, however, by the interference of several citizens to give the officers twelve dollars, the amount expended by them in recovering the goods had over Deer Creek.

ZINC MINES IN BLAIR COUNTY.—It is believed that the investigation now being made of the zinc and lead mines near Birmingham, a few miles from Tyrone, will result in the discovery of rich veins of these minerals and good profits to those who are engaged in the experiments. Mr. Charles P. Williams, analytical chemist, who has lately examined the mines, gives the average amount of zinc in the ore at 40 of, and says that only considering the topographical advantages of the estate, its proximity to fuel, and the immense deposit of a superior quality of ore, he has no hesitation in pronouncing the Birmingham zinc mine to be a property which possesses all the elements of success in a degree to satisfy the most sanguine, and strongly recommends that mine work be at once commenced on a liberal scale.

SEVENTY-NINTH REGIMENT.—This veteran Pennsylvania regiment, commanded by Col. Hambright, arrived in the city this morning with about eleven o'clock, on its way to the West its furlough having expired. It numbers about four hundred men, and is one of the best regiments in the service. It marched through some of our principal streets, preceded by the regimental brass band. The band afterwards visited the residence of Major Kennedy, on the South Common, Allegheny, and serenaded the family. The regiment will probably leave to-morrow.

PARADE.—The 102d regiment (familiarly known as the "Old 13th,") paraded our streets this afternoon, and made a fine appearance. About two hundred of the veterans appeared for duty, the balance being out of the city. The regiment was commanded by Col. John W. Patterson, and the companies were under control of Captains Day, Coleman, McLaughlin, and Patchell. Lieutenant Colonel McIlwaine, Major McLaughlin, Adjutant Callow and Quartermaster Moreland participated in the parade.

ARRIVAL OF THE NEW STEAMER "GENERAL GRANT."—The new steam engine, General Grant, contracted for by the authorities of Allegheny city, arrived from the east on Tuesday night. The engine was built by the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company, and is exactly similar to the "Hope" steamer, now in service in Allegheny. It is expected that the General Grant will be ready for trial on Friday afternoon. The engine will be located temporarily in the hose of the Columbia Hose Company.

HORSES STOLEN.—On Friday night last a large brown mare was stolen from the stable of Henry Smith, in Hempfield township, a short distance North of Greensburg.

On Saturday night last, a strawberry roan mare, about nine years old, and a natural pacer, was stolen from the stable of Abraham Horbach, on the Clay Pike in Mt. Pleasant township, Westmoreland county.

The Michigan Oil Discoveries.

There is still some excitement in different parts of the State of Michigan, growing out of the recent discoveries of oil springs. The statement that the "indications" had turned out to be of *refined* and not of *crude* oil, is now contradicted on the best authority. Oil springs have been found at Paw Paw, Van Buren county, and also in Washington county. Among other localities, oil has made its appearance upon a spring belonging to a farm of Patrick Dolan, a mile and a half north of Dexter. A large amount of oil has flowed from this spring. Upon the farm of Judge Dexter, adjoining the village of Dexter, an oil spring has been known to exist for some years, but no particular attention was paid to the matter, till the recent oil excitement broke out. Seventy acres of land, containing this oil spring, have recently been sold at a handsome figure, and exploration will be commenced at an early day. At Niles, in Berrien county, on the line of the Michigan Central Railroad, still west of Albion, oil springs have recently been discovered. At one spring, a half mile out of the city, the flow of oil is quite large. Companies of capitalists are forming, and it is determined to give the matter a full and thorough investigation.

A Rascally Soldier.

James Shrum, a member of the 4th Penna. cavalry, was arrested last week, on a warrant issued by Justice Moorhead, of Westmoreland county, on oath of a man named Hipel. It appears that Shrum has had possession of a counterfeit fifty dollar bill on the York County Bank for some time, and had tried to have it "broke" several times, but did not succeed until he called upon Mr. Hipel, who readily gave him small bills for it. The next day it was pronounced a rank counterfeit, when Shrum was then arrested. By some means he eluded the vigilance of the officers, and is now at large. He refused to refund any of the money, and remarked, "I am safe enough, I need be in no danger." A short time previous to this occurrence, he endeavored to sell a horse that he had borrowed from a citizen of the Valley. He is now a deserter from the army. He is a confirmed scamp, and we hope will soon get his just dues.

MAJ. GEN. HERRON.—We are glad to learn, through a private letter received by his brother, W. A. Herron, Esq., that Maj. Gen. Herron, who was reported sick with small pox, is recovering, and able to resume a part of his duties. He was not attacked with small pox, but simply varioloid. The letter was written three days ago, at which time he was still at Brownsville, Texas. His numerous friends here will be pleased to learn that he is recovering.

PLANT VEGETABLES.—Every spot of ground which a man may have attached to his premises ought to be cultivated this year with something that will supply the table with an article of food. The high price of vegetables, and the exorbitant prices of everything else, demand that the people should put forward every effort to increase the supply of food.

DR. CHAPIN.—We stated in our morning paper that Dr. Chapin, of New York, would lecture in this city about the 10th of May. We learn since that the Doctor will be here next week, and will deliver two lectures in Concert Hall, one of which will be his popular discourse on "Europe and America," and the other probably "Dignity of Labor." Due notice will be given of the time.

THE General Synod of the Lutheran Church will convene in York, Pa., May 5th. The delegates from the Pittsburgh Synod are: Ministerial—W. A. Passavant, G. Bassler, R. Newman, R. Hill and D. Garver; Lay—C. Yeager, J. R. Titzel, J. W. Raff, T. H. Lane and D. K. Hozie.

THE SHOOTING CASE IN ALLEGHENY.—Jas. McCombs, who was shot by Wm. Brookman, in Allegheny, last evening, is still in a very precarious situation, and his life is despaired of. A hearing in the case has been postponed until this afternoon.

ESCAPED.—Two men named Rekenrods escaped from the Sheriff's jail on last Sunday, when the jailor and his family were at church. They were imprisoned under a charge of petit larceny.

A. J. HAYS, Esq., for Wood, Morrell & Co., has ordered a machine for making brick that will turn out from fifteen to twenty-five thousand per day. The company contemplate extensive improvement, and hence the purchase.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The attention of our readers is directed to the brilliant assortment of Spring and Summer Goods just received by our friend Mr. John Weier, No. 135 Federal street, Allegheny. His stock comprises a great variety of Fancy French, English, Scotch and American Cassimeres and Cloths, and fine Silk and Cassimere Vestings,—all of which will be made up, to order in the latest styles and in the best manner. A choice selection of Furnishing Goods also on hand and for sale, together with a full stock of Ready Made Clothing, well and fashionably made.

WIVES mothers and sisters, whose husbands, sons and brothers, are serving in the army, cannot put into their knapsacks a more necessary or valuable gift than a few boxes of Holloway's Pills & Ointment. They insure health even under the exposures of a soldier's life.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment are now retailed, owing to the high price of drugs, &c., at 50 cents, 75 cents and $1,10 per box or pot. For sale in Pittsburgh by B. L. Fahnestock & Co.

For sale also by George A. Kelly, Allegheny city.

REMOVAL.—Samuel Graham & Co., Merchant Tailors, have removed to 73 Smithfield street, and would most respectfully call the attention of their friends and the public generally to their new stock of Spring and Summer goods, which they have just received. Their stock is of the very finest quality of English and French cassimeres, cloths, cassimeres and vesting. Also, a very extensive assortment of Scotch cassimeres. Don't fail to give them an early call. Every garment warranted to give full satisfaction.

GRAHAM & MCCANDLESS, 73 Smithfield St.

EDGEWORTH SEMINARY opens May 2d. Prof. Buckowitz has been engaged as teacher of Piano and Singing, also of French, German and Italian.

LESSONS in Dr. Dio Lewis' system of *Light Gymnastics* will be given by the Misses Haskell. Applications for admission may be left at the bookstores of Davis, Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh, and E. C. Cochrane, Allegheny, or Address Rev. A. WILLIAMS, Sewickleyville, Penna. apr26:1w

PITTSBURGH SANITARY FAIR.—The members of the Committee on the Old Curiosity Shop, Trophies of War, and Old Arms, are requested to meet at 7½ o'clock, on Friday evening, 29th inst., at the Board of Trade Rooms.

JOSEPH S. MORRISON, Ch'n.

WATCHES, JEWELRY, &c.—J. M. Roberts, No. 17 Fifth street, is now opening the most choice stock of fine Gold and Silver Watches, Jewelry, Silver ware and Fancy Goods ever displayed in this city, and is selling them at remarkably low prices.

OMNIBUS and carriage calls will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 410 Penn street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance.

THE public are invited to inspect the beautiful assortment of confectionaries kept by George Beaven, at his Brass Rod candy stand in the Allegheny New Market House.

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JOSEPH M. GAZZAM, Attorney at Law, 62 Grant street. al:3m

G. SILL, Dentist, 148 Penn street, will attend to all business entrusted of his profession.

FOR DISPOSAL, on moderate terms for cash, a fine lot of second-hand S. & sand STUDD AND TUBULAR BOILERS, of different sizes; also, several second-hand ENGINES, of different sizes; WROUGHT IRON SHAFTS, for stern and side-wheel boats, DOGTORS. Also, Saw and Flour Mill ENGINES and FREIGHT HOISTERS.

Address THOS. B. ELLIS,
Richmond Cedar, Illinois.

ONE CAR LOAD PEACH BLOW POTATOES; 500 lbs Prime Roll Butter, in store and for sale by PATTERSON & AMMON, apr27 No. 6 Wood street.

TELEGRAMS.

News from Rebel Sources.

FORTRESS MONROE, April 28.—The following is from rebel papers:

Mobile, April 19.—A courier reports that a messenger from Gen. Banks to Gen. Franklin was captured on the 9th. Gen. Banks says the town of Hastounsp is occupied by rebel cavalry, and that Red river has fallen, and forty transports and gunboats are caught above the raft, and cannot get out till the water rises.

Richmond, April 21.—A fleet of gunboats has appeared on the Rappahannock. It is now believed that the Rappahannock or Port Royal will be the base of Burnside's co-operative movement against Richmond.

From New Orleans.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The steamer America, from New Orleans on the 19th, arrived at noon.

The *Era* of the 19th contains late news from Gen. Banks.

The greater portion of the rebel army is at Morefield and opposite that place.

Preparations were being made for another advance of our army.

The *Era* adds: We have good reason to believe that Gen. Banks is on his way to Shreveport.

From St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, April 27.—The receipts of cotton were 220 bales. Sales, Missouri, 68; strictly middling 76. Flour is advanced for high grades; low grades are nominally lower. Wheat is firm and higher, ranging at $1,65@1,68. Corn and oats are unchanged.

The residence and out houses of Francis Davis, near St. Joseph, valued at $10,000, was burned by incendiaries on Saturday. A large distillery worth $3,000, in the same vicinity, was consumed on Sunday.

Arrival of the Champion.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Champion, from Aspenwall, has arrived, bringing $162,000 in specie.

It is stated that the subscriptions to the new Ten-Forty loan already amount to thirty-three million dollars, though the instructions to agents were first issued on the 26th of March, and bonds were not ready for delivery till some days thereafter.

THE *Nashville Times* takes this way:—"Gen. Chamers alleges in excuse for the Fort Pillow massacre, that the rage and indignation of his soldiers at the sight of black troops could not be restrained. There is one way to restrain it—knock their infernal brains out."

A VERITABLE SOAP mine has been discovered in Esmeralda, California. The vein is ten feet wide, six hundred feet long, and runs very deep. The soap when taken from the mine is as soft as putty, but hardens on exposure to the air.

GEN. SCOTT, who has been quite feeble, is now better, and is busily at work on his "life and times," which he expects to have ready for the press in a few weeks. It will make an octavo of 900 pages.

IT is reported that the Petersburg, Va., *Express* has published a report that the First Auditor of the Rebel Treasury has been ordered to remove his office from Richmond to Montgomery, Alabama.

THE alterative and remedial effects of the mineral waters of Carlsbad are attributed to their containing as a chief constituent Glauber's salts. These in moderate doses do not interfere with the assimilation of nourishment, a very important fact for invalids.

VOLUNTEERING in Indiana in response to the calling for 20,000 one hundred days' volunteers is going on quite favorably. All business in Indianapolis after 12 o'clock on Wednesday was suspended to give impetus to the volunteer movement.

CANDIDATES.

FOR CORONER.—ALEX. AIKEN will be a candidate for the office of Coroner, subject to the decision of the Republican Union County Convention. mh26dawtd

FOR CORONER.—SOLOMON SALA, of Birmingham, will be a candidate for Coroner, subject to the decision of the Union County Convention. Ba26dawtc

FOR CORONER.—M. R. HARTZELL, of Birmingham, will be a candidate for Coroner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention. mh26dawtc

CORONER.—JOHN MCCLURG, of 4th Ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny county, subject to the decision of the coming County Union Convention. ds4dtc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—GEO. A. RIPLEY will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention. ja28:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—JACOB H. WAGNER, of the Sixth Ward, Pittsburgh, will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention. ja25:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—D. C. HULTS will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention. ja29:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—THOS. STEEL will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention. ja18:tc

FOR PROTHONOTARY.—GEO. R. RIDDLE will be a candidate for the office of Prothonotary, subject to the decision of the Union Convention. fd10:dawtc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, —DAVID CORNELIUS, of the Third Ward, Allegheny, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention. ap27:tc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, —ALEXANDER DUNN, of Fair township, will be a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention. mh18:dawtc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, —DAVID QUIGLEY, of Penn township, will be a candidate for the above office, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention. mh18:dawtc

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER, —JOHN HOBSON, of Wilkins township, will be a candidate for County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican County Convention. mh18:dawtc

COUNTY COMMISSIONER.—ARCHIBALD PILLOW, of East Deer Township, will be a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the decision of the Union Republican Convention. fd10:dawtc

DISSOLUTIONS, &c.

DISSOLUTION.—THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the firm and style of S. S. BIDDLE & CO., was dissolved by mutual agreement on the 31st day of December, 1863. The GLASSWARE establishment has been taken the 1st of January, 1864, and will henceforth be in the hands and under the exclusive management of S. S. Biddle, as contemplated under an act of Assembly, relating to Manufacturing, &c.

S. S. BIDDLE is authorized to use the firm name in settlement. All parties having claims against the late firm are requested to present the same at the Counting Room for settlement; and all persons knowing themselves indebted, will please call and settle without delay. SAMUEL BIDDLE,
RUSSELL ERRETT,
JAMES M. MACRUM,
S. SCHOYER, Jr.,
ROBERT BIDDLE.

Jan. 1st, 1864.

NOTICE.—The Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the style of WHITE, BROTHERS & CO., has been dissolved by mutual consent, to take effect from the 1st inst., JOHN WHITE retiring from the firm.

JOSEPH WHITE,
JAS. MCKIBBEN,
JOHN WHITE.

The undersigned will continue the Forwarding and Commission business under the name and style of WHITE BROS. & CO., at No. 6 SEVENTH STREET, corner Liberty, Pittsburgh.

JOSEPH WHITE,
ap19:1md JAS. MCKIBBEN.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the style of WM. G. JOHNSTON & CO., is mutually dissolved, to take effect from this date, RICHARD BENSON retiring from the firm. The business will be continued as formerly, under the style as heretofore.

WM. G. JOHNSTON,
SAM'L R. JOHNSTON,
RICHARD BENSON.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12th, 1864. mh1:tf

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between JOS. F. HAMILTON and EVAN DAVIS, under the firm of JOS. F. HAMILTON & CO., has been dissolved by mutual consent. JOS. F. HAMILTON will attend to the unsettled accounts of said firm, at the old stand, corner First and Liberty, viz.

JOS. F. HAMILTON,
fd17:mwf15 EVAN DAVIS.

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