FROM ARKANSAS.

St. Louis, April 5.—Governor Murphy, of Arkansas, has issued an address to the people of the counties of that State in which no election had been held, and sent it out for distribution with Gen. Strele's command. The address reviews the condition of the State during the war, and recites the action of the late State Convention, and closes with a sirring appeal to the people in those counties in which no election could be held in consequence of their occupancy by rebel forces, to return to their allegiance to the old Government, and recommends them under the ordinance passed by the State Convention for that purpose, to hold an election as soon as they can with safety, for members of the Legislature and county officers, and to take upon themselves the rights and duties of freemen, and to give their aid in restoring the Union.

Union.

Brigadier General Nathan Kimball is assigned to the command of all the troops along the North Arkansas river, with his headquarters at Little Ro. k. In a circular to the citizens of his district he says the loyal shall be protected, and sympathizers with the rebellion, though they may have taken the oath of allegiance, will be treated as rebells unless they

of allegiance, with oe texteet as revers unless they conform.

The following particulars of Colonel Clayton's raid into Kansas, have been received from Little Rock: On the 27th of March Col. Clayton, with a small force of infantry and caralry, and one battery, went to Mourt Elba, on Saline River. Leaving, the infantry and artiflery there to guard the bridge and cover Pine Bluff, he proceeded, with the cavairy, towards Long View, further down the Saline River, and iwenty miles southwest of where the main body of the rebel army were stationed. For the purpose of destroying the pontoon bridges and army stores at that place, Lieutenant Greathouse, of the 1st Indiana, and Lieutenant Young, of the 5th Kansas Cavalry, were sent in advance with one hundred men, and arriving at the bridge saw a large force of rebels on the other advance with one hundred men, and arriving at the bridge saw a large force of rebels on the other site preparing to cross. Our officers haved the enemy and told them they belonged to Sheiby's command, who wear the Federal uniform, and that the Federals were upon them, and begged them

that the Federals were upon them, and begged them to hurry to their rescue.

The rebels rushed forward, and as fast as they crossed were captured, and their guns thrown into the river. In this manner 250 were captured, 35 wagons, laden with supplies, which were destroyed, 300 horses and mules, and a paymaster's safe containing \$500 in Confederate mon-y. After which the bridge was burned. This, and a march of eighty-miles, was accomplished in twenty-four hours. The prisoners captured during the expedition, numbering 370, including many officers, reached Little Rock on the 2d. There is nothing from General Steele's command. FIGHT BETWEEN GRIERSON AND FORREST.

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MEMPHIS, April 3d.—General Grier-on's Cavalry had a fight with Forrest near Summerville
yesterday. After skirmishing for some time the
rebels were reinforced. and Grier-on (tis supports
failing to come up) fell back before greatly superior numbers, bringing in with him seven prisoners. He will renew the attack to-day.

Vicksburg advices report Loring and Lee at
Canton, and the rebels repairing the railroad destroved by General Sherman. stroyed by General Sherman.
FROM GEN. SIGEL'S DEPARTMENT.

HARPH'S FERRY, April 6.—Although the rebels show no signs of making any attack on our lines in this department, General Sigel is working like a Trojan, preparing for any contingency. The Baltimore and Chio Raiiroad is well protected, and no fears are indulged of any future interruption to travel or trade. THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL ELEC-

BALTIMORE, April 6—Baltimore city gives 9,041 for a Convention, and 78 against it. The Uncondition Anti-Compensation ticket gets the entire vote cast. A light vote was cast, there being no opposition. entire vote cast. A light vote was cast, there being no opposition.

Port Deposit, viscil county, Saventh District, 195 majority for Convention and Unconditional Financipation. Cumberland, 70 majority for Uncondition Emancipa ion.

Frederick District gives the Convention and Emancipation tooket 460 majority.

The ballot box of Jackson District was taken possession of by the Converteds, should o'clock. possession of by the Copperheads, about 2 o' clock, and was totally destroyed. Detachments of Cole's cavalry and the 7th Maryland regiment have gone to arrest the parties.

i The Fifth District, Cecil county, gives 305 maority for the Convention.
Ninth District, Somerset county, gives 19 majo-

rity against the Convention.

Worcester county, Fifth District, gives 50 majority for the Convention.

Oumberland county will give not less than 1200 majority for the Convention.

Harford county gives 156 majority for the emancipation ticket. cipation ticket.

Washington county gives about 200 majority for the Convention.

Annapolis gives 138 majority for the Convention.

Returns thus far received indicate a majority of not less than 15,000 for the Convention. PROMOTIONS IN THE 27TH REGIMENT

PENNSYLVANIA VOLUNTEERS.
LOCKOUT VALLEY, Tenn., March 3.1.—The following named officers of the 27th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers, have been promoted to fill existing vacancies:

Major August Reidt, to be Lieutenant-Colonel Major August Reidt, to be Lieutenant-Colonel; Captain Hugh Seidhts, to be Major; First Lieutenant J. Adelsheimer, to be Captain; First Lieutenant E. Bartels, to be Captain; First Lieutenant E. Bartels, to be Captain; Second Lieutenant L. Saunders, Second Lieutenant John M. Hassan, Second Lieutenant Charles Linder, Sergeant-Major Charles Bauer, First Sergeant Louis Heiligman and First Sergeant Max Hoefier to be First Lieutenants.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—By an order of the War

WASHINGTON, April 6.—By an order of the War Department, Brigadier-General Stone, now Ohler of General Banks's Staff, has been reduced to his General Montgomery has been dropped from the rolls. General Andrew Porter and Gen. Nagies, have been reduced to their original rank, and ordered to their regiments.

Major-General Sedgwick arrived from the Army of the Potomac, to-day, and to-morrow will go before the War Committee, at the request of Gen. Meade, to testify as to the battle of Gettysburg. before the War Committee, at the request of Gen.
Meade, to testify as to the battle of Gettysburg.
The defeat of the National Bank or Currency bill
by so large a vote as two-thirds, astonished both
friends and foes, especially as so much time had
been consumed in efforts to perfect it. All the
amendments made in Committee of the Whole on
the state of the Union, about sixty in number, were
concurred in by the House. The Committee of
Ways and Means were willing to adop: all excepting two, and hence Representative Stevens offered
a substitute differing only from the amended bill
in the following particulars, viz:
Restoring the uniform seven per centum interest, and leaving it under National and not State
legislation, and omitting the section which left the
same as the property of individuals for State and
muvicipal purposes. The House emphatically
non concurred in this substitute. This was the
turning point in the controversy, the test that determined whether the bill containing the clauses
obnexions to the prominent friends of the measure
should pass the House. So it was laid on the table
on the motion of Representative Stevens. Some of
this own political friends voted with those on
the opposite side, who were from the beginning

the opposite side, who were from the beginning opposed to this measure of finance. opposed to this measure of finance:
George Thompson, of England, delivered a lecture in the Hall of the House of Representatives to night to a dense auditory, including President Lincoln, Secretaries Ushur and Chase, many members of both branches of Congress and not a few ladies. A band of music was in attendance. Vice President Hamlin in roduced the lecturer, who at the commencement of his remarks empty. who at the commencement of his remarks emphatically denied and challenged proof that he had ever said the dissolution of the Union must be constantly kept in view. On the contrary, he had always been its steadfast friend

His expression of 'Thank God! the hours of compromise are past,' was enthusiastically applicated and cheered, as was also his allusion to what he characterized as the banditti of men steal plauded and cheered, as was also his allusion to what he characterized as the banditti of men steal ers at Richmond, calling themselves the Confederate Government, who promised themselves ultimate success, and the full recognition of this principle throughout the civilized world. The wish and prayer of every philanthropist, he said, was, "God speed the North, who were with the President, and against the serpent. Copperheads, and all whom they would banish from the land." This, and the name of old John Brown, were heartily applauded. He quoted from President Lincoln's speeches, delivered six years ago, saying that he would not exchange those sen'iments for all that had been written by Edmund Burks. After the close of the lecture. Mr. Thompson received the congratulations of a large number of distinguished gentlemen, among whom was noted Senator Johnson, of Maryland.

The Secretary of the Treasury, in a communication to the House, to day, says that Jay Oooke employed about 2.500 sub-agents, for whom he was responsible, and secured subscriptions to the loan to the amount of \$362,000,000 without which the army and navy would not have been paid. The cost of the loan was \$1,400,000, a c st of less than \$2.10 of one per cent, on eighteen days' interest on the whole amount. The Secretary concludes that these services could not have been so successfully performed at all by the Treasury Department.

THE SHIP C. GRINNELL.

ROSTON April 6.—Mr. George W. Swon, clerk of the steamer Saxon, from Philadelphia for Boston, which met with a disaster on Nantucket Shoals, reached this city to-night. He reports that at 2.30 P. M. on Surday last the Saxon iell in with the ship C. Grinnell, from Liverpool for New York, with 350 passengers, showing signa's of distress. She was at anchor inside of Five Fathom Bank, having thumped over the shoal.

The Saxon bore down to her, and was requested to low the vessel into port. A hawser was got to the vessel, but it parted. Other attempts were made to fasten a line on board, but they proved insuccessful. It was then determined that the ship should try to work herself close to the bank, the steamer acting as a pilot. This attempt was successful, and the chip sharing got bygoad chisger proceeded on her yoyage. It is supposed that ger proceeded on her yoyage. It is supposed that

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Miss Emily Shaw: Having heard how highly your 'Readings' have been appreciated in New England and elsewhere, we beg leave to solicit your kind offices in aid of the Funds of the Private and Public School Department of the Great Central Fair. We will be much gratified if you will fayor the project by naming an early convenient tral Fair. We will be much gratified if you wil favor the project by naming an early convenien day, when we may have the pleasure to announce that you will give our citizens the privilege of bearing your Recitations or Readings. With sentiments of regard, we are
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George Junkin, Jr., Horace Binney, Jr., LA PIERRE HOUSE, April 4th, 1864.—Edward Shippen, Esq. Charles J Stille, Esq. Jos T. Thomas, Esq.—Dear Sirs: I acknowledge, with pleasure, the invitation politely extended to me by yourselves and other gentlemen of Philadelphia to give a Reading in aid of the School Department of the Great Central Fair.

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Yours sincerely, EMILY SHAW.

TESTIM() NIALS

Miss Shaw's Readings have been the subject of high encomiums, as will be perceived by the following Testimonials from those most qualified to

udge, viz: From Dr. Cliver Wendell Holmes, Boston.

From Dr. Cliver Wendell Holmes, Boston.
Miss Shaw has much grace and dignity, a very eweet, sympath-tic voice, a fine enunciation, and, to my ear, an almost faultless pronunciation. I found so little to criticise, that I feared I must be wanti g in the eye which detects faults.

From Rev. Jno. Weiss, Watertown.
Miss Shaw possesses power enough for imitating the popular eaugerations of some famous readers, but too much sense and simplicity to give it that airection. She is inspired with the desire to remain natural in tone, gesture, and expression, while she preserves every dramatic or tender element of the author. There is no lack of energy and passion which Shakspeare or Browning requires; but the feeling of the page is delicately quires; but the feeling of the page is delicately shaded, and the true grace of woman clothes the

whole.

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time of trouble. We therefore ask every clergyman to announce this humane undertaking to his people, and to advise them to do what they can to further it. We ask the press to give it the widest publicity and the most earnest encouragement. We call on every workshop, factory and mill for a specimen of the best thing it can turn out; on every artist, great and small, for one of his creations; on all loyal women, for the exercise of their taste and industry: on farmers, for the products of their fields and dairies. The miner, the naturalist, the man of science, the traveler, can each send scmething that can at the very least be converted into a blanket that will warm, and may save from death ome one soldier whom government supplies have failed to reach. Every one who can produce any. thing that has money value is invited to give a sample of his best work as an offering to the cause of national unity. Every workingman, mechanic or farmer, who can make a pair of shoes or raise a barrel of apples, is called on to contribute something that can be turned into money, and again from money into the means of economizing the

health and the life of our national soldiers Committees have been appointed in each department of industry and art, whose business it will be to solicit contributions for the Fair, each in its own special branch. 'I hese Committees will place themselves in communication with those persons who may wish to aid us. In the meantime it is recommended that local committees or associations should be formed in every portion of Pennsylva. organizing the industry of their respective neigh-

corhoods, so as to secure contributions for the Committees of Ladies have also been organized to co operate with those of the gentlemen in soliciting contributions.

A list of all these Committees will be shortly unblished and distributed. In the meantime thos who are disposed to aid us, or who may desire any further information on the subject, are requested to address CHARLES J. STILLE, Corresponding Secretary : f the Executive Committee of the Grea Central Fair, 1307 CHESINUT Street.

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