THE CITY:

The Thermometer.

AUGUST 31, 1862.	AUGUST 31, 1863.
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FLAG PRESENTATION AT CAMP WILLIAM PENN.—Yesterday afternoon a handsome regimental flag was presented to the 8th Regiment Colored Troops at the encampment ground, Chelton Hills. The occasion drew together, as upon the flag-raising, a large number of persons from the city and suburbs. A special train left the Berks-street station of the North Pennsylvania Railroad at half past three o'clock, and it was filled to its greatest capacity. The arrangements effected for the comfort and convenience of passengers by this road, as well as by the Fifth and Sixth street Passenger Railroad, commanded themselves to every one. Special care for the white persons who were present at the ceremony, were suitably provided for. The ceremony was particularly a demonstration of the colored people, as the flag was their gift alone. The regiment marched from the camping ground to receive its friends at the railroad station, and escorted them to the ground amid enthusiastic. Bands of music enlivened the air, and flags were displayed from neighboring houses. Under the efficient commander, Col. Wagner, the regiment, on reaching again the parade ground, opposite the camp, were put through the regimental evolutions, which were effected creditably. After this, the regiment was drawn up in hollow square, and the flag presented to Col. Wagner.

Mr. Robert Purvis, on behalf of the colored people of Philadelphia, made the presentation speech. He spoke as follows:

Soldiers of the 6th Regiment of Colored Men of the United States Army: I have been requested to present a committee in whose hands has been entrusted this beautiful banner, and on their behalf and that of the donors of this splendid emblem of freedom, I present it, through the commanding officer at this post, to you. That you will prove yourselves worthy of the gift, and that you will see to it that the flag of your country suffers no dishonor at your hands, I have the fullest confidence. Loyalty, prowess, and devotion to the interests of their native land, on the part of black men, are no longer matters of doubt. What are the facts? Let Milliken's Bend answer. Said Adjutant Thomas: "The negro soldiers repulsed the greeting and so did these brave blacks are we indebted for the possession of that important post." Let Fort Wagner answer, led by the noble and heroic Colonel Robert G. Shaw. [Applause.] Never did soldiers fight more bravely—never did soldiers die more heroically—never did soldiers, in hospital, bear their wounds more patiently. Let Fort Hudson answer. Will any man read the official report of Major General Banks describing the assault on that stronghold, and then say that the black man will not fight? Let any one read the blood-stirring description of that assault by our noble-hearted and truly inspired poet of Philadelphia:

"Now," the flag-sergeant cried,
"Though death and h-ll betide,
Let the whole nation see
If we are fit to be
Free in this land; or bound
Down, like base hinds, to the ground—
Baund with red stripes of pain
In our old chains again!"
Oh! what a shout there went
From the black regiment!

Soldiers! In this momentous struggle between *freedom* and *slavery*, in other words, between a true Democracy and a hateful despotism, I thank God that the Government, from a sense of justice, and from motives in the exercise of the highest wisdom (applause), recognizes your manhood and citizenship, by calling upon you to share in those needful sacrifices, for the fulfilment of that end, which is the principle of freedom and equal rights which has been ever associated in the ides of our country's destiny.

"Stand to your faith, America.
Set Europe! listen to our call.
Up to your manhood Africa!
That flag floats over all!
Pure as its white our future see,
Bright as its red is now my sky,
Fixed as its stars our faith shall be,
That serves or bleeds to die."

Colonel, accept this flag for the regiment, and allow the expression of our high regard for the distinguished services you have rendered upon the regiments formed at Camp William Penn. And now, soldiers, under this flag let your rallying cry be for God, for freedom, and *our* country; if for these you fall, you fall as Christian patriots, as martyrs.

Mr. Purvis' remarks were greeted with applause. Colonel Wagner, on taking the flag, referred eloquently to the bravery of the colored troops, and assured the friends of the regiment that their gift-flag would never be disgraced. The colored regiment that had left this encampment a few weeks ago, had already, he thought, reached their destination, near Charleston, probably in time to take part in the glorious struggle before that point of treason. This regiment will follow after it, and win for itself a name which will further elevate the race that had so long been treated so unjustly.

The band struck up the Star Spangled Banner, and the ceremonies of the occasion ended with much enthusiasm.

THE WEATHER.—The weather is a subject never new and never old. The manner in which it shifts about, now one thing and now the other, reminds one of a rainbow multiplied into infinite scope. The aspects yesterday were diversified. The cool air of the morning, the sunshine of noon, the universal cloudiness of an eve by no means gave save an uncertain promise for the night. These alternations of aspect and of temperature, however, did not prevent a display of the usual signs of city life. The crowd was about the same as usual about the headquarters of draft commissioners, and the disappointed applicants for exemption were about as lugubrious. Beggars, attired in the extreme of dilapidation, and making bows and curtsies gratis for gratis charity, haunted the 16th-street hotels, and every other street-corner was ghastly with ghost-bills. Neither did the supine, depressing temperature affect masterly activity in the shape of thoroughfares. Like all other uncertain days, however, umbrellas were seen at the wrong time, and not seen at the right, and everybody indulged himself to excess in that plastic kind of self-denial—grumbling.

RAILROAD ARRANGEMENT.—We learn that an arrangement has been made by which the Branch West Chester Railroad has been placed in the interest of the West Chester and Philadelphia Railroad Company via Media. It is said that a large majority of the stock of the old road in now held by a gentleman in the board of directors of the new road, and they have agreed to purchase the balance of the stock at a stipulated price. The purchase of all the shares will foot up less than $160,000. The old road has real estate in Philadelphia valued at $40,000 and a reserved fund of $15,000, besides the depôt at West Chester, with valuable station-houses along the line of the road. All these will pass to the purchasers, who will also receive the proceeds of the lease now existing with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and which expires April 1st, 1864. The effect of this arrangement is to do away with competition, and eventually to throw all the through passengers on the road to Media. We learn it is also in contemplation to have the passenger depôt at West Philadelphia, instead of at Eighteenth and Market. This would also save the company about $13,000 a year—about nine per cent. on the whole purchase of the old road.

PERSONAL.—General Paez, who arrived in Philadelphia on Sunday, paid a visit yesterday morning to Mayor Henry, where he was received in a style of official dignity that Philadelphians may feel proud of. His Honor accompanied the General to Independence Hall. The distinguished visitor viewed with intense interest the portraits of the Revolutionary heroes and other celebrated memorantoes that bind the present with the days of the infant republic. The General examined the old cracked bell, and seemed especially to read the motto, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land and to all the inhabitants thereof." The General purposes visiting our public institutions during his present tour.

THE LATEST SWINDLE.—A young woman of prepossessing appearance called at the Central Police Station yesterday morning, inquiring whether a certain person had been arrested, said person she representing as being her husband. No tidings of him could be ascertained at the station, but the woman had called upon her on Sunday, stating that her husband had been arrested and locked up, and that the reward of $11 was required for his liberation. The young woman immediately handed her husband's friend the amount of money. He took his departure, and has not been heard of since. The young man who thus swindled the young lady is the son of an ex-judge of one of the higher courts.

RECRUITING.—Recruiting goes on steadily, and some of the best men in the community are by this means mustered into the service of the country. Within a week past, a considerable number of men have been mustered in by Captain Charles N. Cadwallader, 2d Artillery, 112th P. V., at his new headquarters, north side of Chestnut street, between Sixth and Seventh. The bounty paid to men thus mustered in, is $402—to those who have seen nine months' service. The men can have their choice of any of the old artillery, cavalry, or infantry regiments in service from the State of Pennsylvania.

MUSTERED OUT.—The Second Coal Regiment, Colonel Hopkinson, was mustered out of service yesterday morning.

The Second Union League, known as the National Guard, Captain Gray, were also mustered out yesterday afternoon, and the members, though returned to private life, are ready to respond to any call that Governor Curtin may make upon them.

CAPTURE OF BLOCKADE RUNNER.—The bark William Van Name, Captain Cook, thirteen days from New Orleans, in ballast, arrived at this port yesterday morning. Captain Cook was boarded 20th inst., off Tortugas, the United States bark Reckless, which had in tow an hermaphrodite brig, loaded with cotton, which she captured same day, under British colors, but showed no name. A prize crew was placed on board and ordered to Key West.

CONTRACTS AWARDED.—The following contracts have been awarded at the assistant quartermaster-general's office, to the parties named:

Jacob Reich, 6 travelling-forges, with tools complete, $589 each. Henry Thomas, 4 forage-carts, $46 each. Wilson, Childs, & Co., 50 railroad wheelbarrows, extra good, $2.60 each. M. Magee & Co., 72 sets cart-harness, $22.25 per set. T. W. & E. A. Kohler, 25 anvils, at 7¾ cents per pound.

FIRE NEAR THE COUNTY LINE.—We learned yesterday that the fire early on Sunday morning was at Sandyville, in the Twenty-third ward. A barn and five barracks, containing four hundred bushels of wheat, three hundred bushels of oats, and twenty-five tons of hay, the property of David Saul. The whole loss is estimated at $3,000, on which there is an insurance of $1,600.

WARD NOMINATIONS.—The Fifth ward Convention of the National Union party met last night, and made the following nominations:

Common Council—Horace Binney, Jr.

School Directors—Benjamin Huckel, Thos. Fitzgerald, S. Tustin Eldridge, A. Wilson Henszey, and F. H. Dutlez.

Constable—Thomas M. Pierson.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—The excursion to Atlantic City, to-morrow, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association will, no doubt, be an excellent and happy occasion. Ample arrangements are made to prevent any of the cares from being over-crowded.

KEYSTONE LITERARY UNION.—The opening meeting of this Association, after the summer recess, will be held at the southeast corner of Eighth and Spring Garden streets, on Monday evening next, the 7th instant.

SLIGHT FIRE.—The jewelry store of Mr. John Duer, in the upper part of the city, was damaged somewhat by fire last evening. A child playing with some matches, ignited a quantity of rubbish under the counter.

OPENING OF THE SCHOOLS.—The private schools for young ladies and boys, wherein all branches of polite learning are taught, will reopen to-day for the fall and winter term. There are about sixty of such schools in the city of Philadelphia.

THE WIRE BRIDGE.—The work of repairing and thus strengthening the Wire Bridge is progressing about as fast as public work generally does. Yesterday the men were engaged in putting up the side-railing on the bridge.

DOG SHOT.—A dog, giving evidence of being mad, bit a couple of children at Twelfth and Parrish streets yesterday. The animal was killed by a Mr. Meyers.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

United States District Court—Judges Grier and Cadwalader.

EXTRADITION CASE OF AN ALLEGED FUGITIVE FROM SAXONY.

The case of J. L. Soenger, alias Tranboy Miller, was before the court again yesterday. The defendant, it will be remembered, was arrested several weeks ago, and his case was before Judge Cadwalader a number of times. The charge against him is that in the year 1862 he committed a series of forgeries in Saxony, and also that he was guilty of fraudulent bankruptcy there. With the proceeds of these forgeries and of his bankruptcy he is alleged to have escaped to this country, where, being arrested under the extradition treaty, and his surrender claimed thereunder, he asks his discharge upon the ground that he was before arrested, in Cincinnati, upon the same charge, and his case heard by Judge Leavitt, upon the same evidence as now adduced, and he having been then discharged by the U. S. Court, the case was "*res judicatur*," and he is now, therefore, entitled to his discharge.

The case was argued by Messrs. Remak and Cassidy for Soenger, and by George M. Wharton and Hayes for the Saxon authorities, and held under advisement.

Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions—Judge Ludlow.

There were but few trials in this court yesterday, and they were only assault and battery cases.

Robert Evans, for assault and battery on Bridget McCormick, was sentenced to pay a fine of $1 and the costs.

Mark Ramsbottom for assault and battery on Catharine McCurner, was sentenced to pay a fine of $1 and costs.

THE POLICE.

[Before Mr. Alderman Shane.]

Juvenile Thieves.

A lad named George Knorr, or rather this is the name he gave, was arraigned yesterday on the charge of robbing the store of Mr. W. C. Johnson, on Girard avenue and Thirteenth street. It is alleged that the defendant and an accomplice had entered the store through the glass window over the door, and then helped themselves to all the money they could find in the store. On coming out they were discovered by an officer who gave chase and arrested one of the parties. The defendant was committed.

[Before Mr. Alderman Beitler.]

False Pretence Case

John Seibert was bound over on Saturday by Alderman Beitler, on the charge of obtaining $50 under false pretences, from Mr. J. C. Train. Mr. Train, a sickly man, was drafted. While standing in the line at the provost marshal's office, Third district, the defendant, it is alleged, offered to have him exempt for $50. Mr. Train paid the money. He was exempted by the medical examiner on the ground of physical disability. Some time after this a statement was made that the enrolling officers were bribed, and such had been the case in reference to Mr. Train. The enrolling officers investigated the affair, which led to the arrest of the defendant.

Lottery Policy Case.

William Gillan was arraigned yesterday on the charge of selling lottery policies, in an alley running from Sergeant street. He was taken into custody on the oath of Miss Kate Seward, who resides in Race street, above Eleventh. She testified at the hearing as to the purchase of the policy and that she made a hit for a small sum of money, which defendant refused to pay; hence the suit. The accused was ordered to find bail in the sum of $800 to answer at court.

Arson Case.

Last evening, a young man named James Rice was arraigned at the Central Station, by Fire Marshal Blackburne, on the charge of arson, in setting fire to the carpenter shop of Mr. Isaac Peters, 13 South Street, near Seventh, early in the morning of 26th ult. It seems that the accused had been in the habit of sleeping in the restaurant every other night and on the evening before the fire he was ejected from the premises. He vowed he would be revenged and said the following day. His brother, the keeper of the restaurant, saw him enter the restaurant shortly after twelve o'clock on the same night, and about one o'clock the place was discovered to be on fire. The accused was ordered to find bail in the sum of $3,000, which must be entered before one of the judges of the court having jurisdiction in the case.

GRATUITOUS ADVERTISING.—The following, which explains itself, originated in the columns of the Johnstown Democrat, a paper which we have been going the rounds of the Copperhead newspapers ever since:

"LOYAL" LEAGUEISM.—Some months ago we received the following communication from a "Loyal Leaguer," who does a mercantile business in Philadelphia:

"PHILADELPHIA, May 1, 1863.

"DEAR SIR: I have just received your paper, and I do not feel that, as a *loyal man*, I wish my advertisement in your paper. You will please take it out, and send me my bill for payment.

"A. H. FRANCISOUS."

It will be seen from the above that Mr. Francisous desires *Democratic merchants* to buy their goods at some other establishment. Of course, they will do so, as a man who is too "loyal" to advertise in a Democratic newspaper is by far too "loyal" to sell goods to "Copperhead" customers.

Mr. Francisous ought to feel grateful for these gratuitous Copperhead notices, as their only effect must be to attract wider attention to his establishment, without depriving him of any patronage that his house already possesses; as, whatever may be said of the class appealed to by the *Democrat*, they are too sharp not to make their purchases where they can do so to the best advantage.

A SERIOUS JEST.—On Friday evening a girl named Julia Matchway, fourteen years of age, was instantly killed at the India Rubber Works, in Newark, N. J. She had been at work during the evening, and when the hour arrived for quitting work to go home, jestingly remarked that she would have a ride upon a shaft which projected about a foot through the floor. She got astride the iron shaft or body. The shaft was midway between two upright posts about three feet apart, and was turning around quite slowly at the time. If she noticed the danger coming caught, she was dashed against the posts, and before she could be rescued was killed—nearly every bone in her body having been broken.

THE GREEK FIRE.—The Greek fire which is so distasteful to the fire-eaters of Charleston is the invention of an Irishman, who was once a tailor, and a suitor to the Government to use this projectile, but did not succeed until it was recommended by Admiral Porter at Vicksburg. During the present time, representatives of foreign Governments have applied for the invention without avail. The fire missiver, forty or fifty in number, are enclosed in a shell, which is itself enclosed in one of the ordinary shells of the service, and explodes.

PHILADELPHIA BOARD OF TRADE.

JAMES B. CAMPBELL,
S. W. DE COURSEY,
JAMES C. HAND,
} COMMITTEE OF THE MONTH.

LETTER BAGS

AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA:

Ship Saranak, Rowland.....Liverpool, soon
Brig Hackes, Burns.....St. Domingo City, soon
Brig B F Nash, Ramsdell.....St Thomas, soon
Schr St Lawrence, Kinch.....Port Spain, soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 1, 1863.

SUN RISES.....5 32—SUN SETS.....6 28
HIGH WATER.....5 6

ARRIVED.

Steamship Clinton, Lawless, from Wilmington, Del, in ballast to captain.

Bark William Van Name, Cook, 13 days from New Orleans, in ballast to captain. Aug 20th, 12 P M, 75 miles N W of Tortugas, was fired at and boarded by the U S steamer Reckless, which had in tow a brig, name unknown, a cotton-loaded herm brig, carrying British colors, and showing no name; placed a prize crew on board, and sent her to Key West; all well on board the Restless.

Bark N Boynton, Mitchell, 15 days from New Orleans, in ballast to Wright & Sons.

Bark Templar, Haskell, 9 days from Key West, in ballast to Curtis & Knight.

Schr Eleanor T, Facemire, from Bridgeton, in ballast to captain.

Schr Mantua, Maxson, 1 day from Frederica, Del, with corn to Jas Barratt & Son.

Schr Jas Bacon, Bacon, 1 day from Odessa, with wheat to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr S C Fithian, Tuft, 2 days from Port Deposit, with iron to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr Sallie Veazie, Fox, 1 day from Little Creek Landing, Del, with grain to Jas L Bewley & Co.

Schr Jas L Severin, Hollingsworth, 1 day from Little Creek Landing, Del, with oats to J L Bewley & Co.

Schr A Cordery, Doughty, from Salisbury, in ballast to captain.

Schr Atalanta, Ireland, from Beaufort, in ballast to captain.

Schr J F Carver, Rumill, from Newport, in ballast to captain.

Schr Monterey, Craig, from New Bedford.

Schr Snow Flake, Dickinson, from Boston.

Schr Mary Patterson, Godfrey, from Boston.

Schr A F Howe, Colson, from New York.

Schr A Haley, Haley, from Salem.

Schr J Burley, Shaw, from Providence.

Schr Jas Buckaloo, Bennett, from New Haven.

Schr T P Cooper, Taylor, from New Haven.

Schr John W Hall, Scull, from Fortress Monroe.

Steamer Reverdy, Pierce, 24 hours from New York, with mdse to W P Clyde.

CLEARED.

Brig C H Kennedy, Hall, Portland, E A Souder & Co.

Schr Ida L Howard, McDuffie, Portland, L Audenried & Co.

Schr Jos Turner, Crowell, Gloucester, do

Schr J D Allen, Case, Nantucket, do

Schr Elizabeth, Fleetwood, Albany, do

Schr Monterey, Craig, Gloucester, do

Schr Snow Flake, Dickinson, Boston, Wanneman & Co.

Schr Mary Patterson, Godfrey, Boston, Noble, Caldwell & Co.

Schr A F Howe, Colson, Searsport, G Stockham.

Schr J Burley, Shaw, Fall River, Castner, Stickney & Wellington.

Schr A Haley, Haley, Salem, Sinnickson & Glover

Schr Jas Buckaloo, Bennett, Hartford, do

Schr T P Cooper, Taylor, E Greenwich, J Milnes & Co.

Schr J W Hall, Scull, Portsmouth, Tyler, Stone & Co.

Schr J Tilton, Ketchum, Newbern, do

Schr Caroline Frances, Ludlam, Washington, Com H A Adams.

Schr S Seaman, Seaman, Boston, Blakiston, Graff & Co.

Schr Monterey, Craig, Gloucester, do

Schr Snow Flake, Dickinson, Boston, Wannemacher