PITTSBURGH GAZETTE.

PRUSSIAN NEUTRALITY.—As an illustration of the nature of Russian neutrality the following story is told: In the attack of the Mamelon, a Russian colonel was slain in a hand-to-hand fight by a French officer, M. X——, which latter, possessing himself of some letters and papers found upon the deceased, discovered, among others, one to his daughter in St. Petersburg, announcing the receipt of a decoration from the King of Prussia, who had sent a number, besides many snuff-boxes, by Count Studgart, for distribution among the Russian officers engaged in the heroic defence of Sebastopol. This important document was immediately handed over to Gen. Pelissier; who will, no doubt, know how to appreciate its contents.

PREJUDICE AGAINST RED HAIR.—The *Phrenological Journal*, in an article on temperaments, says: "We have neither seen or heard of a red headed minister, or rather, of a minister possessed of a pure sanguine temperament." We do not know whether the *Journal* is correct or not on this point, but it is stated, that several years ago a minister being presented to the parish church of Crieff, in Scotland, the parishioners objected to receiving him, and when the case was tried before the Presbytery it was found that their only objection to him was, that his hair was red. The objection was insuperable.

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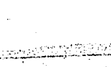

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