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We print on the inside pages of this morning's GAZETTE: Second page, *Ephemera*; *The Haunted House in Ludlow, Mass.*; Third page, *New York Financial Market and other Telegraph Markets*; Imports by Railroad; *River Matters*; Sixth page, *Pittsburgh Finance and Trade*, *Metal Products and Petroleum Markets*; Seventh page, *Miscellaneous Clippings*.

Goin closed yesterday in New York at 143<sup>rd</sup> @ 143<sup>rd</sup>.

Our petroleum market exhibited extraordinary activity yesterday, the sales of the day reaching the very large figure of 46,700 barrels.

The Union Pacific Railway has its rails laid for full seven hundred miles west of Omaha, and by November it will reach Salt Lake City, three hundred and twenty miles farther.

The House Committee of Investigation into alleged Ordnance frauds, have exploded an "Amsterdam" bomb-shell under Gen. Dyer, the Chief of the Ordnance Department. They report very serious charges as to his pecuniary interest in certain contracts, and have submitted a joint resolution desiring the President to remove him from office.

The Democrats demand a reduction of the army. In two years it has been reduced from a million of men to fifty thousand, and Gen. Grant says it will be reduced to seventeen thousand by July 1, 1869. Is not that a reduction? The Republicans, it must be observed, have not the spite against the army, which served the Union, that the Democrats have, who wanted the Union destroyed.

The Democrats demand the "subordination of the military to the civil power." In North and South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana, Gen. Grant, in conformity with the laws, brought the military force in subordination to the civil authorities. In all the other seceding States, will do the same thing, as soon as their citizens duly subordinate themselves to the National Government.

The new State Lunatic Hospital, with the approbation of the Governor, has been located at Danville, which is very near the centre of the district it is intended to serve, both in respect to territory and population. This decision will enable Mr. Mann, of Potter county, to see how big a fool made of himself by declaring in the House, at the last session, that it was determined in advance to place it near a certain other town.

Mr. MANN and Mr. HAZLITT have both withdrawn from the contest for the office of District Attorney at Philadelphia. Mr. CHARLES GILPIN has been placed in nomination in their stead. He was formerly Mayor of the city, and is a gentleman of fine abilities and attainments, and of the highest reputation. These arrangements remove all dissatisfaction from the Republican ranks in that city, and ensure a splendid triumph at the polls.

The Democratic masses should not deceive themselves. They think they will vote Seward into the Presidency, but they may depend upon it that this high office is intended by their rebel leaders for BLAIR, who nominally runs for the second place. He has evidently been selected, first, for his revolutionary opinions and pledges, and, second, with an express view to the palpable certainty, in the case of Democratic success, that Seward will prove physically or mentally incapable of completing the full term of office. Whatever may be said of the New Yorker's soundness in other respects, his bodily health is of the most frail and uncertain nature. His physician, it is said, urges his immediate departure for Europe. At his own home, in Ulster, the other day, when publicly received on his return from the Convention, he did not appear to address the multitude, having been forbidden to do so by his physician. It is very doubtful if he can bear the excitement and fatigue of the canvass, and there no doubt that the Convention has designed BLAIR's nomination to meet that contingency. Remember, therefore, Democrats, that your ticket means BLAIR—and BLAIR only, or rather Blair and another war.

When our Minister at Berlin, Mr. BANCROFT, concluded the Expatiation treaty with the North German Confederation, it was very generally anticipated that the important principle which this instrument established, would be adopted, at some not far distant day, into similar negotiations with other European powers. This expectation is already realized so far that several of the South German States, including the leading Kingdom of Bavaria, have assented to treaties of the same character. And, only two days since, Lord STANLEY announced, in the English Commons, the Great Britain accepts cordially the American proposition that the citizen of any power may expatriate himself and adopt another nationality. No treaty is yet made to that end between the two governments, but it is evident, from this formal and explicit declaration, by the Queen's Ministry, that the recognition of the principle will be followed in due time.

by its expression in the text of a formal agreement. While this fortunate but not unreasonable concord of two great nations, upon a point so intimately affecting the traditional idea of sovereign rights and the obligations of the subject, has thus removed a question heretofore of great difficulty from any contingency of future dispute, it affords a gratifying proof of the entire harmony which controls the intercourse of two powerful empires, and illustrates how effectively the progress of a wiser intelligence is disengaging, one after another, the illusions of antiquated prejudice.

## REPUBLICAN NEIGHBORS:

Your Executive Committee, for Allegheny county, has specially designated a full list of Vigilance Committee-men in each ward and township, whose names are given in another place. You will also observe that these Committees are empowered to make any additions to their number, with a view to greater efficiency if desired. You are also entreated to note that these appointments do not relieve each and every other Republican voter from his primary obligation, as a good Republican and good citizen, to omit no reasonable amount of labor, or to spare no efforts, in season or out of season, to promote the good cause which we all have at heart. We, all of us, expect our good, old county to make a good report of herself this fall; and the way to do this is for each man to remember that he must not only vote himself, but see that all his friends vote, and vote right. You cannot ensure this result more certainly than by beginning now.

Cross your own neighborhoods, talk to the next door, find out what the Democrats are doing round the corner, watch the resorts where men congregate, ascertain the names of the doubtful—if there be any doubtful, in these days of Southern

abolitionism once more rampant—and take all such cases at once in hand; answer questions, furnish information and documents, and do all you can to awaken the interest of the careless and unreflecting. Don't destroy Republican newspapers, but, after you have read them, save them to put into other hands. Spread the light of your own intelligent opinions all about you, and don't let the other come without being able to say that you have saved or gained at least one vote, each man of you, for the country's cause. Just try that plan, and old Allegheny will fill the bill, and more, too, at the polls. There is plenty of time to do this, provided you begin now. Don't put off to next week!

## THE SAFETY OF LIFE ON STEAM VESSELS.

It is admitted that a large proportion of the fatal disasters occurring annually by explosions or fire, on steamers navigating the inland waters of this country, might be prevented by the adoption of precautions more stringently devised and more faithfully enforced, to ensure the reliability of the materials employed in the construction or propulsion of such craft, the competency of the officers in charge of them, and to reduce the fire-risk to its practicable minimum.

A bill for this purpose, very elaborately minute in its details, was proposed some months since by Special Agent CRAWFORD of the Treasury Department, and was laid before the House Committee on Commerce. Recognizing the very evident fact that the only effective legislation to the ends desired must proceed from Congress, a letter to the Committee, accompanying the bill, dwells

very forcibly upon the imperfections of existing laws, even the act of 1832 leaving much yet to be desired. Mr. CRAWFORD's letter exhibits a thorough acquaintance with the subject, and the bill (H. R. No. 172) is believed to supply the needed regulations which would ensure as complete a protection for life and property, in transit by water, as can be afforded by the use of the best materials in construction, and by establishing the highest standards for the skill and prudence of the officers in charge of the vessels.

The Presbyterians are fully aroused at some places to the necessity of aggressive movements, by the erection of houses of worship in desolate places and in near large cities.

The right spirit is seen in the remarks of Rev. Dr. Hornblower, of Paterson, New Jersey, who, in urging his people to form a new church in the outskirts of that congregation, said: "All of you who live beyond — street, go over there and be organized into a church; if it leaves half of the pews vacant, we will see them all filled again in a few years." This is the right

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