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SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the Gazette, by G. R. Shaw, Optician, 54 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

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9 o'clock, A. M.	50	45
12 " M.	60	50
3 " P. M.		48
Barometer		29.6-10

Missouri and Virginia Money Taken AT PAR, AT CHARLES GIPNER'S, No. 78 Market Street.

THE WEEKLY GAZETTE, for this week, is out, and can be procured at our counter, singly or in wrappers, ready for mailing. It contains all the important news of the week, by mail and telegraph, editorially, city and commercial reports—religious, miscellaneous and political news, &c. Price 5 cts.

The County Reform Bill—Philadelphia Clap-Trap.

The Harrisburg correspondent of the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, under date of April 22, writes:

"It is but justice to a hard working and attentive member of the Democratic party of the House of Representatives, to record the fact that he objected of the calendar, to-day, the bill which passed the Senate on Friday last, whereby Allegheny reputation was sought to be thrown into legal recognition, into an established *status* against which counts of law might in vain pronounce decrees. I refer to Mr. McDonough, of the third city legislative district. By objecting it off the platform of order for days to come, so that a two-thirds vote will be required to take it up at any time until next Tuesday, when it will come up at the foot of the private calendar under the head of objected bills."

The above is about the baldest specimen of clap-trap which we have seen lately. The bill to which allusion is made, "whereby Allegheny reputation was sought to be elevated into legal recognition," is the County Reform Bill, creating the office of Controller, and abolishing the present tardy expensive method of collecting taxes. The bill has no reference whatever to "counts" or "decrees," and can in no way affect the claims of any creditor of the county, except it be to enhance the chances of payment by stopping the leaks in the county treasury. The bill is purely local in its character, and Mr. McDonough and his friends only deserve censure for their unwarrantable interference. The third "working" Philadelphia member will find enough to engage his attention if he will only seek to advance the welfare of his own constituency, and permit the people of Allegheny county to manage their own affairs in their own way.

Our Book Table.

Father Rom and the Pope; or, A Night at the Vatican. With Illustrative Engravings of what took place between the Pope and Father Rom. Philadelphia: pp. 12. Pittsburgh: W. A. Gilfillan, Fifth street. Price, 10 cents.

Dr. Prime, of the N. Y. *Observer*, is a notice of this humorous *brochure*, says:

"There is a time to laugh. And as bad it when we read a little book with the taking title of 'Father Tom and the Pope.' It is a broad satire on the faith and practice of Mother Rome: too broad perhaps for this country, where the Irish brogue, Irish humor, and Irish technical terms are not so readily caught as they are in the great city for which the book is written.

"Father Tom goes to Rome; he is a Romish priest from Ireland, and is Rome, his Holiness offers him various kinds of wine, but Father Tom, more accustomed to something stronger and warmer, complains of the drink; and gently to the disgust of the Pope produces a bottle of the 'raleigh stuff' from his coat pocket. His Holiness rebukes him for bringing his own liquor when coming to dine with the prince of princes, but in catching a half of the whisky across the table, asks for the bottle, brings it to his blessed nose, and exclaims, 'Holy Virgin! but it has the divine smell!'

"After this they have a good time generally; the priest produces another bottle from another pocket; calls for the housekeeper to bring the 'materials' to brew a punch; she comes; a comedy ensues; and then occurs a scene that introduces as keen a satire on one of the dogmas of Rome as we have seen, for the particulars of which we advise all persons to buy and read the book."

HUNT'S MERCHANTS' MAGAZINE, for April, which we have received from the publisher, Wm. B. Dana, 81 William street, New York, very opportunately has done a piece of good service, for which every intelligent merchant and manufacturer will feel grateful. For will Hunt, while, he is often called on to make valuable and compendious for which he has but scant time, fail to appreciate the value of the carefully prepared Alphabetical Arrangement of the Tariff of the United States, for the years 1848, 1846, 1857 and 1861, compiled by the editors of this valuable magazine. Besides this, as if to make the present number complete, a book on the subject, they have given us a certified copy of the new "Tariff Act itself. We do not stand to renew our commendation of this useful Monthly to any one who has been a reader of it.

Meeting of Temperanceville Council.

The Council of the Borough of Temperanceville held their regular monthly meeting on Thursday evening, the 4th instant.

Members: present Messrs. McDowell, Ferguson and Burgess G. R. Cochran.

Jas. McBride, Councilman elect, being present, the oath of office was administered to him by Burgess Cochran, and he took his seat.

Members absent: Messrs. Robinson and Espian.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Auditor's report of the Borough accounts for the preceding year, was read and accepted.

On motion, the Burgess was authorized to draw his warrant on the Treasurer, in favor of Jas. McDowell, Esq., for two dollars for exchange on fifty dollars.

On motion, the Street Commissioner shall be subject to the Council, and shall not at any one time expend more than ten dollars without first obtaining instructions from the Council so to do.

On motion, the Burgess was authorized to confer with the Burgess and Council of the borough of West Pittsburgh, concerning the repairing of a water course between the borough of Temperanceville and West Pittsburgh, on Sylvan street, leading from the Steubenville pike to the Western limits of the borough.

On motion, the salary of the Street Commissioner was set at twenty dollars for the ensuing year.

On motion, the Council proceeded by ballot to elect a Street Commissioner, which resulted in the selection of S. Walls, Esq.

On motion, Council adjourned.

S. H. FRENCH, Cl'k. G. R. COCHRAN, Burg'.

Important Church Decision.

The union of the Associate and Associate Reformed bodies into the United Presbyterian church, has given rise to a legal action in Butler county—being a proceeding in Equity by a minority of the members and trustees of Unity Church of Venango township, against the United Presbyterian Congregation of Unity Church, to obtain possession of the property of said church. The case was recently decided by Judge Agnew, in an elaborate opinion, in which he reviewed the history of the church for three hundred years. He decided that the property, which in 1803, was sold to the Trustees of the Associate Church (known as Seceders) belonged to the original church, who held it in trust for the Associate Church; and that the "United Presbyterian Church," though they have ecclesiastically the power to unite with the Seceder Church, yet they cannot hold the property which was purchased by the trustees of the Associate Church for the use of the Associate Church, and that the United Church cannot divert the title of the original trustees by any church union, unless all are agreed to the union.

Court of Quarter Sessions.

Before Judge M'Clure, Adams and Parke.

D. W. and Eliza Smith, husband and wife, of Sharpsburg brought cross suits for assault and battery, and were both committed.

The next case called was that of Warner Powell, colored, tried at the last term, for the larceny of three comforts and four bed quilts from Mr. Robinson Evans, of Lawrenceville. The jury, upon the former trial failed to agree, and the case was accordingly held over for a second trial. The goods were missed for more than a year, and were found upon Powell's clothes line. The principal testimony for the defense was that of Mr. Hoyle, who stated that he was present when Mr. Powell bought the bed clothes from a railman, at the river, paying two dollars for the lot. The evidence was very contradictory, and the case was still on trial at noon.

The jury were still out at the adjournment of the Court.

James Criswell was indicted for malicious mischief in breaking a wagon with which his vehicle came in collision. Jury out.

Charles Ulrich and Anthony Saquil were fined $10 each for selling liquor without license.

Wouldn't Keep the Baby.

The foundling, picked up on the steps of a residence on Penn street, last week, and which was taken charge of by a lady in Lawrenceville, who wished to adopt it, was returned to the Mayor on Thursday—the lady giving as reasons for not keeping it, that it was very cross, and she was of the opinion that it was not *entirely white!* The objection on the score of crossness is rather a weak one, and such as might be urged by ninety-nine mothers in every hundred; but the suspicion as to the color of the child might be regarded of sufficient to assail the character. We are assured, however, that the child is every whit white, and the suspicions of the lady on that score (if she really had any) are altogether unfounded. Numerous applications were made for the child, but the Mayor concluded to send it to the poor house, where it will take its chances with the unfortunates of that institution.

CLEANING THE GUTTER.—A goodly number of shiplasters and others were out cleaning the pavements and gutters yesterday morning, but a goodlier number paid no attention whatever to the proceeding and will not assist in the work when called on. By the way, we remember some time since, that a Mayor's proclamation was issued, and we recollect that the Mayor then suggested that the Street Commissioner reserve his proclamation for a more favorable season for the performance of the duty.

A Bastardly Oil Speculator—Bold Swindle.

We have just been notified of a bold and successful swindle practiced upon one of our citizens, which deserves exposure at our hands. A gentleman, formerly doing business here, and owning a tract of land a few miles north of Allegheny city, recently "discovered" oil on his place, and being desirous of staking off his farm in oil stock, at a smart bonus, he soon made known the discovery to a "favored few," whom he picked upon as likely to bite at the tempting bait. At length he fell upon a purchaser, who, after visiting the farm, was filled with wonder at the flattering "surface indications," and without delay leased a portion of the farm, paying the snug sum of $500 cash, as a bonus, and agreeing to give one-fourth of the oil in barrels, delivered at Pittsburgh! Even at this high figure the purchaser thought he had a splendid bargain, and was so elated with his speculation that he lost no time in making the matter known to a friend of his—a very prominent citizen, and a gentleman of wealth. After consultation, the latter agreed to visit the farm, and if he liked the appearance of things he would take a lease upon the same terms—$500 bonus, and one fourth of the oil.

The "oil seekers" visited the land on Friday, and were shown over the premises by the owner. There were "smells" of oil in various localities, but one portion was exceedingly rich—being a small ravine, with running water. The "color" of oil was very distinct on the surface of the water, and there could be no mistake as to the indications. The new purchaser, however, was a cool headed, practical, matter-of-fact gentleman, and not doubting the statements which were made to him, preferred to "explore" this wonderful oil spring. The oleaginous fluid was traced up the ravine for a considerable distance, where it was found to issue from the bank, percolating a species of clay which, to the mind of the explorer, did not accord with the working of nature. He began to search the fountain head, and lo! no artificial oil spring is developed! Need we describe the confusion of the swindler, the disappointment of the purchaser, or the amazement of the explorer?

On the side of the ravine a basin or reservoir had been prepared, and a lead pipe inserted, leading to within a short distance over the surface of the earth. Over the end of the pipe a quantity of clay had been placed, and nature had been counterfeited most abominably. Here the oil penetrated the earth, and dripping into the ravine, was carried slowly away—a tempting bait, indeed, for oil seekers!

The swindle was so bold that the purchaser at once demanded the $500 which he had paid as earnestness, but the owner of the land refused to do so, alleging that to do so would be an acknowledgment of his guilt! He has to chose one of two alternatives—refund the money quietly, or stand an exposure through a criminal prosecution.

Teachers' Meeting at M'Keesport.

An interesting meeting of the teachers and friends of education was recently held at M'Keesport, in the lecture room of Rev. M'Kinstry's church. The following officers presided:

President, A. T. Douthett; Vice Presidents, J. F. Weller, A. Dempster, E. W. Monck, Rev. Davis and Rev. M'Kinstry; Secretaries, J. W. Blackburn, Henry Stewart.

The meeting continued in session for two days, the attendance being large and the proceedings quite interesting and instructive. We have been furnished with a report, which is quite too lengthy for insertion in our columns, and we present a brief synopsis.

The proceedings opened with an address by Mr. Douthett, County Superintendent, which was well received.

Mr. A. Burtt delivered a very able address upon the subject of Grammar, which elicited considerable discussion from Rev. H. Davis, Mr. Gilliam, Mrs. Buffington, Rev. M'Kinstry, Mr. Margnis, Prof. Dickson, Dr. Mitchell, and others.

Prof. Dickson delivered an address upon the subject of Mathematics, explaining the nature of the science, and the use and application of its various branches.

Rev. Davis took up that branch of Astronomy relating to Comets, and treated the subject in a very instructive manner.

Mr. A. S. Buffington lectured upon Geography, giving many practical hints as to the best method of teaching this useful branch of education.

Rev. B. M. Kerr delivered a lecture on Moral Training in our public schools." He took the position that morality and intellectual advancement were essential elements in a free government, and illustrated his subject in a pleasing and forcible manner.

"The Characteristics of the True Student" were ably and effectively portrayed by Mr. Galbreath, in an address of some considerable length.

The proceedings were enlivened by some excellent music, and recitations for social enjoyment, all of which tended to strengthen the ties of friendship which should ever bind together those engaged in a common cause.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.—Hermar Midleon, a German, keeping tavern at the corner of Penn and Mechanic streets, made information before the Mayor on Thursday, charging James Henderson and others with a violent assault upon himself and wife. He stated that on Wednesday a number of boys in the vicinity were annoying him, calling him names, &c; he seized Henderson and was assaulted by the latter, and by the others, who beat him severely, drawing one of his eyes in mourning. His wife interfered to save him and was stabbed by some one in the crowd, in the left side of the abdomen, near the groin. She is confined to her bed, though not dangerously hurt. Warrants were issued for the arrest of the parties.

EXPLOSION OF A LOCOMOTIVE—ENGINEER KILLED.—About six o'clock, Thursday morning, the locomotive "Wisconsin," exploded at Alliance, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, while near the station. She had just brought in the mail train and been uncoupled, preparatory to going into the shop, when the boiler burst, breaking the engine to fragments, scattering the pieces about, and instantly killing the engineer, John Mellie. She had on three gauges of water and eighty pounds of steam, so that the cause of the explosion is a mystery.

BODY FOUND.—Coroner Reed, of Beaver, held an inquest on Saturday, March 30th, upon the body of an unknown man, who was found drowned in low Industry. The deceased had on a red cloth vest, check shirt, drab pants, no coat nor hat. His height was about five feet six inches; nothing valuable was found on his person, nor any trace of his name or whereabouts. Verdict in accordance with the above facts.

A BIG BILL.—Manager Henderson seems determined not to sink the patrons of his theatre. Tonight Miss Rose Dean closes her engagement, with Bourcicault's splendid comedy of "London Assurance," and the eastern drama "Ki-Hyder," will be produced. In the comedy, Miss Dean personates the dashing Lady Gay Spanker, and in the drama Eattie Henderson assumes the character of Harry Clifton, a pretty little "stay-laces" boy. Go early and secure a good seat.

THE JOHNSTON MEDAL.—The annual contest for the Johnston medal comes off at East Liberty on the 18th inst., being the anniversary of the battle of Cerro Gordo. The medal is now in the possession of Col. Rowley, of the Washington Infantry, having been won on this occasion of the last contest by W. McIlwaine, a member of that corps.

FIRE IN MANCHESTER.—Yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, the keg and barrel factory of Poor, Wegley & Co., in Manchester, was discovered to be on fire, but fortunately it was extinguished with but little difficulty. It originated in the dry house. The only loss sustained was a small lot of staves which were consumed by the fire.

The very best stories, sketches and poetry are published in the new Pittsburgh weekly—*Our Paper*. The story of love and temptation, by Sam'l Young, entitled "The Young Merchant," is creating a sensation. Subscribe for *Our Paper*; the terms are $2 per annum—2 copies for $3. Specimen copies will be sent free by Hunt & Miner, publishers.

UNSWORTH'S MINSTRELS delighted another large audience last night. The hall was filled to overflowing, which speaks well for the company, considering that it was their second appearance. Tonight closes the engagement, and those who wish to witness an amusing entertainment should not fail to be present.

MACEVOY'S CYCLORAMA is still drawing fine audiences at Lafayette Hall. Last evening the "Star Spangled Banner" was introduced and sung in very fine style by Mrs. MacEvoy, creating the greatest enthusiasm. The paintings are fine and well worth a visit, and we advise all to go.

SCALDED TO DEATH.—A few days since a child of Mr. Joseph Wadsworth, of North Union township, Fayette county, aged about three years, was so badly scalded by the upsetting of a coffee pot, that it died the day following.

GEO. W. HUNLEY, Federal street, Allegheny, has on hand a very large stock of *Stoves* of the most approved styles, with a full line of House-furnishing goods, all of which he is selling at prices which will defy competition.

FIRED.—Samuel Bennett, wagon maker, corner of Beaver street and Gay alley, was fined two dollars and costs, by Mayor Drum, for obstructing the streets with old wagons, carts, drays, etc.

THE EYE.—S. A. STERRETT, M. D., devotes special attention to all diseases of the eye. Removes cataract by a new operation, causing less pain or risk than any other. Residence and office 277 Penn street. 31

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ST CHARLES—Corner of Third and Wood streets.

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J M Bell, Wheeling, Va; A B Caldwell, Washington; B S Rowe, do; Mrs Barlow, do; J H Stewart, Collins tp; J D Walker, Phila; S H Stephens, Cleveland; M Tower, do; W A Nixon, Alliance, O; W G Andrew, Canton, O; J T Stech, Agent of Wood's Minstrels; H B Humbie, Phila; J A King, New York; W H Taylor, Penna; S Clement, Gambier, O.

SCOTT HOUSE—Corner Duquesne Way and Irwin street.

R. B. MINNER, PROPRIETOR.

Mrs T T Marchand, Greensb'g; Miss Kate Russell, do; H O Marchand, do; J J Holmes, Cincinnati; H Foreman, Clintonville; J Hamburgh, Wills; W Chen, Xenia; J G Nibock, Youngstown; A J Dull, Kittanning; R H Winston, Lock Haven; J H Coleman, Buffalo; M Rogers, Gersion; G Martin, Ashland; G R Kemp & lady, Mt Pleasant.

MANSION HOUSE—Second street.

G. GREGG, PROPRIETOR.

A J Pettit, Smith's Ferry; O U Shortlidge, Penna; J B Dearmont, do; J W Blackburn, West Newton; J Hostetter, Mifflin co; M Yoder, do; H Hoover, do; A Geyer, lady & daughter, do; J W Price, do; Geo W Taylor, New Jersey; T R Porter, Penna; H Leech, Phila; Geo T Fortney & lady, Plymouth, Ind; J F Kelly, Altoona; J J Heistand, Harrisburg; J Cheney, Connellville; G D Bailey, Alpenville, La; J Gillam, Bedford co; J J Blakely, Phila; R Clark, New York; Hrs Ella Bloom, Mifflin co; J Barnhart & lady, Harbeits; J Bernhard, do; E Stormant, Bernston; C M Kenton, office "Greyhound" Express, Crestline, O; J S Clough, Amherst, O; M Kerr, Phila; H Smith, Pottsville; Mrs McMahan, Lewisburg; E McMahan, do.

PERRY HOTEL—Corner Duquesne Way and Hancock st.

M'CLURG & CAMPBELL, PROPRIETORS.

J M Carr, Pittsburgh; Thos Bell, do; Jerry Howling, New York; H H Huber, city.

HAYES HOTEL—Liberty street, foot of Fifth.

SAMUEL HAYS, PROPRIETOR.

N Bracken, Ohio; J Black, Larrington; J Cousins, Butler co; S Hays, Allegheny; J Taylor, Harrisburg; D Aiken, do; E L McCabe, Va; J Lockhart, Del Grove; J W Humphreys, Wash; Thos Hill, Beallsville.

GIRARD HOUSE—Corner Smithfield and Third streets.

J. S. M. VEAZY, PROPRIETOR.

H S O'Hagan, Sandusky; H O Howard, Mon City; E M Pearson, Phila; J Pearson, Grove City; Elizabeth Cyrus Miller, McKeesport; J P Davis, Dravsburg; Mr Brown, Marion county; B P Bentley, Mon City; M Moorhead, Bridgeport.

NATIONAL HOTEL—Water street.

P. SEIFLIN, PROPRIETOR.

H Patton, Brownsville; F Bavington, Alliance, O; G Hamilton, Cincinnati, O.

EAGLE HOTEL—Liberty street, below Seventh.

JOHN MEIS, PROPRIETOR.

W H Fih, East Liverpool, O; O McLain, Indiana co; Wm Bennett, Tradford; C Ewell, do; J C Robertson, Phila; J Forsyth, East Liberty; J McKinney, Elizabeth; Jas Hamilton, Schollcraft; M Waltham, Crawford co; G O Ferguson & lady, Chanford; J A Otis, do; J Bailey, New Kittanning.

RED LION HOTEL—St. Clair street.

A. P. CONNOR, PROPRIETOR.

G Richey, Patton tp; G Keavy, Franklin; G W Mathews, Kittanning; J K McGowan, Columbus; H Portney, Galion; J L Cotgin, Boston; G O Ferguson, Cleveland; D Collins, Harrisburgh; A Hays, Allegheny; A Kain, Youngstown; J Collins, Harrisburgh; G Devone, Wash, Pa; S Gilsnville, Cincinnati; J Hinck, Hubrock; J Ball, do; O Church, do; J McCullay, do; E Albergh, do; W E Hart, Newton Falls, O; J May, Ohio; Miss Woods, Ohio; H Rachy, West Middletown; D Barsley, Kittanning; O Shepard, New York; J T Cobb, Auburn; O Snodgrass, Wheeling; W A Ridgley, do; O E Ritchie, Falls; W Fancott, Salem, O; J G McConnell, Ewinkley; O O McDonald, do; Jas G Campbell, Butler; J Mechling, Greensburg; J W Moore & lady, Broad Ford, Pa; J A Gibson, Pine tp; S Myers, Allegheny; J H Hill, East Liberty; H Finley, Franklin; E S Hays, Carlisle; H Frost, Medina; Miss A Hoyle, Medina; G A Bennett, Erie; M J Burnham, Hopedale; Miss A M Reed, Salem; F B McCormick, New Brig'n; H Fox, Philadelphia; R McMahon, Lewisburg; D H Aitherhill, Hartford, O; J B Boyd & lady, Butler; J B Hodge, Jacksonville, Ind; D B Spangle, Tamaha co; Mrs Spangle & daughter, Venango co; D Guys, Shiff, Ind; J Wilson, Pa; M McMahan & lady, do; M Kelly, Indiana co; J Chaney, Ashland co, O; J B Buchanan, Beaver co; Thos O Hare, Cleveland; M D McKinney & lady; L P Work, New Washington; H Hunt, Alexandria; D S Herb, Penna; A Gerwrick, Phila; T S Glenning, Brin u y; G H Butler, Falls; H C Yeager, New Orleans; D Reformyer, Ohio; J N Gropland, Navarro, O; A W Foster, Berry Hill; J G H Foster, do; F Victor, Uniontown; Thos Hance, do; A A Platt, Cincinnati; G G Williams, Altoona; James Hutphen, Indiana; J Boice, Adrain.

JOHN HANNA, lady & family, Mansfield, O; James Britton, Beaver co; M J Saunders, Hopedale, O; Miss A M Reed, Salem, O.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH,

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 5, 1861.

The Gulf Squadron is to be commanded by Captain Stringham. The reasons for this increase of naval force in that quarter are conjectural. The extreme caution which characterizes the Administration on this, as well as military subjects, occasion many warlike rumors. The Government seems to have to come to the determination, in the language of a Cabinet officer, to be known only by its acts.

Extreme solicitation is everywhere manifested relative to movements concerning Forts Pickens and Sumter; the fear is expressed that a collision may be precipitated.

The steamer Pawnee, lying off Washington Navy Yard, will probably leave for parts unknown on Saturday.

Information was received that Lieut. Talbot left Charleston, to-day, with important dispatches for Washington.

The following officers have been ordered to the steamer Minnesota, destined for the Gulf: Capt. Van Brunt, Commander Case, Lieutenants Warden, Wainwright, Badger, Johnson, Foster, Mitchell and Watson, Smith master, Frank Jackson chief engineer.

GREAT EXCITEMENT!

Warlike Action of the Administration!

MOVEMENTS OF UNITED STATES TROOPS

Probable Conflict at Fort Pickens!

MATTERS APPROACHING A CRISIS!

VESSEL FIRED UPON.

&c., &c., &c.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The New York *Times* of this morning contains dispatches from Washington of the highest importance, and taken in connection with the activity displayed in the military and naval departments of our government, as exhibited at Brooklyn navy yard and various military stations in the harbor and elsewhere, indicate the Administration with sufficient significance that a line of policy has been decided upon by the administration which will speedily test the strength of the government and its ability to enforce the laws. In less than a week its correspondent telegraphs, it is probable that every port of importance south of Charleston, through which inland communication can be had, will be blockaded, and that the revenue laws will everywhere be enforced. If the statement is strong enough to do it. Not the least important statement in our correspondent's dispatch, is that the government is likely to be sustained in the efforts to sustain its authority by the sympathy of the great European powers, whose representatives have decidedly, though unofficially, expressed the hope that the interests of the Union shall be maintained. The greatest excitement exists in Washington in view of the supposed warlike action of the Administration, but the general feeling seems to be one of satisfaction, that the present state of suspense will soon come to an end.

The *Tribune* has a double leaded leader on the pleasant topic of "War is at Hand."

PITTSBURGH, April 5.—The New York *Tribune* of this morning publishes a variety of warlike rumors from Washington and the South. They appear to have originated in great part from movements on the part of U. S. troops. It says there can be no doubt that serious movements are on foot. The tonk of the Southern press for the last week, and the concentration of troops at Pensacola, indicate a determination to precipitate a conflict at Fort Pickens—probably with a view to hasten the secession of Virginia. On the other hand, it is a significant fact that an unusual number of U. S. troops have been quietly gathered at this port ready for embarkation.

The number at the navy yard and in the various forts in the harbor, are now nearly 2700. On board the Transport Illinois at Fort Pickens, there are 800 troops, including marines, all of whom can be landed at any moment.

At Fort Sumter matters are rapidly approaching a crisis. A vessel attempting to enter Charleston harbor, had been fired upon and turned back to sea.

The New York *Tribune* publishes, which is regarded as authentic, the following, which is regarded by military movements at New York: At 10 o'clock last night our army and navy reporter returned from a visit to all the forts at this station. The disembarkation of troops at Fort Hamilton was almost complete. Fort Lafayette, near Hamilton, New York harbor has been garrisoned. A troop of sappers and miners arrived from the Federal Capital on Wednesday night late, and were quartered at that fort, there being no room in the opposite one. Detachments of picked men were engaged all yesterday preparing hay, oats, ambulances and stores for embarkation, and getting places ready for the accommodation of two companies of artillery expected last night. Companies B and H, of the third infantry, have been under marching orders since Tuesday. This evening the soldiers ordered from Governor's Island will, it is reported, go up to Hamilton and there go on board a steamer, probably the U. S. frigate Powhattan, which is to convey them to Florida. The federal forces in this neighborhood number two thousand six hundred and fifty-eight men. The enrollment was completed yesterday at the navy yard and forty-eight depots. Men were also working all Wednesday night and last night on board the steam frigate Powhattan. Yesterday a large force of laborers employed on her were re-inforced by the crew lately detached, who assisted in getting in the heavy freight consisting of special cranes and in pushing forward the general preparations. The U. S. cutter Harriet Lane left her moorings off the battery yesterday, and is now anchored in quarantine. We learn she is bound to sea.

RICHMOND, April 4.—On the reassembling of the Convention the fourth resolution as amended was adopted in Committee of the Whole.

Mr. Flournoy moved to amend the 5th resolution by striking out the words "and to aid in suppressing domestic insurrection," and inserting the declaration simply that the legitimate use of the fort, etc., is to protect the country against foreign force. This was agreed to—yeas 63, nays 61.

Two other amendments were rejected.

Mr. Carlile moved to amend by striking out the whole resolution—yeas 11, nays 115. The resolution was then adopted.

The sixth resolution was then taken up. Mr. Harris moved to strike out the whole and insert the following:

Resolved, That an ordinance of secession repealing the powers delegated by Virginia, and providing for submitting the same to the qualified voters of the commonwealth for adoption or rejection, at the polls at the spring elections, to be held in May, should be adopted by this Convention.

Mr. Goggin moved to amend by inserting his own ordinance, but withdrew it.

Several motions that the committee rise were voted down, and Mr. Harris's substitute was rejected—yeas 45, nays 69.

Though this was not strictly a test vote, the Union men are much relieved at the result.

Without further action on the resolution, the Convention adjourned.

ST. LOUIS, April 5.—The secessionists's parade last night, in honor of the election of Daniel G. Taylor, was the most brilliant and imposing affair ever seen in St. Louis. Upwards of thirty teams were mounted on wheels and profusely decorated with banners and transparencies, and a large number of omnibuses, carriages, horsemen and citizens on foot were in procession. The streets were densely thronged with enthusiastic spectators. The *Republican* and *Herald* printing offices and great many private dwellings are brilliantly illuminated, and the display of torches, pyrotechnics and bonfires were very fine. Upwards of one hundred and fifty guns were fired in the evening.

GALVESTON, April 4.—The second company of Rangers, numbering one hundred men, arrived at Orizabo. The Clark Morse, from Liverpool for Matamoras Portsmouth, reported that Brooklyn as having arrived off Pensacola harbor. Advices state that the Mohawk, Hayden City and Star of the West were lying outside Fort Clavallos Bar waiting for troops to return to New York. The steamer Fashion has been chartered by the Federal Government to transport troops from Indianola to Fort Cavallos. Ten companies are expected here from San Antonio.

A full-grown man takes to-day in the State Convention on the permanent Constitution as follows: Whole number of members in the Convention, 174; in favor of the Constitution, 149; against it, 15; absentees, 10. There is nothing new to report. Matters remain in *status quo*.

BUFFALO, April 5.—The *Commercial Advertiser* of this city publishes a letter from Johnson M'Nair, a private under Major Anderson's command in Fort Sumter. He states that the garrison have enough to eat and drink for four months yet. Fuel is scarce, but that is nothing. Nob-ds will ever know how many times we have—I only wish we had a chance to give the rascals h—; and we get to it, too. It is all nonsense about sending on men and supplies. We are all right if old Lincoln will only have the nerve to stand by us.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 4.—The treasury notes of the Confederate States, were issued to day under the law authorizing the issue of one million dollars.

The first bond issued by the Confederacy for one thousand dollars, was sold yesterday at twenty per cent premium.

RICHMOND, April 5.—Yours is good authority for stating that the Richmond Whig will hold the main convention, but will stand by the policy of going out of the Union.

LATEST FROM CALIFORNIA.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Congratulations are universal upon the timely rain, which almost assures another extraordinary yield of cereals.

The Senatorial election, which was briefly telegraphed over the last Pony Express, was brought about under extraordinary circumstances. On the night preceding the election the Douglas and Breckinridge Democrats agreed to hold another fore the caucus were Denver, Weller and Nugent. The Breckinridgers preferred Weller but could get no Douglasite to support him. The next choice was Nugent, the Douglasites claiming that his election would attach Irish votes to the Democracy.

On this theory Nugent was nominated over Denver and Weller. After the nomination Nugent was called upon and made an indiscreet speech, strongly sympathizing with the seceded States. This speech aroused a vigorous opposition to the new candidate, some Douglas members of the caucus declining to abide the nomination. The Republican members of the Legislature who had previously declined to support any Douglas Democrat, now received to vote for any Union man, to defeat Nugent.

When the Joint Convention assembled on the 20th, the first ballot showed 45 votes for Nugent; about 30 for M'Dougall; 8 for the Republican candidate, and the balance scattering; the second ballot was about the same. During the progress of the third ballot the Republicans and scattering voters commenced concentrating on M'Dougall, amid the scenes of the wildest excitement, which continued until the President announced from the clerks tally the election of M'Dougall, by 56 out of 111 votes, and declared the Convention adjourned *sine die*. On this showing M'Dougall received his certificate of election.

A subsequent examination of the clerk's record disclosed the fact that 112 votes were cast, two scattering votes not having been counted. It was admitted on all hands that this ballot had not occurred, and that M'Dougall fell one short of a majority. The opinion is divided whether the clerk's mistake can be corrected so as to invalidate the election. It is generally admitted that had the mistake been discovered before the Convention had adjourned, another ballot would easily have elected McDougal. The Senate yesterday voted to consider no election as having taken place, and passed a resolution to go into a new joint Convention if the Assembly concurs. It is supposed that McDougal will re-submit his name, in which case it is apparent he will get such a majority as will make his election doubly sure.

LATER.—The assembly this evening rejected the Senate resolution for a new joint Convention by a unanimous vote.

The Pony express arrived at Carson Valley today, with St. Louis dates via Fort Kearney to the 15th inst.

The News is considered as favorable for the preservation of peace between the North and South.

Los Angelos, March 22—The overland mail stage from St. Louis, with two passengers, left here at 7 o'clock a. m.

Matias Moreno, with 200 men has landed in the lower country, and upset the Esquera government. It is reported that a fight has taken place in which a few men were killed and several wounded.

NEW YORK, April 5.—The *Commercial* of this evening says that a committee of leading Virginia politicians have had an interview with the President and Secretary of State and was assured by them, in the most positive language, that the President has contemplated no hostile movement and would not attempt to collect the revenue in the seceding States, for the simple reason that Congress had withheld from him the power to do so.

The Government has chartered the steamers Baltic and Ariel to carry troops, under sealed orders. The Baltic will carry Capt. Barry's company of flying artillery and ninety men, and the Ariel seves or eight companies of infantry and marines. They will sail on Saturday.

The frigate Powhatan, will go to sea to-morrow morning, fully equipped and provisioned, and will probably take three companies of troops. The steamship Atlantic has also been chartered, and cleared for Brazos this afternoon, with provisions, stores, and other government property.

A company of one hundred men on Governor's Island, have received marching orders, and others will speedily follow. There are now 2,500 U. S. troops at the different military stations of this port.

The express says it is supposed in well informed quarters, that the government is sending troops to hold some point in Texas, and that they are sent out at the request of Gov. Houston, to repel the Indians.

The impression at the Navy Yard is that Forts Sumter and Pickens will be held by force.

The revenue cutter Harriet Lane started for sea to day, but was detained and is lying in the bay in consequence of information given to Capt. Faunce by the Collector of the port, which compelled him to detain of the vessels bound to the coast of Africa.

Collector Barney was sworn into office to-day.

Marshal Ryanders seized a clipper bark on suspicion of being engaged in the slave trade, but as the evidence is insufficient she will probably be released. She returned from a voyage to China six weeks ago.

The Post this evening says it is rumored that the government agents who were sent to England and France, have returned, and report that both governments will not their force against the Southern Confederacy, and in no manner recognize or treat with it, and that the President and his Cabinet have determined to take immediate and vigorous measures for the enforcement of the laws at all hazards.

CHICAGO, April 5.—The fugitives slaves taken from this city, on Wednesday morning, were arraigned before Justice Foreman, charged at Springfield, yesterday. The proof that they were fugitives was clear and indisputable, and they were accordingly delivered to their owners. They were taken to St. Louis in this evening's train.

The Morning Post M'Geean, sent from here a week since, for the purpose examining the condition of the Straits, returned last night. They reached Whapashanie, a town five miles west from Mackinaw, and report the ice still ten inches thick, with twelve inches of snow. The report is considered very favorable by those looking for an early opening of navigation.

NEW YORK, April 5.—A leading banking house on Wall street is said to have been detected in a daring attempt to swindle by means of forged Virginia bonds. It is believed that a large amount of these forged bonds have been thrown on the market. The parties implicated declare themselves to be Virginians. The investigation of the case is progressing.

LOUISVILLE, April 5.—Nothing of importance transpired in this city, to-day. Gen. Bullitt is reported as having absconded, being a defaulter to the amount of $30,000.

The Kentucky Legislature adjourned sine die, yesterday.

LOUISVILLE, April 5.—River stationary, with 7 feet 8 inches water in the canal.

NORFOLK, April 5—It is reported that a disturbance has occurred at Fortress Monroe. The workmen in the vicinity raised a Palmetto flag on the outside under the walls, and dared the soldiers to interfere.

ANNAPOLIS, April 5—Lane and Pomeroy were elected U. S. Senators yesterday afternoon, by a small majority.

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Plain Linen, Hemstitched and Grass Linen

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