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WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 24, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 58 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

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9 o'clock, A. M.	80	72
12 " M.	120	84
6 " P. M.		76
Barometer		29 4-10

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, editorials, city and commercial reports—religious, miscellaneous and political news, &c. Price 5 cts.

Relief Committee.

At a meeting of the Relief Committee, appointed by the Committee of Public Safety, held on Monday afternoon, the following Sub Committees for the wards of the two cities were appointed for the purpose of receiving and investigating all applications for the relief of the families of the volunteers from Allegheny county, and reporting the same to the General Relief Committee:

PITTSBURGH.

First Ward—Allen Cordell, Caleb Russell.
Second Ward—Minas Tindle, James McCabe.
Third Ward—Jackson Duncan, Christopher L Magee.
Fourth Ward—Columbus West, William H Edwards.
Fifth Ward—James Dain, Bernard Burkle.
Sixth Ward—Andrew B Berger, James C Cummings.
Seventh Ward—Joshua Hanna, E S Ward.
Eighth Ward—Barclay Preston, B C Sawyer, jr.
Ninth Ward— Robert Hill, Wm O Davis.

ALLEGHENY.

First Ward—Simeon Bulford, Samuel Dyer.
Second Ward—J J Moore, W A Reed.
Third Ward—John Swan, John Brown.
Fourth Ward—John Morrison, Henry Aughnis.

The Sub Committees for the boroughs and townships will be announced in a short time.

By order of the General Relief Committee.

A Thrilling Incident at Camp Curtin!—An "American Eagle Surveys the Camp!"

One of the most thrilling incidents connected with the military operations of the day took place at Camp Curtin on Saturday afternoon. A number of persons were engaged in raising the Stars and Stripes over the main building, used as the headquarters of the officers, and just as everything was in readiness, and the men had seized the halyard to run up the flag, a large Eagle came from no one knew where, HOVERED OVER THE FLAG, AND SAILED MAJESTICALLY OVER THE ENCAMPMENT WHILE THE FLAG WAS ASCENDING UP! Thousands of eyes were upturned in a moment, and as the noble bird looked down the cheers of three thousand men rent the air! Never was such ovation paid the "Imperial Bird of Jove." It lingered for a few minutes, apparently not a particle frightened at the terrific noise—then clearing the air with his pinions he disappeared in the horizon.

In the days of the Roman Republic this would have been looked upon as a glorious omen, and we do not see why we should not look upon it as such now.

Never was an incident looked upon with more favor. It sent a patriotic thrill through every heart that witnessed it, and every man seemed to be animated with the deepest feeling of patriotism and devotion to the flag of our Union.

Home Defense—A Call upon the Banks.

Preparations are being made for a thorough organization and complete arming of the Home Guards. In the Executive Committee of the Committee of Public Safety, Monday, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Home Defense be authorized and instructed to procure on the most advantageous terms which may be practicable, and with the least possible delay, three thousand stand of arms for the purpose of arming the citizens for the defense of their homes.

Resolved, That for the purpose of carrying the foregoing resolution into effect, the several Bankers of this city be requested to unite in placing at the disposal of the Executive Committee the sum of $25,000

Sixteen field pieces have been presented to the Committee by Messrs. Knapp, Rud & Co., which will be immediately mounted and companies organized for learning their use.

McClure Township.

A public meeting was held on Monday evening, to organize a Home Guard. Rev. A. Campbell presided. Thos. Farley and James M'Kain, Vice Presidents. E. W. Cook, Secretary. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the citizens of M'Clure Township, both old and young enroll themselves as a Home Guard, with this understanding, that all who are able and willing to enroll in any other company going into more active service, shall be at liberty so to do, and shall also have our best wishes and prayers.

The company then came forward and signed the roll to the number of sixty-four.

On motion, E. W. Cook, C. Coleman, H. Phillips, Jas. Old, Jas. Reed, Jas. M'Kain, Jas. Shipman, A. M. Brown, J. Eckert, Chas. H. Hartman, J. C. Hutchison, were appointed a Committee of Safety for M'Clure Township, with a request to report to the Central Committee of Pittsburgh.

More Contraband Goods Seized.

In pursuance of a telegrahin dispatch received in this city from Chicago, Mayor Wilson yester day stopped the further shipment of twenty-six hogsheads and one box, destined for Baltimore. The hogsheads have not yet been opened; but they are supposed to contain nothing but bacon. They were shipped at Chicago by railroad.

Last evening between thirty and forty boxes of goods from the east, by railroad, all destined for Southern ports were also seized. The boxes have not yet been examined by the Committee.

MEETING IN TEMPERANCEVILLE.—A meeting of the citizens of Temperanceville was held on Monday evening, April 22. James Trunick was called to the chair, and Wm. J. Richardson, Secretary. The object of the meeting was to make provisions for the support of the families of those who might volunteer in the defense of the country.

On motion of John Smitley, Esq., the Borough Councils was requested to appropriate the sum of $300 for the maintenance of the families of the volunteers.

The same gentleman also stated that he would furnish the families with coal in their absence, free of charge.

On motion, Messrs. Ballantine, Richardson and Smitley, were appointed a committee to collect funds for the purpose of procuring revolvers for the members of the company.

THE CASE DEFENDERS.—This is the title of an organization, perfected last evening, composed of the employees of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company, formed for home defense. The following are the officers: Captain, Augustus Bradley; 1st Lieut, Wm P Shinn; 2nd Lieut, John P Henderson; 3d Lieut, G C Hathaway; 4th Lieut, Ward Cumming; Orderly Sergeant, Seth Dray; 1st Sergeant, Jos W William; 2d Sergeant, John P Glass; 4th Sergeant, Geo J Parkin; 1st Corporal, Thos M Blair; 2d Corporal, H Powell; 3d Corporal, M P Scott; 4th Corporal, Wm Brady; Quartermaster, W H Barnes. Geo W Cass, Esq., President of the road, was chosen President of the civil organization.

COLUMBIA LEGION.—The following are the officers of a company organized in Allegheny last night, for active service. It is composed chiefly of members of the Columbia Hose Company. About 40 men are enrolled. Capt. J. W. Patterson; 1st Lieutenant, D. W. Morgan; 2d Lieutenant, John B. Brown; Brevet 2d, Louis Moul; Orderly Sergeant, Thos. D. Holmes; 2d Sergeant, Arthur Donnelly; 3d Sergeant, John Holmes; 4th Sergeant, Samuel Hays; Corporals, George Irwin, Harry Hoefle, John W. Irwin, John Hough; Engineer, Robert Blair. Captain Patterson was with the Blues in Mexico. The Legion have their armory at Moul's Hall, Chestnut street, where they will take recruits.

DOMESTIC WOOLEN CLOTH.—We have received specimens of Blue Woolen Tweed, manufactured by Mr. Samuel Bradley, Allegheny Woolen Factory, on the river bank, below Federal street. It is of a good color, fine and well woven. Mr. Bradley proposes introducing the article for uniforming volunteers and home guards, and will furnish the goods for that purpose at prime cost.

We can say that one of the volunteer companies in the Mexican war used this cloth, and that it stood the hard service of the campaign very satisfactorily.

THINGS IN CLARION.—There was a large and enthusiastic meeting here to sustain the President in the upholding of the laws and maintaining the honor of the American Flag. All party distinctions are forgotten; the past is not remembered—we are united in one great party of patriots. Speeches were made by Democrats and Republicans. A volunteer company, we think, will be formed. Some persons say there are a couple of secessionists in our town. If there be *they had better keep quiet*. Our country must and *will be sustained*. LIBERTY.

SHARPSBURG HOME GUARD.—The citizens of Sharpsburg and vicinity met on Monday evening to organize a Home Guard. J. Lewis, Jas. Robinson, J. H. Bracken, Geo. Brawdy and A. L. Tiles were appointed a committee to report a plan of organization. The meeting adjourned to meet in the school house on Friday evening, at 7½ o'clock. The citizens of Sharpsburg and vicinity are earnestly requested to be present.

GEO. BRAWDY, Sec.

NINTH GUARDS.—This is the title of a new company just being formed by Ald. H. J. Rogers, of the Sixth Ward, who designs to take the command. A. C. Holton, Esq., has connected himself with the company, and his experience in military will secure for him the position of Lieutenant. He served with credit in the Mexican war, in Company I, Second Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers. The armory is in Masonic Hall building, Fifth street.

WE learn that the Hon. John Sherman, of Ohio, is in town, and staying at the Monongahela House. His stay will probably be a short one, for the patriotic Senator from Ohio, like Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, has entered, as a private, one of the volunteer companies of his State, with which he is now on his way to the Capital.

Special Meeting of Councils—Preparations for an Appropriation of $50,000, for Home Defense—City Contracts Suspended, etc.

The City Councils held a special meeting last evening, to take some action in reference to providing for the wants of the city in the present emergency.

In *Select*, members present—Messrs. Bennett, Berger, Latta, Morrow, McCargo, Quinn, Ross, Thompson, Ward and President M'Auley.

Mr. Quinn presented a petition from W. B. Dougherty & Co., owners of a canal boat now lying in the basin, and which cannot be removed, owing to the giving way of the aqueduct. The petitioners request Councils to take such measures as will relieve them from loss, as their damages will amount to $2,000 if their boat cannot be got over the aqueduct.

A motion was made to refer the petition to the Aqueduct Committee, pending which

Mr. McAuley (Mr. McCargo in the Chair,) submitted an ordinance relinquishing all control and supervision over the aqueduct, and all their right hereafter to collect or receive tolls, and abolishing the office of collector.

The ordinance was read three times and passed.

On motion, the Street Committee were instructed to withhold the letting of the contract for the construction of the public sewer on Fifth and Wood streets until further ordered by Councils.

The President stated that the present City Solicitor, J. F. Slagle, Esq., having volunteered in defense of our country, John W. Riddell, Esq., the late Solicitor, had tendered his services to the city until Mr. Slagle's return—the salary to be appropriated to Mr. Slagle.

The tender of Mr. Riddell was unanimously accepted.

Mr. Morrow presented a petition for water pipes on Apple alley. Read and referred to Water Committee.

Mr. Brown offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the making or giving out of contracts for grading and paving of streets or wharves, construction of sewers and culverts and laying of water pipes, be deferred until further instruction from Councils.

A resolution was adopted tendering the use of City Hall and the Council Chambers to the Committee on Public Safety, for any purpose connected with the public defense.

In *Common Council*, all the members were present except Messrs. Caskey, King and Mays.

Prayer by Mr. McGowan.

Mr. Kearns offered the following:

Resolved, That we request the Finance Committee to report to us on Monday evening next how much can precisely be appropriated to the various appropriations for the relief of those who have gone or may hereafter go in defense of our government.

Be it resolved by the Select and Common Councils of the city of Pittsburgh, that the Presidents of Councils be instructed to petition our Legislature by special act to empower the city authorities to create a debt not to exceed fifty thousand dollars in amount, to be used, if necessary in the opinions of Councils in arming and equipping our citizens for home defence or repelling invasion, and that the payment thereof shall be provided for by the levy and collection of a tax of not exceeding five mills on the dollar.

The above resolutions were read three times and passed.

Mr J Scott presented a communication from James Cottell, City Guager, relative to the new office of Whisky Inspector. Referred to the City Solicitor.

Mr Irvin offered the following:

Resolved, That the Mayor request Mr Cameron, Secretary of War, to give to the city 5,000 of the flint lock muskets now in the Allegheny arsenal for the defense of the city. Read three times and passed.

Mr Kearns submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we pledge to the Government our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor" in its defense and perpetuation, and that our pledge to its support now and hereafter our all—without reference to the men or the party by whom it may be administered. Read three times and passed unanimously.

Resolved, That we part with regret with Mr Jas Petrie, of the Third Ward, William Nye, of the Seventh Ward, and C. F. Slagle—that we tender them our warmest and most sincere wishes for their safety, knowing that they will do honor to the cause—having been tried soldiers—and that we look forward to the time when we can exclaim, "see the conquering heroes come." unanimously adopted. [select Council adjourned without acting upon the last resolution.]

In all other business not otherwise noted, there was a mutual concurrence, when Councils adjourned.

The Duquesne Greys.

The ladies of Pittsburgh, having prepared an elegant flag for this noble company, it was yesterday presented to them, by the Hon. A. W. Loomis, from the balcony of the Monongahela House.

The speaker said:

The Duquesne Greys have already attained distinction in the service of their country. The battle fields of Mexico attest their courage and patriotism: The memory of the dead who fell victims of the fever, who survived the perils of conflict, command the attention of the entire community. The Chief Executive officer of the nation has invited to arms a portion of his military power to preserve the Constitution, sustain the laws, vindicate our rights, and protect our liberties. In response to that invitation the ranks of the corps are speedily filled, and its readiness to march exhibits a most commendable patriotic spirit. Patriotic—steady obedience to the calls of duty and a lofty aspiration for fame and distinction. Go forth on your sacred mission accompanied by the kindest wishes of all; but before you part with us, permit me in behalf of the patriotic ladies to present you as a complimentary and deserved appreciation of your gallantry and patriotism as are incentive to noble, daring, and triumphant deed; a beautiful banner wrought by their own fair hands. Receive, sir, for the corps this token of their affection and regard, this emblem of your country's honor and glory. Preserve, protect and defend it. If conflict comes, the donors doubt not that you will bear it triumphantly aloft; that strong arms, true hearts and heroic spirits will mingle in the terrific encounter. Woman's heart and woman's influence will be there. The American female never was, and this testimonial assures you that she is not now, indifferent to the fate of her country. Under not the possession of that precious symbol until the ebbing current of the last patriotic life of the corps shall relax the faculties of retention. Remember that upon a triumphant return the smiles of the fair donors will welcome and honor your presence, and that if you fall in the discharge of your duty, their tears will bedew the gallant soldier's grave.

The flag was received by Junior Second Lieutenant R. L. Colhart in a very appropriate and happy manner.

The Greys are nearest Pittsburgh hearts, and we know that where danger is and duty calls, there they will be also. May Heaven speedily restore them to their homes.

Latest from Head-Quarters—Arrival of Troops—The Parade and Departure To Day.

Orders have been issued by Brig. Gen. Negley, to the effect that the eight companies remaining here of the Second Regiment, as well as the Battalion under Maj. Rowley, consisting of five or six companies, shall rendezvous this morning, at *seven* o'clock, on the West Common, Allegheny, where they will form in battle line and be reviewed by the commanding officer. This will be a magnificent spectacle, and will doubtless be witnessed by thousands of our citizens.

After the review upon the Common ground, the troops will take up the line of march for the depot of the Pennsylvania Railroad, where they will embark for Harrisburg at ten o'clock.

The following additional companies arrived in the city yesterday afternoon.

The Union Volunteers of Uniontown, Capt. S. D. Oliphant. This company is composed of 112 men, 79 of whom arrived by boat and the balance are on the way.

Jefferson Guards, of Brookville, Capt. McKnight; composed of 104 sturdy raitsmen.

Monongahela Artillery, Capt. R. F Cooper, 110 men. This is a fine body of men, belonging to Monongahela city.

Butler Blues, Capt. J N. Purviance, composed of 100 men. This is a solid body of men, and will do good service.

Numerous other companies are either on the way here, or will arrive in a few days, and may will be disappointed to learn that the present inquisition upon our State is full, and no more can be accepted at present.

AN IMPUDENT BURGLAR.—The meat shop of Mr. Geo. Eckert, on Second street, Allegheny, was entered by a burglar on Monday night, between 12 and 1 o'clock. The rascal, in his rambling through the shop, awakened Mr. E., who hobbled down immediately above. He got out of bed, raised the front window, and ordered the scoundrel off his premises. To this the rascal replied that he was in no hurry, and would not retire until he found it convenient. He then very coolly walked out into the street and, picking up a stone, hurled it at Mr. Eckert with great violence. The missile missed the object at which it was aimed and passed through the window, making a terrible crash. He then walked away as if nothing had occurred.

"ANOTHER BANNER UNFURLED."—A large and beautiful flag was raised yesterday afternoon on the cupola of the Third Ward School House, Allegheny city. After being flung to the breeze one of the school boys read Drak's Ode to the American Flag, at the conclusion of which the scholars, under the direction of Prof. W. H. Black, sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean." The scene is said to have been a very interesting one, and was witnessed by a large concourse of people. The material to make the banner was purchased by the scholars, and the labor of making was performed by Mrs. Nancy Fisher and her patriotic daughters, free of charge.

EIGHTH WARD HOME GUARD.—A meeting was held at Eighth ward school house last evening, and largely attended. A Home Guard was organized, and the following officers elected: Civil—S Morrow, President; J M Killen, R Coward, Vice Presidents; H McMaster, Secretary; Jno A Ferguson, Treasurer. Military—B C Sawyer, Jr, Captain; Alex McDonald, 1st Lieut; E S Wright, 2d Lieut; David Hutchison, 3d Lieut.

The roll book is at Alderman Dall's, where persons can sign and be sworn in. The company will meet for drill this evening.

MILITARY DRILL.—So many of our military men having left home, some apprehension exists as to procuring competent drill officers for the Home Guards. Lieut. Lehman, a gentleman who had received a thorough military education, has tendered his services, free of charge, to the Committee on Home Defense, for the purpose of drilling such companies as may desire his services. He can be found at the Lithographic establishment of A. Krebs, corner of Wood and Fourth street.

Meeting of the Churches.

Agreeably to the notice published in the city papers, a large meeting of the ministers of the Presbyterian churches, Old and New School, United Presbyterian and Reformed Presbyterian of this city and vicinity, was held in the Second Presbyterian Church (Dr. Howard's) on Monday afternoon. Rev. E. P. Swift, D. D, was called to the chair, and Rev. John G. Brown was appointed Secretary. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. John T. Pressly, D. D

After a free and full interchange of views in reference to the present crisis in our National affairs, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Certain States of the United States of America, having claimed the right of withdrawing at their pleasure from the Union, and to set up another Confederacy, and are now in armed rebellion against the Government of our country; and whereas they have, by sundry treasonable acts, endangered our safety, peace, and prosperity as a nation; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That as ministers of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace, we look with horror, and as citizens of this beneficent government, with inexpressible grief upon the madness of those who are leading this rebellion, and threatening to plunge our beloved country into all the horrors of internecine war.

2. That as men and as Christians we love and cherish the government of our country, and avow to it our unalterable attachment and unconditional allegiance.

3. That we regard the attempt now being made by what is called the Confederate States of America to subvert the constitution and the government of the land as treasonable, and to the very last degree inquitous.

4. That we regard those who in any way afford them aid, comfort or countenance as enemies of our country.

5. That being called in the Providence of God to conduct the public devotions of the people, we will pray specially on public occasions for the Divine blessing upon the President of the United States and all associated with him in the Government, for the army now assembling for the defense of our liberties, that if they must come in conflict with rebels, God will give them the victory; that He will defeat the armies and bring to confusion the counsels of the enemies of Government.

6. That we deprecate all mob violence or the manifestations of any such spirit in the community, believing it the duty of our citizens to leave all those who may be guilty of treasonable acts in the hands of those who are officially called to execute the laws.

7. That we deplore the vast amount of Sabbath desecration which has attended the excitement consequent upon the outbreaking of civil strife; that we will urge upon our fellow citizens to refrain from all unnecessary demonstrations on that sacred day, and to remember that as we look to God for his blessing upon the land, we must, as a people, keep his commandments.

After recommending Rev. J. J. Marks, D. D, and Rev. A. M. Stewart, as suitable persons for the position of Chaplains in the army, and making arrangements for their support, if appointed, until the government should make regular provision for this important department of the service, the meeting adjourned, closed with prayer by Dr. Douglas.

PENNSYLVANIA has done her duty promptly and fully. Governor Curtin telegraphed to Gen. Negley yesterday that, no more companies can be accepted now—that Pennsylvania's quota is *more* than full. All the companies now accepted will leave to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, in a special train. Gen. Negley has received peremptory orders from the Governor to report himself with all his forces at Harrisburg, at once.

We would advise those who are still recruiting to go on and organize their companies, and get them in readiness. If we do not mistake the signs of the times, Pennsylvania will soon be called upon to contribute another quota of men, to defend the constitution.

ANOTHER PRESENTATION.—A number of ladies of Allegheny city and Pittsburgh, made with their own hands an elegant flag, for the City Guards, Captain Hay, and yesterday the presentation ceremonies took place at the residence of Col. Morgan, on Liberty street. A large crowd was in attendance.

Algernon S. Ball, Esq., on behalf of the ladies, presented, and private John Rickelson, late a law student in Hon. A. W. Loomis' office, on behalf of the Company, received the handsome testimonial. Both speeches were very eloquent.

The first names of the donors are written in gold on the flag. We have no doubt that that flag, around which the hearts of the company cluster, will be returned with honor and glory.

THE LADIES always manifest their sympathies with a good cause in some thoughtful and delicate manner. One of the sterner sex would never think of it. A vast concourse assembled on Monday, in City Hall, to make arrangements for the comfort of our volunteers. Dr. Jacobus was called to the chair. The Hall being uncomfortably crowded, it was announced that the Allegheny ladies would meet in the afternoon, in Excelsior Hall.

The meeting in Allegheny was also a most enthusiastic one. Dr. Plummer was called to preside, and made a patriotic speech on raising the flag. The ladies are engaging in the work with heart and hand, preparing lint and bandages for the wounded, and shirts, etc., for those who require such articles.

HOME GUARDS AT LAWRENCEVILLE.—At a meeting of a portion of the citizens of Lawrenceville, it was determined to form a Home Guard Company, to be called the Arsenal Home Guards. The following officers were elected:—President, A L Pearson, Esq; Vice President, C Miller; Treasurer, L S Gale; Secretary, W H Topping; Orderly, J White; 1st Lieutenant, W F Ryan; 2d Lieutenant, James Horton; 3d Lieutenant, A L Pearson; Orderly Sergeant, W Fitzgerald; Ensign, W H Harbaugh. After the election, a beautiful flag was presented to the company by C Miller, and received on behalf of the company by A L Pearson, Esq. The company is composed of 137 men, nearly all of whom are engaged in the Arsenal.

The Germans, of Lawrenceville, are also organizing a Home Guard.

ANDERSON HOME GUARDS.—This is a name given to splendid corps of young men, organized last evening in the Gymnasium, for home defense, and the preservation of the Stars and Stripes elsewhere, if called upon by our government. Mr. George H. Anderson presided. Persons wishing to enroll their names can do so by calling upon Mr. Newton McClaren, at the establishment of R. K. Sellers & Co., Wood street, or at the meeting to-night of the Gymnasium.

MEETING AT PORT PERRY.—A very enthusiastic meeting was held at Port Perry Monday night, for the purpose of forming a military company. One was organized entitled the "Port Perry Rangers," with Thomas M. Carroll as Captain, and C. Boggs, A. Dampier and John A. Jones, Lieutenants.

An imposing company joined the Home Guards, and should the enemy make his appearance here, he will meet with a warm reception.

PRESENTATION.—Nelson L. M'Clintock, of the Duquesne Grays, George Bolsinger, of the U. S. Zouave Cadets, and Henry Till, of the Pennsylvania Zouaves, all employed in the *Gazette* office, were yesterday presented with a fine revolver each, by their fellow workmen. They are all deserving fellows, and we heartily wish them a safe return after the battle is fought and the victory won.

NEVILLE TOWNSHIP NOT BEHIND.—At a meeting in the above township, on Monday evening, a military company was organized called the Neville Rangers, and over fifty names enrolled. The following officers were elected: Captain, E. H. Anderson; 1st Lieutenant, Wm. H. Hamilton; 2d do, John Robinson. The company will soon be ready to receive marching orders.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTION.—We have been requested to suggest that copies of the muster rolls of all the companies be left with the Chairman of the Relief Committee, to enable them more fully to discharge their duties. Many worthy families will not apply for relief, and if the Committee had full lists they could then attend to the wants of all. Let this matter be attended to.

A VOLUNTEER KILLED AT HARRISBURG.—A gentleman lately returned from Harrisburg reports that on Monday a volunteer was shot in the groins, by the accidental discharged of a revolver, and expired in a half an hour. A fellow soldier was exhibiting the pistol to him when it was discharged. No names are given.

HOME GUARDS FOR PITT TOWNSHIP.—On Monday night a meeting was held at the Public School House, in Oakland, for the purpose of organizing a Home Guard, Wm H Smith was called to the chair, and Joseph M Lippincott and Charles H Zug appointed Secretaries. Ninety-four names were enrolled immediately.

STARRED.—On the 3d inst., Geo. Black, aged about 18 years, stabbed James Bowers, of about the same age, so severely in the back just over the left shoulder, and in the right side, and across the abdomen, that he is not expected to live. Black is under bail for his appearance at court. The affair took place in Warsaw township, Jefferson Co.

MERCER MOVING.—A company has been raised in Mercer borough since Saturday evening, and $1200 was subscribed in two hours by the citizens to equip them with Sharp's rifles. The company was tendered to Gen. Negley by T. B. Rogers, Esq., Monday evening, and accepted, subject to future orders. They are ready to march forthwith.

INCORRECT.—The rumor current through town yesterday, that a terrible riot had occurred at Wheeling Monday night between the Union men and Secessionists at that place is incorrect. Passengers who arrived here yesterday from that city, know nothing of it whatever.

GREAT EXCITEMENT is observable at the old Bee Hive Dry Goods Store, where C. H. Love is disposing of his immense stock of fresh and seasonable dry goods at panic prices, and taking Virginia, Missouri and Kentucky money, at its equivalent in par. Call and see.

AT a meeting of the Third Ward Home Guards last evening, the following gentlemen were elected officers: Captain, T. B. Hamilton; First Lieut. E. A. Aurentz; Second Lieut., J. G. Pollock There are already 100 names enrolled, and accessions are being made daily.

AT a meeting of Company B, Duquesne Greys, on Monday evening, April 22d, the following gentlemen were elected officers—Captain, John A. Poland; 1st Lieutenant, Joseph M. Richard; 2d Lieutenant, John C Reis; Orderly Sergeant, Dan'l Thompson.

MOVEMENT OF TROOPS.—On Sunday evening one thousand troops from Camp Curtin left for Philadelphia. It was expected that the Ohio troops would move in the same direction in the course of the night.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

From Harrisburg.

[Special Dispatch from the Evening Gazette.]

HARRISBURG, April 1861.

The Seventh Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers organized to-day by the election of the following officers:—Colonel, W. H. Irwin; Lieutenant-Colonel, O. A. Rippey; Major, Frank P. Robinson.

H. K. Tyler, Lieutenant of the Allegheny Light Guards, takes command of the company, in consequence of the promotion of Capt. Robinson to the rank of Major. W. R.

Latest from California.

FORT KEARNEY, April 22.—The Pony Express passed this point at 11 o'clock, bringing the following news from the Pacific coast:

San Francisco, April 10th.—Theodore Payne, a prominent citizen of San Francisco, who returned from New York by the last steamer, died yesterday of Panama fever.

The official abstract of the census of California has been received from the Bureau at Washington, and the Legislature is considering a bill to reapportion the State so that each county will be represented according to its population.

Under the new law the commercial and agricultural districts will elect a majority the Legislature; whereas, heretofore, the mining districts have vastly preponderated.

Opinion prevails here that an extra session of Congress must be called, but the legislature does not seem inclined to order an election of congressmen by special act, so that California can be represented in the lower House of such an extra session.

There has been great excitement in Sta Clara county during the week, in consequence of an attempt by the Sheriff to enforce the decree of the Court, ejecting settlers from the trace of land held under the Mexican title, known as the Chabolla Ranch.

Yesterday was the day that the Sheriff's summons for a posse comitatus to assist in serving his writ of ejectment was returnable, and a large number of members of the Settler's League had assembled on the Ranch to assist the settlers in resisting the writ. Their numbers were variously reported at from 500 to 1000 men, together with large numbers of our citizens generally. The settlers were all armed with guns and small cannon. The Sheriff called the roll of those summoned to his assistance; 300 were called and about 200 answered to their names. The Sheriff asked the crowd if they were armed and ready to go and assist him; they returned an emphatic no, and were then dismissed. What course the State authorities will adopt to enforce the laws is yet uncertain. The popular sympathy of the country is evidently with the settlers.

The municipal election was held yesterday in the town of San Jose. The Democrats triumphed, having 150 majority. The Republicans carried the town last fall. Trade is totally stopped by the condition of the roads, and the threatened overflow of the country. Money comes scantily. Coffee is the only article in demand, and this activity is owing to an anticipation that the principal holders, are about to establish an advance in prices.

FORT KEARNEY, April 23.—The Pony Express passed here at 3:30 o'clock P. M., bringing San Francisco dates to the 6th. The following is a summary of her news:

Since the election of Senator, Boundary Commissioners and officers of State institutions, the Legislature has commenced to work industriously. Three railway companies have been granted franchises for laying horse railways through the principal streets of San Francisco, being restricted to five cents as the price of passage.

Senator McDougall departs for Washington on the 11th. One reason for his departure forthwith is for the purpose of endeavoring to influence some of the California appointments, about which there is remarkable anxiety among the Republican politicians at the present time.

Accounts of damage in the mining regions resulting from the late storm, represent the losses as far greater than at first anticipated. The drain supplying water for the principal quartz mill at Col. Fremont's in Mariposa county, was partially carried off, and cannot be repaired before September, reducing the yield of gold one-third or more; meantime it is thought that the damage in Tuolumne county amounts to $1,000,000.

The Spring Valley Water Works Company introduced water in their reservoir on the hill near the Southern borders of San Francisco, on the 4th, whence they expect to supply water to the greatest portion of the city in opposition to the Beasley Company.

The U. S. District Court has rendered a decision giving Robert Morrison $25,000 damages against the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, because the company sold Morrison's ticket and entire state room for self and wife for New York and California, and then compelled them to give up their room at Panama, and such to make the ballance of the passage in a room wherein there two other passengers.

The Breckinridge State Central Committee have not agreed to propose a fusion with the Douglas-ites, there being no chance except by adopting the Douglas platform. They have adopted an address acknowledging all Democrats who favor the Crittenden compromise resolutions and oppose coercing the seceding States, and called a State convention for the 11th of June.

The steamer Panama of the 4th brought Oregon dates to the 29th ult. and British Columbia to the 23d. George K. Shiel and R. J. Thyer, the contractors for the overland mail route to Mr. Stout's in Congress, are among the passengers arrived, on their way to Washington; also, Lady Franklin and niece.

Meiggs' saw mill, on Columbia river, had been blown up, killing nine men.

The Portland papers allege that silver mines have been discovered in rock on Grays River at Astoria.

The whole of Vancouver's Island, together with the small islands which form dependencies of the colony, are now thrown open to pre-emption.

By a proclamation of Gov. Douglas, a large number of negroes have been struck from the voters list.

A project is before the British Home Government for a complete exploration of Vancouver's Island. The plan, says the *Colonist*, is simply to form two exploring parties and each party to be provided with a small and light boat, one exploring party to take the west coast in one of Her Majesty's steamships, and the other with one of Her Majesty's gun boats to pass up the east, or Gulf of Georgia side of the Island.

SECOND DISPATCH.

The Pony Express with St. Louis dates, via Fort Kearney, reaches San Francisco to night.

The Legislature has been very industrious this week, passing a great number of bills of local interest, the most important being for the reclamation of the swamp lands of the States.

The funds in the State Treasury are again very low.

An act to prohibit lotteries and gift enterprises has been passed.

There was great danger of an overflow at San Francisco (Sacramento) yesterday. The river had risen to within 22 feet of the mark. The levee in the lower part of the city began to break away. Alarm bells were rung to bring the people to the rescue, and hundreds of men went to work to stop up the break which they succeeded in doing by sinking a hulk and employing railway cars to convey cobble stones to stop up the crevices. The river is now receding and the danger is less imminent.

FORT KEARNEY, April 23.—The C. O. C. & P. P. express coach passed here at 4 o'clock p. m., bringing the following items from the gold regions:

Denver, April 10.—Very rich gulch diggings were found at the head of Vasquelos river, about 50 miles west of this city. They resemble the Blue river gulch mines.

After two years' trial, the bed rock has been reached on South Vasequine river, at Buckeye bar, and eight dollars to the pan obtained.

There is great excitement again about the silver ledges. Some of them, by careful assays, yield over 12 per cent.

The snow in the western mines is three feet deep. The weather here is very fine, and grass is abundant for stock.

Several hundred Indians are in the vicinity, and in some instances have caused trouble.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—Gov. Jackson called an extra session of the Legislature to meet on May 2d, for the purpose of enacting such laws and adopting such measures as may be necessary for the more perfect organization and equipment of the militia of this State, and to raise money for such other means as may be required to place the State in a proper attitude of defense.

Adjutant General Hough issued orders to the commanding officers to assemble their respective commands on May 31, and go to encampment for six days as provided by law. The strength of the organization and equipments of the several companies will be reported to head quarters and division inspectors are required to give entire information respecting the condition and state of the forces.

CINCINNATI, April 23.—A company of secessionists, numbering 113, left Cynthiana, Ky., yesterday, to join the confederate army. When the train arrived at Frankfort, Ky., they were ordered to show their flag, which they did, displaying the secession rag from a window. Several stones were thrown at it, when the Lieutenant of the company fired into the crowd. Immediately the cars were attacked by the citizens with stones, which were rained upon them promiscuously. They got off with slight personal injury. Much excitement was manifested during the remainder of the day. Threats were made to tear up the track, as the citizens are determined that no more trains can pass through that place bearing secession troops.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The steam tug Yankee, from Norfolk, brings details of the destruction of the navy yard, and all the vessels of war, except the Cumberland, now at Fortress Monroe. The marines of the yard and ship Pennsylvania are now due at Washington.

It is stated that the Government has directed Com. Breese to charter twenty steamers of light draught for three months' service, to arm them with nine inch pivot guns, and fit them for sea.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, April 23.—Two more companies left this county last evening, and two to-day. Blair County could take the war by contract. Companies can be raised as long as troops are wanted. The American flag is flying from all our public buildings. A large and magnificent one was hoisted on the tower of St. Mary's Catholic church this evening.

LOUISVILLE, April 23.—A private dispatch says that Cairo, Illinois, has been occupied by one thousand federal troops, and four thousand more are expected soon.

IMPORTANT NEWS!

THE PROGRESS OF THE ARMY.

EFFICIENT ARRANGEMENTS.

Ten Thousand Troops can be moved in a Day.

ABUNDANCE OF ARMS.

We have just learned that Col. Fremont has arrived from Europe, and informed a gentleman of West Philadelphia that two hundred and fifty thousand stand of arms have arrived in New York from Europe, and that two hundred and fifty thousand more are on the way.

We learn this afternoon that the arrangements for transportation of troops from this point are getting into something like trim, and that the zeal and activity of the Federal officials having the matter in charge are most praiseworthy. It is now declared, on reliable authority, that ten thousand troops per day can be moved from Philadelphia towards the seat of War. Let the North, the East and the West pour down their heroic legions; we can put them in the field without the loss of a single day in inaction!—*Phila. Exc. Bul.*

Latest from Baltimore and Washington.

MARYLAND OVERAWED BY THE SECESSIONISTS.

The Adventures of a Government Messenger.

Hon. Thomas B. Lowry, a prominent citizen of this State, returned last evening from Washington city. He arrived as a bearer of despatches from President Lincoln to General Patterson, of this city. He left Harrisburg on Friday, and got to Baltimore in the midst of the excitement consequent on the arrival of the Massachusetts troops; he was a witness of the terrible scenes of Friday. It was expected that troops would arrive by the Philadelphia and Wilmington road, as well as by the Northern Central.

He telegraphed to Governor Curtin to prevent their departure from Philadelphia, and resorted to other means to prevent their arrival, as he saw fire was to be applied to the road, or, with arms in their hands, ready to destroy them when they arrived. No train came to Baltimore on Friday night. He took the cars for Washington city, and arrived there at daylight. He communicated the intelligence to Secretary Cameron, General Scott, and had a personal interview with President Lincoln. Mr. Lowry assured the President that Baltimore was in the hands of the mob, and that all communication with the North was cut off by burning the railroad bridges.

The President was very much astonished, and said that Governor Hicks had assured him, the day before, that the troops would have no trouble in passing through Baltimore, and if they wanted any troops from Washington he (Gov. Hicks) would telegraph. The President had also received a dispatch from the Governor, saying "Send no more troops." He supposed that meant he wished no help from Washington, and that he would take care and see that the troops passed safely.

The President directed a Cabinet meeting on Saturday morning. After the meeting was adjourned, Mr. Lowry was requested to deliver a verbal communication from the President to Gen. Patterson of this city, and accordingly left Washington on Saturday afternoon, and arrived in Baltimore in the evening. He then proceeded on foot to a point opposite Fort McHenry, and within communicating distance of the fort. He remained there at a late hour, and until three o'clock yesterday morning, when he took a horse and rode rapidly for seven miles without being molested, and stopped at another farm house, where he left his horse. He then got in a farm wagon and started north. They had not proceeded far, when they were met by a number of men with rifles in their hands, and stopped. This was about nine miles north of Baltimore. They wished to know who Mr. Lowry was, and were informed that he was a Methodist preacher. They told him to "go to h—ll" to which he replied, "Brethren, I can pray for you, but I cannot