WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 8.

Alleged Plot against New York and other Northern Cities.

It is said that the police have received positive information that a plot has been in existence among a class of persons in this city to destroy the Croton Aqueduct, and then set fire to the buildings in New York.

A letter from Louisville, Kentucky, professes to give the details of the plan, and the writer says that the parties concerned are connected with the order of the "Knights of the Golden Circle". The letter says:

A thoroughly organized plot is now in progress of execution to burn New York, Philadelphia and Boston. A portion of the men assigned to your city are already in your midst, and others are on their way. I know what I say to be true. I dare not tell you how I know, for that would lead to my inevitable detection, the consequences of which you can readily guess.

The intention is to fire the three cities simultaneously, at as many places as possible, and at the same hour. This is to be done the night before the attack on Washington.

. . . . . has the direction of the whole plot. One hundred and twenty-five men have been assigned to your city, and Brooklyn, and eighty to each of the others. This is not a movement of the government, though known to Davis. At first he discouraged it, but since Lincoln's proclamation he has withdrawn his opposition.

The plan has been maturing for two months but did not include New York until within a week or ten days. The men assigned to Boston and Philadelphia have been at their posts for a week, but the determination to include New York has caused a delay, and now the time will depend upon how soon Davis is ready to attack Washington. I have told you, not all I know, but all that I can with safety to myself. The chances are you will disregard the warning, but I feel that I have at least discharged my duty. . . . . .

I am not your friend; I am one of the most unrelenting of your enemies; but I am an open, and, I hope, an honorable foe. I expect to fight you to the death, but not with lucifer matches and camphene. Do not do the people of the South the injustice to believe that one out of ten among them would for a moment sanction this hell-begotten scheme. It is foreign to their nature.

The tale appears too unreasonable or belief. —N. Y. Cour.

More About the Loss of the Navy Yard at Norfolk.

A correspondent of the N. Y. "Times" writes thus from Washington:

"As I had a conversation with the Secretary of the Navy on this very matter last night, I can give you perhaps some explanation of the unfortunate affair. The whole calamity, I believe, is a part of the legacy of treachery and incompetency bequeathed to us by the last Administration. The failure of the wide and skillful plan of Floyd and his associates was to place our Navy-yards under old and timid men, who were loyal, while all their under-officers were to be Secessionists. This was the case at Pensacola and Norfolk. The Administration, remember, had only been in power six weeks when this occurred—all machinery disordered; traitors in every Department; an utterly anomalous state of things to be provided for, and the legal fiction to be preserved that the Border States were loyal, and the fear constantly of stirring up outbreaks by vigorous measures, (a fear since seen to be weak, but very pardonable then;) then, in addition, a Commodore at the Norfolk Station, loyal and honest, but whose timidity, or the treachery of whose under-officers, could not be known.

These were their difficulties. Norfolk Navy-yard is not a defensible position; accordingly, Commodore Macaulay was ordered to swing the *Merrimac* into the stream, and to make preparations for getting so much of the material as was possible out, as well as the shipping; and, in the last emergency, to destroy all that he could not defend or save. He disobeyed the first order through timidity; he was bullied and frightened by his young Secessionist officers; did not threaten the town with the guns of the Cumberland, as he should have done; did nothing that was manly and courageous, and just as a steamer was on the way from Fort Monroe, by orders of the Department, with men and arms to help him, he, in his confusion and terror, scuttled all the ships, which at once were obliged to be burned or bring them out of the hands of the enemy. This, I think, is substantially the true account, though I may have misstated some minor circumstances, and if ever an officer deserved cashiering it is Commodore Macaulay. The courts, however, must determine that.

The loss is enormous—I suspect even greater than the public is aware of. The number of cannon alone taken is over one thousand, though, of course, a large proportion are unserviceable.

Three hundred thousand pounds of gunpowder were captured by the rebels at this point, before their destruction by the Commodore. The most valuable portion of the stores and shipping could have been saved unquestionably, by a bold and skillful officer.

You will hear of other such disgraceful defeats—be sure of it—if some of these comfortable old gentlemen remain in their present places in army and navy.

Business Notices & Changes.

DISSOLUTION.—The undersigned, heretofore engaged in the Leather business, under the style of H. BOWER & SON, have this day by mutual consent dissolved partnership. All those indebted to the firm will please call and settle their accounts, at their place, 87 Market street. The business will be continued by the senior partner.

DANIEL BOWER,
J. HAYS BOWER.

Pittsburgh, May 1st, 1861. may1:3t

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, in the dry dissolved in consequence of the necessary absence of Mr. Campbell. The stock of goods has been sold to JOHN DUNWOODY, whom we recommend to our former friends and customers.

The books, by may be found in possession of Mr. Pollock at the old stand, No 101 Wood street, who is hereby authorized to sign for the firm in liquidation.

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MARTIN HOOK.

Pittsburgh, August 27, 1860.

N. B. Since the above was written, Mr. Hook has entirely recovered, and continues well, having regained his usual health.

I, WILLIAM W. ALEXANDER, residing on Ann street, Allegheny city, do hereby certify that I have been a sufferer from severe cough and pain in the breast for about eight years. During the whole of this time I have had general debility and decrease of spirits. I tried every nostrum I could hear of, but nothing took hold of my disease. I heard of Doctor Schenck's "PULMONIC SYRUP," but knowing no one personally that it had cured, I had no confidence in it. In April, 1859, I took a severe cold, accompanied with a violent cough, difficulty of respiration, and night sweats, which so prostrated me that I was confined to my room for two months.

Several of my friends who called to see me, spoke in very high praise, as they knew what it had done. My friends and medicines discovered the so-called "Mystic Balm" in my mind to waste no more money for doctors or medicine, but would take the chances, try or die, as I had been so long and so much disappointed and discouraged. However, after reading several advertisements in the Pittsburgh Dispatch, I felt inclined to give Dr. Schenck's medicines a trial, and I felt inclined to give Dr. Schenck's medicines a trial, and I felt inclined to give Dr. Schenck's medicines a trial, and