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FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 24, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

METEOROLOGICAL Observations for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth St.—corrected daily:

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9 o'clock, A. M.	56	59
12 " M.	100	60
3 " P. M.		59
Barometer		29 11-20.

The Conflict between the County Controller and the Commissioners.

A day or two since we noticed that Henry Lambert, Esq., the newly appointed County Controller, had presented a bill in the Court of Common Pleas, before Judge Mellon, asking that the County Commissioners be restrained, by injunction, from appointing tax collectors for the several wards, boroughs and townships of the county, and placing the tax duplicates in their hands for collection. A similar complaint was made against Andrew Wolf, of the Second Ward, and Joseph Hastings, of the Third Ward, asking that they be restrained from exercising their functions as tax collectors in the wards designated.

The case came up for argument yesterday, before Judges Mellon and Adams. George P. Hamilton, Esq., appeared for the complainant; F. H. Collier, Esq., for the Commissioners, and Thos. M. Marshall, Esq., for Messrs. Hastings and Wolf.

The complaint of the Controller sets forth that, among other things, by the 20th section of the new act, it is made the duty of said Commissioners, in the month of February, in each year, to make fair duplicates of county taxes, and deliver the same to said Controller, whose duty it then becomes to have the said taxes collected as provided for in the act. That, as Controller, he applied to said Commissioners to deliver to him the said duplicates, which they refused to do, claiming the right to appoint collectors and deliver the duplicates to them for collection. He therefore asked that the Court would restrain the Commissioners by injunction, from appointing tax collectors and delivering duplicates to them for collection.

Mr. Hamilton opened the argument on behalf of the motion for a preliminary injunction, and reviewed the case at great length. The substance of his arguments was this—that the act of 1854, conferring upon the Commissioners of Allegheny county the power to appoint tax collectors, is repealed by the act of May 1st, 1861, creating the office of County Controller. Every act done by the Commissioners prior to the first of May, 1861, was well and legally done. The Court had a right to restrain the Commissioners, as all powers in the premises ceased on the first of May, 1861; and it was the opinion of Mr. Hamilton that all payments of taxes made to the collectors prior to the passage of the act were proper, but all payments since made to the collectors were misplayments.

Mr. Marshall, on behalf of the respondents, Messrs. Wolf and Hastings, argued that the bill of complainant did not set forth when the said collectors were appointed. The truth was, they had been appointed *before* the 1st of May. The Legislature must have known that the collectors were appointed by the Commissioners, and that the time for the discharge of that duty had expired before the passage of the late act. The gentleman further contended that, under the sixth section of the new act, the County Treasurer had no right to collect a dollar of taxes, unless the estimates were first made by the Controller and the assessment fixed by the Commissioners; that the County Treasurer, and not the Controller, was the only one who had a right to complain, and he was not a party to this suit. His clients, Messrs. Wolf and Hastings, had been appointed under "color of law," and so far as they were concerned he asked that the bill be discharged.

Mr. Collier, on behalf of the Commissioners, responded—that no notice of the passage of the new act, no certified copy of the same had ever been served upon the Commissioners; that the assessments for the current year have been made as heretofore, without regard to the supposed new act, and that the collectors have been appointed in the usual manner. And further, that under the 6th section of the new act, it is made the duty of the Controller, on or before the first of February, each year, to communicate to the Commissioners a detailed estimate of the receipts and expenditures of the county, when said Commissioners shall make the assessment for the current year.

The learned gentleman proceeded to argue the points at length, and pointed out the disastrous results of granting a preliminary injunction, which might (were the case carried to the Supreme Court) delay the collection of taxes until fall, and derange the whole machinery of the county.

Mr. Hamilton replied, giving the opposite view of the case, and contending that, inasmuch as the new law was passed for the benefit of the county, it should be rigidly enforced, and there was no material defect in the way of a just application of the premises, however which the Commissioners might object to relinquishing the power and patronage lately possessed by them.

The Court took possession of the papers, and the decision will be looked for with interest by the public.

Revenge of a Jealous Female.

On Wednesday evening and Thursday morning the residents on Western avenue, Allegheny, were entertained by an unusual exhibition, growing out of an ill-starred love affair. A young German having, over a year ago, courted and betrayed a thick-eyed daughter of Erin, and having hailed her wounds, as he supposed, by stipulating to pay a certain amount of money, recently began to pay his addresses to a girl living on Western avenue, near his own place of abode.

They were in pleasant conversation on Wednesday evening, when the cast-off lady made her appearance, and pitched into her former lover in true Amazonian style. They had it rough and tumble for a while, the new "flame" being an interested spectator of the scene. Hard words were spoken, and equally hard blows exchanged, but the storm soon ceased, and all was quiet again.

On Thursday morning, about eight o'clock, the indignant female again made her appearance in the neighborhood, carrying a barrel-hoop in her arms. She also had in a neighboring house, and then valiantly entered the abode of her quondam lover. Presently she came out with a bundle of clothes, consisting of a pair of pants, a vest, and a fancy shirt, all of which she deliberately piled on the street, in front of the door, and set on fire!

She then took the child in her arms, and marched off, while the garments of her lover were gradually burning on the street. It appears that she had bestowed these articles at a time when her feelings were kindly disposed towards him, but since he has left her for another she claimed the right to sacrifice the goods and his friendship on the same altar.

Complaint of this affair was made to Mayor Drum, but as the parties did not wish to figure in the newspapers, they wisely concluded not to sue.

A Note from Judge Wilkins.

The venerable Judge Wilkins, in the following note addressed to the Home Guards, declines the office of Major General, to which he was recently elected:

HOMEWOOD, May 23, 1861.

TO THE HOME GUARDS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY—*Fellow Citizens*: I desire to say a word to you. This morning, when in the city, I was informed that the Committee on State Defence, for the purpose of effecting a speedy organization of your very many patriotic associations, and preparing for a grand division parade on the approaching 4th of July, had, amongst other acts, believed to fall within the range of their duties of military defence, appointed me to fill the office of Major General of the contemplated division.

Fully appreciating and grateful for the numerited attention to me, my impressions of propriety induce me to decline the acceptance of the very honorable appointment tendered me. I do so, because it is more proper, in my opinion, that selections of that high military import, be thrown into the hands of the officers and men themselves. Let it take this course—and let our good feelings be cherished, and our patriotism magnified by preservation. I am friend and fellow citizen,

WM. WILKINS.

Wounds and a Desperado.

On Wednesday evening, a man named Dennis McGaire, who keeps a small store on Butcher's run, near the Allegheny city line, visited the beer hall of Mr. Keiser, located on the corner of East and Third streets, and called for something to drink. As he was then intoxicated, he was refused liquor and put out of the bar-room. He immediately armed himself with stones, and at the first volley the window sashes were smashed to atoms, and McGaire entered through the breach. He then made a furious assault upon the wife of Mr. Keiser, striking her on the head with a bottle, and laying open the scalp. The shelves, bottles, tumblers, and everything susceptible of injury demolition, were broken to pieces, and the bar-room was left a perfect wreck.

After getting into the street again, McGaire knocked down an unoffending man with his fist, and assaulted a woman who was standing near by, after which he made off.

The police soon after procured charges of disorderly conduct, and assault and battery, with intent to kill, against this desperado, and Mayor Drum forthwith issued a warrant for his arrest. His premises were watched all night, but he did not make his appearance. He has not been arrested as soon.

I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

The annual session of this Order commenced on Tuesday morning, at Philadelphia, M. W. Grand Master I. Alexander Simpson, presiding. Nine hundred and representatives were admitted, being more numerous than ever assembled, half a dozen officers for the ensuing year opened and closed, and business for the ensuing session of Wednesday, 1862, was transacted.

Grand Master—Daniel Washburn, of No. 20, Reading.

Deputy—R. W. D. G. Master—Wm. English, of No. 165, Philadelphia.

R. W. G. Warden—I. H. McCauley, of No. 75, Chambersburg.

R. W. G. Secretary—Wm. Curtis, of No. 32, Philadelphia.

R. W. G. Treasurer—M. Richards Muckle, of No. 24, Philadelphia.

R. W. G. Rep. to G. L. U. S.—James B. Nicholson, of No. 100, Philadelphia.

A Big Counterfeit.

A Mr. Hoffenstein, of New Orleans, is a dangerous counterfeit ten dollar note on the Broadway Bank, New York City, viz: Female with feather; horses' heads; dog; sun; moon and cow in male petticoat; horse, right end; female with feather; distance; 10 on right end; female with feather; 10s, with Male next on left end. This is a good imitation.

Committee on Home Defence.

CITY HALL, May 23, 1861.

FIRST REGIMENT OF HEAVY INFANTRY.—An election for Colonel, and Lieutenant Colonel and Major for the First Regiment of Heavy Infantry, will be held at City Hall, on Tuesday next, May 28th, between the hours of four and eleven o'clock P. M.

Each company will be entitled to no more than seventy-four votes, including officers. Corrected rolls to be handed to committee before or at the election. Each member will provide himself with three tickets, or if it be preferred, the following plan of election may be adopted in accordance with the action of the committee, viz:

Resolved, That when any company hold a separate election, under proper auspices, citizens, by ballot, with the ballots produced to the committee along with the roll of names,—such return will be deemed sufficient compliance with the rules."

The First Regiment will consist of the following companies, viz:

Fireman's Guard, First Ward, Capt. Gaffam.
Second Ward Guards, Capt. Vola;
Marion Guards, Capt. Sweitzer;
Wilkins Guards, Capt. Williams;
Third Ward Guards, B, Capt. O'Hara;
Third Ward Guards, C, Capt. Holmes;
Fourth Ward Guards, Capt. Boyd;
Duquesne Guards, Capt. Boyd;
Zouave Cadets, Capt. Glass;
Hegley Guards, Capt. Kane.

N. B. The commissioned officers of the above companies, who may be desirous to obtain fuller information as to the rules, will please meet the Committee at City Hall, on Saturday next at three o'clock P. M.

No. 4.

The Second Regiment of Infantry will stand at the City Hall, on Wednesday next, May 29th, between the same hours, for similar purposes, and under the same rules as above. It will consist of the following companies, to wit:

Fifth Ward Guards, A, Capt. Negley;
" " " B, " McClintock;
" " " C, " Gangwish;
" " " D, " Felix;
Sixth Ward " " Hunter;
Eighth " Jefferson Guards Kopp;
" " " G, " McGaughey;
Lawrenceville Guards " Langdon;
" " " (Ger.) " Neckerman;
Minersville " " Jones;

N. B.—Commissioned officers of above companies desiring information as to rules, &c., will please meet at City Hall, on Monday next, at 3 o'clock P. M.

No. 5.

The Third Regiment of Infantry will hold an election on Wednesday next, May 29th, between three and two o'clock, P. M., for similar officers. As the companies are in rural districts, and widely separated, it is recommended that each company should vote at its town armory; at the time specified, under the foregoing resolution, and produce the returns at City Hall, on the following day.

It will consist of the following companies:
Glenwood Guards, Capt. Congruv;
Oakland Guards, A, Capt. Boivey;
Oakland Guards, B, Capt. Wm. H. Smith;
Braddock's Field Guards, Capt. Wm. Smith;
Port Perry Guards, Capt. Miller;
Oak Hill Guards, Capt. Baldridge;
Penn Township Guards, Capt. Barringer;
Versailles Guards, Capt. Shaw;
Wilkinsburg Guards, Capt. Hampton;
Turtlehill Guards, Capt. Finney;

No. 6.

The Fourth Regiment of Infantry will hold an election on Thursday next, May 30th, between four and ten o'clock, p. m., for similar officers, and with the same recommendations as in regard to the Third Regiment. It will consist of the following companies, to wit:

Birmingham Guards, Capt. Duff;
East " " " Cunningham;
" " " B, " Drumel;
Lower St. Clair " " Nusser;
South Pittsburgh " " Knapp;
Mt. Washington " " Hipple;
" " " " Harper;
Rich Valley " " McCabe;
West Liberty " " Espy;

Commissioned officers of the last named regiments can meet the Committee on Tuesday next, if desired, for further information as to rules.

By order of the Committee,

P. C. SHANNON, *Chairman*.

Arrest of a Counterfeiter—Recovery of "Rogue" Materials.

On Thursday, Mayor Wilson's police succeeded in making a very important arrest—that of Charles Rocks, a French Canadian, who had been in this city for twenty days past, and had just left on the steamer Minerva. It was known that the fellow had been stopping at Herwig's hotel, on the bank of this river, and an eye had been kept on him for several days. As soon as he left, Chief of Police Fetterman, in company with officer Gumbert, took the cars, and arriving at Rochester quietly awaited the boat and secured the fugitive, whom they brought back to the city.

In the meantime, officers Richardson, Moon and Smithson had been detailed to search the room occupied by Rocks at Herwig's hotel. In it they found a hand trunk, marked "C. R. Stanley, Peoria, Ill.," which contained a large amount of implements and material for making bogus money. A complete galvanic battery, together with acids, metals, moulds, plates, etc., were found in the trunk. No dies, however, were discovered.

Rocks, when arrested, had a large amount of bogus coin in his possession, all in half and quarter dollar pieces. He confessed his guilt to the officers, for the reason that denial was useless.

It seems that he had been selling small quantities of this coin previous to his departure. A boatman behind Wheeling had agreed to buy five dollars worth of the "stuff," as United States money for that purpose, but on arriving there Farmar backed out, stating that he had only twenty cents. For this Rocks gave him three half dollars, which Farmar had since given to officer Smithson.

The accused was committed to jail by Mayor Wilson, and will be brought before U. S. Commissioner Sproul to-day, and held for trial in the U. S. District Court.

Camp Wilkins.

The attendance at the Camp Grounds yesterday was rather larger than usual, which may be attributed, to some extent, to the delightful weather which prevailed throughout the entire day. The regimental drills which took place in the afternoon presented a very imposing scene, and were highly creditable to the officers and men.

The Penn Street Cadets, a company composed of boys from ten to fifteen years of age, made a visit to the Camp in the afternoon. They went through the different military manœuvers with astonishing precision, and attracted much attention.

The Jefferson Riflemen, Capt. Johnston, were also favored with a visit during the day from the Eighth Ward. The presentation was made by Mr. Linn in a few appropriate remarks, and responded to in behalf of the company by Thos. M. Marshall, Esq.

The Iron City Guards appear to be great favorites of the fair sex. Scarcely a day passes but what they receive something either in the way of edibles or clothing. Yesterday they were the recipients of a large number of needle-books and other useful articles for camp life. The donors in this last case were Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, Misses Lizzie Tyler, Lena White, Susan and Hester Fisher, Maggie Barclay and others of the Third ward, Allegheny.

County Returns.

We call the special attention of every tax payer in the county to an advertisement of the County Treasurer in to-day's paper. It is very important that every one should be familiar with the requirements of the law regarding his rights and duties as a tax payer. For their information the Treasurer has inserted in full the two sections of the act relating to the matter so that all may be posted. We advise our readers to preserve the paper for future reference, so that there may be no errors committed by which they may lose their 5 per cent; either by neglecting to pay at the proper time or by postponing to the last day, when there may be such a crowd that it will be impossible to get to the Treasurer's office.

Cavalry Parade—Presentation.

The Union Cavalry, Capt. Patterson, turned out on parade yesterday afternoon, and presented a very fine appearance. They visited the West Common, Allegheny, where they manœuvered for a time, and then rode off for the city, passing to the residence of Mr. Wilson, on Ross street, where they received a beautiful flag, presented by Mrs. Dalzell, Miss Wilson and other ladies of the Second Ward. The presentation address was made by Rev. J. G. Brown, and eloquently responded to by Judge Shannon, on behalf of the company. The occasion was one of more than ordinary interest, and the presentation was witnessed by at least two thousand persons.

MESSRS. HUNT & MINER have received Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine for May, having the following table of contents: The Ministry and the Budget—Mrs. Neaichampe's Vengeance—Motley's History of the Netherlands—The Netherlands of the Ottoman Empire—The Executor—The Origin of Species: A New Song—Life of the Right Hon. William Pitt, by Earl Stanhope.

MESSRS. HUNT & MINER have also sent us No. Six of Beadle's Dime Biographical Library, containing the Life of Winfield Scott, Commander-in-Chief U. S. A. By O. J. Victor, Author of Life of Garibaldi &c. &c. Many will like to read this eccentrian little book.

BENEFIT OF MISS MEAKEN.—This evening, Miss Ada Isaac Menken, the beautiful equestrienne, and author of a Still which has become all-the-go that have passed during her engagement here, in consists of the interesting play entitled Nicholas Nickleby, taken from the popular work of that name by Dyas. The whole house is Sykes, and the thrilling, exciting piece of the "Distressed Female." Between the pieces Miss Menken will deliver Drake's Address to the American Flag, and young Blondin will walk the tight rope. As Miss M. is an engagement positively closes to-morrow night, all who would enjoy one of the longest programmes yet offered, should attend the theatre this evening.

THE JOHNSTOWN CONTRABANDERS.—Yesterday the remaining two of the six men recently arrested at Johnstown upon a charge of passing counterfeit money, were brought before the United States Commissioner, R. Sproul, for a preliminary hearing, which resulted in Mr. Fuller, the Mary Ann gentleman, giving bail in $2,000 to answer. Mr. Williams, bar keeper at the Cambria House, was discharged.

THE Butler *American* says: "Col. Sullivan writes that the Sumter Company, Capt. Lowdin, and the Keystone Company, Capt. Stewart, have been accepted by the Governor. They will probably march to Camp Wilkins, at Pittsburgh, next week."

OLD SCHOOL GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PHILADELPHIA, May 22, 1861.

Editors Gazette—Yesterday and this morning have seen very large audiences at the General Assembly, and have given opportunity for several very able speeches. Yesterday the Board of Publication passed through a severe ordeal. The committee reported resolutions commending the diligence, faithfulness and economy with which the affairs of the Board had been managed during the year. This brought out Drs. Edwards and Musgrave, who undertook to show that in the particular of economy the Board certainly come short. The Secretary received a salary of $2,500; while no other Secretary of the Church received over $2,000. The Book-keeper and Treasurer received $1,000 each, while the Book-keeper really did the business, leaving the office of Treasurer almost a sinecure; and it was alleged that no small degree of favoritism had been manifested in giving so large a share of the printing at the Board to the *Presbyterian*, at rates higher than could have been obtained in other places. Dr. Schenck, the Secretary of the Board, replied with considerable effect, explaining away quite a number of the statements made. Dr. Musgrave was terribly severe on the *Presbyterian*, whose editors and publishers are the controlling power in the Executive Committee—making a nice little family circle, having everything their own way. Dr. Schenck replied that these persons often differed among themselves, and never attempted any improper interference. The Doctor also repelled the charge that the books of the Board were dearer than the books of the same kind issued by other religious publishing houses.

While this matter was under discussion, the Assembly adjourned.

This morning was looked to with great interest, as it was generally understood that Dr. Spring's resolution would come up. But the first thing in order was the Report of the Committee on Theological Seminaries. The entire number of scholars in the four Theological Seminaries of Princeton, Allegheny, Danville and Chicago last year were 396; of these 165 were new students, and 118 graduated in this spring. Among the students of Princeton Seminary several have dedicated themselves to Foreign Missions and the Pacific coast. Among those of Allegheny, 10 will go as Missionaries to India, China and South America. The income of Danville Seminary has been greatly lessened by the depreciation of the Southern bonds held by that institution. During the year, John C. Green, Esq., has given $43,000 for the endowment of a professorship in Princeton Seminary, and Robert L. and Alexander Stewart have also donated the valuable library of the late Dr. Joseph Addison Alexander. Two ladies of New York have also made liberal provisions for the delivery of a course of lectures on moral and physical science. Mr. H. K. Corning, of New York, has given $1,000 in aid of the library of the Seminary at Chicago. The Committee recommended that owing to the financial embarrassments and the troubled state of the country, the election of a fifth professor for Princeton be postponed for the present year. This recommendation awakened considerable wonder among the friends of Princeton, since the Directors had already nominated the Rev. Dr. Shields, of this city, for that post. At length the report was put on the docket for consideration at another time.

Now the stately and venerable Dr. Spring came forward and said, the action of Saturday, in laying his resolution on the table, had been highly disastrous—disastrous in the encouragement given the friends of revolt, and disastrous in the false position in which it placed our noble Church. He would, therefore, read the following paper:

"Gratefully acknowledging the distinguished bounty and, care of Almighty God toward this favored land, and also recognising our obligations to submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, this General Assembly adopts the following resolutions:

"*Resolved*, That in view of the present agitated and unhappy condition of the country, the 4th of July next be set apart as a day of prayer, throughout our bounds, and that on this day ministers and people are called on humbly to bewail our nationalsins—to offer our thanks to the Father of lights for His abundant and undeserved goodness as a nation—to seek His guidance for blessings upon our rulers and their counsels, as well as the assembled Congress of the United States, and to implore in the name of Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest of our profession, to turn away the anger of God, and speedily restore to us the blessings of a safe and honorable peace.

"*Resolved*, That, in the judgment of this Assembly, it is the duty of the ministry and churches under its care, to do all in their power to promote and perpetuate the integrity of these United States, and to strengthen, uphold and encourage the Federal government."

The consideration of this paper was made the special order of the day for Friday morning. The friends of the measure wished this, since the three sessions intervening between this and that time, had special duties assigned. Evidently there will be a great contest over this paper. There are those here who will leave no means untried to defeat it; but I hopeand believe there are enough on the other side to carry it triumphantly.

Yours, &c., CONQUE.

NEW YORK CORRESPONDENCE.

General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian.

[Correspondence of the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, May 22, 1861.

After the dispatch of my letter yesterday, a special Committee on War and Slavery presented their report. The document was a lengthy one. It pronounced slavery to be one of the great causes of our present national troubles, and proposed a plan for emancipation by the payment of the slaveholders for the loss which, under such a procedure, they would in consequence sustain. The document will draw out a great deal of discussion this afternoon, as it is made the order of the day for 3½ p. m.

In the evening the Synod united with the First Reformed Presbyterian congregation in the celebration of the 25th anniversary of their Missionary Association, after which they sat down together to a sumptuous collation, prepared by the congregation. The Rev. Dr. McLeod, presiding, and during the course of the evening interesting and appropriate addresses were delivered by Revs. Drs. Crawford and Wylie, and George H. Stuart, Esq., of Philadelphia, Revs. Dr. Douglas and John McMillan, of your neighborhood, and others. Many patriotic songs were sung by the congregation. The speeches were intensely patriotic and warlike; and the company dispersed about twelve o'clock, highly delighted with the evening's entertainment. I greatly regret was that Dr. Crawford, of Fort Sumter, could not be present on account of his being engaged in the transaction of some important business for Col. Anderson.

Synod spent half an hour in devotional exercises this morning, and then resumed business. The Committee on Presbyterial Reports and the Board of Foreign Missions presented their reports, from which it appeared that the state of religion in the churches at home is encouraging, and the missions in India prosperous.

A lengthy discussion sprung up in regard to the publication of the *Banner of the Covenant*, the organ of the Board of Foreign Missions, which is about one thousand dollars in debt. Pending the discussion, Synod adjourned until this afternoon at 3½ o'clock.

JOANNES.

[For the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

The O. S. General Assembly on the State of the Country.

Messrs. Editors: I noticed, in Thursday morning's *Gazette*, some account of the action of the General Assembly, on the state of the country, which your correspondent pronounces "disgraceful to the majority" of that venerable body. It would, perhaps, be well and just for the reader, as well as the writer, to suspend judgment till the action of the Assembly on the subject is completed. I take it as a matter certain and inevitable, that such a body of men, in a time like this, will not allow a momentous question, that divine Providence is demanding a vote upon, to pass without more than the very hasty and confused consideration which they have yet given it; or rather that they will not allow it to be ignored and stifled by a measure which approaches the nearest of all Parliamentarianism to a violence and wrong against fair discussion.

The venerable Dr. Spring, of New York city, from whom nothing extravagant or fanatical would be expected to emanate, introduced the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That a special committee be appointed to enquire into the expediency of this Assembly making some expression of their devotion to the union of these States, and their loyalty to the government; and, if in their judgment it is expedient to do so, they report what that expression shall be."

This resolution is exceedingly gentle, only proposing the expediency of considering whether some expression of loyalty to our civil government may not fall within the line of Christian duty—only hinting, while a quarter of our Church, including some of their ministers, are in arms against our government, and the other three-quarters in the act to defend it with their lives, that some note of "devotion to the Union" should be sounded.

Instantly, on the announcement of this resolution, a member from the State of Tennessee moved to lay it on the table; and amid haste and confusion, which seemed, for some time, to have baffled both Moderator and Clerks, it was declared carried, by a vote of 125 to 107. What makes this the more amazing is, that but sixteen members from the seceding States were present, while they are entitled to 104, and usually send nearly that number. I take it that these sixteen voted for laying Dr. Spring's resolution on the table, and, wonderful to tell, 109 besides them!

I will not say, with your correspondent, that it is "disgraceful;" but it certainly appears extraordinary. I hope further information will make it look better.

Some of the members, one from Missouri, especially, are so ethereally spiritual, that

"The wreck of matter and the crash of worlds"

would be as nothing, compared with any shock given to the fallen fabric of the Southern brethren.

The doctrine of the Presbyterian Church is this—"It is the duty of the people to pray for magistrates, to honor their persons, to pay them tribute and other dues; to obey their lawful commands, and to be subject to their authority, for conscience' sake." The law of God is—"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers—the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever, therefore, resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God—for rulers are not a terror to good works but to the evil." Rom. 13, 1-3. This law has not been laid on the table yet; and I think it very doubtful whether Dr. Spring's modest and deferential resolution will lie very long or very quietly, where precipitate action has laid it. Pass history and present convictions forbid it.

WITHERSPOON.

THE Navy-Yard vessels have already been captured by our blockading fleet at various points, according to advices at the Navy Department.

WE would refer our readers to the advertisement of Messrs. Coyle & Herr, the new proprietors of Herr's Hotel, Harrisburg, Pa. These gentlemen have entirely refitted and improved this already popular establishment, and they will not spare attention or means to make their guests comfortable. Families desiring to sojourn in Harrisburg during the summer months, can be accommodated with boarding and well ventilated and commodious rooms on moderate terms.

FALL OF A WALL.—A portion of the walls of a large brick stable in the rear of the Mansion House, on Plum alley, and occupied by the Adams Express Company, fell with a crash yesterday. Workmen were engaged at the time in its removal, and it contained no property of value. One of the workmen, named Smith, was caught in the ruins, and had one of his legs broken, besides being otherwise injured.

MESSRS. HUNT & MINER have sent us a Military Map of the United States and Territories, showing the location of the Military Posts, Arsenals, Navy Yards and Ports of Entry, compiled from Public Documents. Published by P. S. Duval & Son, Philadelphia.—For sale by Messrs. Hunt & Miner, Pittsburgh.

ENCAMPMENT.—Major General Harper of the Seventeenth Division of Pennsylvania Militia, composed of the counties of Westmoreland, Fayette, Washington and Greene, has ordered the division to parade in Brownsville, armed and equipped for duty on the 5th of June. A cavalry regiment will there be formed.

THE PENN STREET CADETS.—This juvenile company, composed of boys from ten to fifteen years of age, marched to the City Hall yesterday, in uniform, and went through drill very creditably. They visited Camp Wilkins in the afternoon, and attracted much attention. They are under command of Capt. Wm. Underf.

NUISANCE.—We would call the attention of the Street Commissioner to that part of the canal basin between Penn street and the aqueduct. It is in a terrible condition with all kinds of filth; and must produce disease and perhaps death in the neighborhood, if not abated before warm weather.

FIFTH WARD.

THE Pittsburgh Flag Manufacturing Co. are prepared to supply persons or agents with silk military flag; also, flags for poles, horses, &c. Depot at Gildenfenny's news depot, opposite the Theatre.

PRESENTATION Silk Flags, for companies, regular standard size, at low prices, at the Pittsburgh Flag Manufactory, opposite the Theatre.

WAR.—For latest news see New York daily papers of last evening, to be had at Gildenfenny's news depot, opposite the Theatre.

Exciting from Clarksburg!—State Troops Given at their Command.

[Correspondence of the Wheeling Intelligencer.]

CLARKSBURG, VA., May 21, 1861.

Ed. Intelligencer: Our town was all excitement last night, caused by the sudden appearance of sixty or seventy State troops, recruits from the country for the rebel army.

About four o'clock in the evening a company came in from Romine's Mills. They marched up street armed with rifles. In a short time another company came in from another portion of the county. The Romine company went out to meet the other, and they all marched down street together, under command of W. M. Turner, Norval Lewis, Hugh B. Lee, and W. P. Cooper.

Our citizens became much incensed about it, and about six o'clock the Court House bell rang the alarm, and in a few minutes our two Union military companies, under command of Capt. A. C. Moore and Capt. J. C. Vance, were formed in line, drum beating and the stars and stripes flying, ready for action with what arms they could procure. This display frightened the Confeds terribly, and in a few minutes a proposition was received from them that if we would not attack them, they would surrender their arms to us. Our boys were not all willing for that; they wanted to whip the Confeds and take their arms from them.

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Captain Morris' and Captain Vance's companies will probably leave for Wheeling on Friday, to muster into the service. Arms is what we want; we can defend ourselves if the arms were placed in our hands.

There are eight hundred Confederate troops at Grafton.

Whilst writing this, rebel troops are preparing to leave our place.

The Unionists are in fine spirits. Our people are loyal to the Government, and ready to fight for its maintenance. UNION.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.

UP TO 8 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

ST. CHARLES—Corner of Third and Wood streets.

D Cooper, Wash co
O F Melvin, Wellsburg
D G Oyster, Brookville
R B McLain, Wheeling
R McClelland, Jacksonville
H Heaney, Wellsburg, Va
W H Peagle, Kittanning
H McFeat
R W Scott, Carlisle
J S Green do
D M Wycoff, Middlewn
J Kane, Chicago
A G Gilmore and lady, Mid-dleport, O
J Worley do
P Mason, Meadville
S Moore do
J Crawford and lady, Carnichmels
J W McKenna, Brownsville

J Dean, Roxbury
W W Wilson, Jefferson co
W Caperly, Minersville
Y Lanbin,
D F Mendell,
J Gibson, Oil Creek,
H E Weaver, do
J Adair, Greensburg
J Beavy, Westmoreland co
H E Gregg, Irwin's Station
W Britton & lady, Allegheny
W G Bear, Jefferson city

GIRARD HOUSE—Corner Third and Third streets.

A. SCHERER, PROPRIETOR.

E Lynch, Pine Run
J Jamison, do
W H Hunt, Crawford, O
D M Johnston, Brownsville
H Goslin do
Cyrus Miller, Mahoning
P M Kerr, Crestline, O
T W Sloan, Bridgewater
Capt Wm. Kerr, Allegheny City
J Weaver, Camp Wilkins
Lieut. Jos Fricker do
Capt High Brown do
Clement Sickle, Carmichaels
John Peterson, Coal Bluff
Jas. Gilmore and lady, Mor city
J G Farquahar, Bentleyville
John Everett do

Bill Long, Greene county
J Long do
R Sahrrs, Phila
H C Bell do
Henry Longstreth, Chester co
Samuel Hartman do
Mrs. Cryder and daughter
Chester county
Chas Maynard, Harrisburg
D C Sutter, Harrisonville, O
Detroit Flaherty and lady
Maysville
Wm Fairman, Beaver, Pa
H W Geddis, Uniontown
W H Reighbwell, Bellevernon
F Price, Brownsville

FERRY HOTEL—Corner Duquesne Way and Hemock st

M'CLURE & CHAPPELL, PROPRIETORS.

A Nicholson, Bellstown
Wm Ritter, Phila
Capt T Reynold, Steamer Venango.

W Wallace & family, Ireland
W H Roberts, Phila
Jesse Grayhurt, Brookville
Enoch Hall do

HARE'S HOTEL—Liberty street, foot of Fifth.

SAMUEL HARE, PROPRIETOR.

Thos Marsh, Canonsburg
Mrs Sowers, Butler co
Jas Sowell, Wash co
H Craighead, Wash co
Jno Sowash Adamsburg
H Grassy, Charleston Va
A G Wilson, Liberty, Pa
F D Irwin
J D Highlands, Perryville
Jos Hutchins, Phila
Wm Duncan, Mansfield

Mrs Grounds, Greene co
R Moffit, do
H Bell, do
J Gray,
J Campbell, Hickory
J R Wright, Troy, N Y
J M Talbot,
Sylvia Dunlap
H C Price, Girard
H S Hall, Youngstown
Jas Eno, Butler co

NATIONAL HOTEL—No. 197, Water street.

P. SHIPLER, PROPRIETOR.

W Harmony
O Wheeling, New Orleans
O F St Clair, McKeesport
Wm Williams and family, Ill
W Smallwood, Wash co
G Miller, Mckeesport
G Palmer, Richland, O

J Patterson, Buffalo, N Y
Col J McFarland, Ligonier
J Brown, McKeesport
L Brown, do
J Kautz, Dayton, O
W Mellerroe, St Anthony, Minn
H L Patterson, Hollidaysb'g
A Cooley, Gloucester, N J
W H Hoyt, Jr, N Y
G W Stotton, Trenton, N J
Mrs St Louis
Mrs Richardson, Greensburg
Mrs Trusley, do
Mrs Christy, do
D W Christy & lady, do
K Dell, Dayton, O
O Reed, do
E Marshall, do
W W Smith, do

RED LION HOTEL—No. 8, St. Clair street.

A. P. GORDON, PROPRIETOR.

B Lemon, Sharpsburg
W Walker, New Brighton
J Shaw, Clarion
G P Hunter, Midcute
J M Cowly
J Davis
A Winchester
A Semble, Caledonia, Iowa

J G Caldwell, Crestline
J Dunning,
W Bell, West Greenville
S S Wick, Butler
W Foster
J Weidman
J Wahlbert
J Betz

EAGLE HOTEL—Liberty street, below Seventh.

JOHN MINE, PROPRIETOR.

H Carver, Caskey
J Lee' Baltimore
O Bloomenthal, Columbus, O
W Gallagher, Kittanning
J M Gilmore, Shamsburg
F Houston, Butler
W O Brown, Manchester
W Galbraith, do
B F Frew, Freeport
W H Guinee, do
H Scott, Armstrong co
M Thompson, Wilkinsburg

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Pennsylvania Regiments Accepted!

REINFORCEMENTS REQUIRED!

PROBABLE FIGHT AT SEWALL'S POINT!

Troops Under Marching Orders!

&c., &c., &c.

(Special Dispatch to the Morning Gazette.)

WASHINGTON, May 23, 1861.

President Lincoln decided, to-day, at the instance of Messrs. J. K. Moorhead, Edgar Cowan, Wm. F. Johnston, and other prominent and influential citizens of Pennsylvania, to accept all the volunteer regiments now raised in the State. I believe the whole number offering is estimated at forty.

The United States Government, or the State of Pennsylvania, will have speedily to reinforce our troops now here. No more of the present style of uniform will be received by the Government.

A fight will probably take place at the mouth of the Potomac to-day. An attack will be made, both by sea and by land, on the rebel batteries at Sewall's Point.

Five of the regiments here are now under marching orders, but their destination is not yet known to the public. D. L. E.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, May 23.—A letter from Virginia states that there are between 50,000 and 60,000 men under arms in that State. They are chiefly posted at Richmond, Norfolk and Harper's Ferry, or within hailing distance of these points. It is also stated that private advices confirm the report of large arrivals of arms at the South from abroad. They were shipped from Europe early in April, and consist of over 200,000 muskets and rifles, and ample supplies of powder and percussion caps, and machinery for making the latter article. A private company has been organized at Alexandria, Virginia, to convey letters to the North, as after next week all letters destined for the North will lie over at that city. All mail with points North of Virginia will cease on the 1st of June.

The Post-office Department has, as yet, taken no action in view of the contemplated Southern independent mail arrangements. The appearances indicate that separate offers for bonds or Treasury notes, and alternative offers for the former at current rates, and for the latter at par, will exceed the nine million called for. The desirableness and importance of the result creates some solicitude that it may not fail of being realized.

Much speculation is indulged in as to the movements of the troops for active service, but those who, it is presumed, are best acquainted with such matters, say that no invasion into the heart of any State is now contemplated, and that the operations will be principally confined to the recapture of the public property and the maintenance of the defenses now within still in the possession of the Union States. Much diligence is paid to the views of Lieut. Gen. Scott, and it is known that he is not restive to make any forward movement, unless with preponderating chances of success. It may, however, be modifications of this present policy dependent on circumstances.

Jos. Casey, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed Judge of the Court of Claims, to supply the vacancy occasioned