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THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 4, 1861.

CITY AFFAIRS.

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

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	94	53
12 " M.	112	69
6 " P. M.		72
Barometer		29 7-10

The Fourth—How it will be Celebrated. The anniversary of our national independence, usually a very dull day here, will be celebrated with extraordinary spirit to-day. The leading feature of the day will be the grand parade of Home Guard Regiments, which will take place in the forenoon under the direction of Major Gen. Wilkins and Staff. Out of eighty or ninety companies of Home Guards, it is expected that at least a majority will turn out on this occasion. Should there be but thirty companies, however, the display will be grand and imposing beyond what we are accustomed to see here.—Two or three thousand men, well armed, and attired in new and tasty uniforms, is a sight worth looking at. Then we may expect something of a martial nature about the parade, which will give us a good idea of the stirring scenes now witnessed daily in the streets of our national capital. For, be it remembered, although these companies are styled Home Guards, they are generally drilled incessantly, and with great care, and not a few of them could be transferred very creditably to the battle field. Numerous companies from the country are expected to take part in the parade, and the whole affair is expected to be creditable to the cities and appropriate to the day we celebrate.

The division will form on the North Common, at eight o'clock, and move over the route of procession as published in another column. The streets and dwellings will be handsomely decorated with flags, particularly on the route over which the procession will pass.

Previous to the parade, a national salute will be fired by some of the artillery corps.

At the Camps, there will be appropriate celebrations, and hundreds of citizens will doubtless visit Camp Wright during the day—the railroad furnishing excellent facilities for a pleasant trip.

The usual number of pic-nic excursions have been arranged for, and as the weather promises to be delightful, all who seek the woods will have a joyous and pleasant time.

In the evening, the "comet" will be on exhibition, frisking his stupendous tail over half the heavens, and suggesting to man that his puny terrestrial efforts are as nothing compared with the grand displays of nature.

A Detective in Trouble. Henry Hirshey, alias Myers, alias Newcomer, who has figured very conspicuously of late in the arrest and trial of counterfeiters, got himself into trouble during his late adventure in Johnstown. Our readers will remember that Newcomer was employed, some weeks since, by the Independent Police of the city, to visit Johnstown and lay the ropes for the arrest of certain parties alleged to have been engaged in the counterfeiting business. Newcomer, being a professional "detective," undertook the enterprise, and it is alleged that while prosecuting his plans in Johnstown he perpetrated an assault and battery with criminal intent, upon the person of a respectable lady of that place. She was so much abused and prostrated, it is said, as to be unable to make the information until after Newcomer had left for Pittsburgh. As soon as she recovered sufficiently to do so, a warrant for his arrest was sued out and placed in the hands of an officer. Newcomer, however, was not then found, but yesterday he was arrested by officer Smithson, and held to bail by Mayor Wilson, in the sum of $500, to appear for trial at Johnstown, at the next term of Court.

Another individual, a ward constable, who figured in the arrest of the Johnstown counterfeiters, has also been charged with "selling counterfeit money." He gave bail to answer, but inasmuch as he alleges positively that the charge is wholly unfounded, and "trumped up" to prevent his appearing against the parties, we withhold his name for the present.

Bank Note Quotations.

Corrected especially for the *Gazette* by Messrs. Feld & Lare, of the *National Bank Note Reporter*. Rates uncertain at present:

PITTSBURGH, July 3, 1861.

	Discount.		Discount.
New England States.	par	South Carolina	no sale.
New York State	par	Georgia	no sale.
New York City	par	Alabama	no sale.
New Jersey, (east,)	par	Louisiana	no sale.
" (west,)	¼	Kentucky	par
Pennsylvania, (east,)	par	Tennessee	no sale.
" (Pitts)	par	Ohio	par
" (Inter'nal)	½	Indiana, free	par
Delaware	par	" b'k of State	par
Dist. of Columbia	10	Illinois	no sale.
Maryland, East	par	Wisconsin	no sale.
" Interior	3	Iowa	10
Virginia	1	Michigan	5
(Wheeling branch)	1½	Missouri	15
" (eastern)	20	Canada	2
North Carolina	no sale		

Exchange—Selling rates on New York, 2; on Philadelphia, ½ per cent over Bank funds.

Gold—Selling at 2 over bank funds.

Sword Presentation in Lawrenceville. On behalf of a number of ladies and gentlemen of the borough of Lawrenceville, an elegant and costly regulation sword was, Tuesday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, presented to Lieut. Alfred J. Pearson, of the Arsenal Rifle Guards, in front of the armory of the Company, on Butler street, in that borough. The presentation address, which was replete with patriotic sentiments, and couched in eloquent and impressive language, was delivered by John J. Mitchell, Esq. Lieut. Pearson, in response, stated that he was quite taken by surprise, and expressed his thanks to the fair donors and devotion to his country and our National flag in a manner just captured the entire audience. The company were drawn up in front of the Armory, and a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present, all of whom seemed to be delighted with the ceremonies of the patriotic and soul-stirring occasion.

Fined for Forestalling. Grocers as well as hucksters are at war, at present hold in their violation of the ordinance prohibiting forestalling in the Allegheny market, and Mayor Drum very properly inflicts the prescribed penalty on those who are brought before him. On Wednesday, John Patton, grocer, Federal street, above the Diamond, was fined $5 for purchasing chickens to sell again. He refused to pay the fine, preferring to go to jail. He soon got tired of his imprisonment, and forked over the penalty the same day.

Wm. Gibson, grocer, of Rebecca street, was fined $3 for buying up peas to sell again. He paid the fine and was discharged. These instances should serve to deter others from violating a very wise and just regulation.

To-Day at Camp Wright. This is to be holiday at the camp. The national salute of thirty-four guns will be fired in the morning at sunrise. After that there will be nothing done until about 2 o'clock, we believe, when the Declaration of Independence will be read and an address delivered by some one—we did not learn who the speaker is to be. At 4 o'clock there will be a review of all the troops in camp.

The day will be spent by every one to the best profitable advantage. Several pic-nics in the surrounding groves will be cheerful affairs. All the companies that are near enough to make it practicable expect to be visited during the day by their friends from home.

THE new Vigilant Steam Fire Engine was tried, Tuesday afternoon, at the corner of Hay street and Duquesne Way. The trial was not intended as a public one, and the results were not accurately noted, but they were such as to satisfy the members and a large crowd of spectators who were in attendance. Steam was raised in a friction over five minutes, and a stream was thrown, through a ¾ inch nozzle, a distance of 216 feet, and through a 1½ inch nozzle 243 feet. A public trial of the steamer will take place on Friday or Saturday.

FLAG PRESENTATION.—A beautiful flag, prepared under the direction of Mrs. J. W. Barr and Mrs. M. M. Knox, was last evening presented to the Ricketson Guards, a very excellent company of young men. The presentation took place at the residence of J. W. Barr, Diamond, Allegheny. Rev. J. C. Steele made the presentation speech, which was happily and eloquently responded to by Private Cook, on behalf of the company. The affair was pleasing throughout, and highly creditable to all concerned.

A NEW OIL WELL.—Messrs. Dickson, Kilgore, Keenan & Co., last week struck one of the richest veins of oil which has yet been discovered. The well is located on the Story farm, in Venango county, and near the Buchanan oil lands. During the first twenty-four hours it yielded one hundred and sixty barrels of fine oil, with every appearance of continuing to flow at the same rate.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.—To enable the employees of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad to participate in the celebration of the day, no freight will be received for shipment or delivered from the depots of the Company on Penn street or Allegheny City, on Thursday, July 4th.

J. J. HOUSTON, Gen'l Freight Supt.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE will most likely be read to Congress on Friday, at noon. As this is, perhaps, the most important document which has yet been laid before Congress and the country, we intend publishing it in full at the earliest practicable moment.

OFF ON MONDAY.—The Federal Guards, Capt. Hall—the old Mexican soldier—have been accepted in Sickles' Brigade, and will leave on Monday. A few more men can enroll by applying soon at the Town Hall, Allegheny.

THE ALLEGHENY CITY POST OFFICE will be open to-day, July 4th, from 7½ to 8½ o'clock in the morning, and from 5 to 6 o'clock in the evening. The mails will be closed as usual.

POST-OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY.—The Post-Office will be open from 7 to 8 o'clock in the morning, and from 5 to 6 o'clock in the evening.

FLAGS, for poles, military companies and houses, from five inches to fifty feet, of bunting, silk, &c., at Pittsburgh Flag Manufactory, opposite theatre.

FOURTH OF JULY.—Decorate your buildings with flags, to be had at Pittsburgh Flag Manufactory, opposite theatre.

OUR ARMY CORRESPONDENCE.

"DRAMATIC MISS," FRIEND RIFLES,
Camp Scott, States Island, June 30, 1861.

As several large canards have been afloat regarding this Brigade, I thought your paper the best medium through which to deny them. As regards our fare, we have plenty, and of good quality. Our quarters could not be better adapted for soldiers' life than they are. Every private has a large woolen blanket, also a gum one. We all have a straw mattress, and all culinary instruments needed. Our officers are kind and generous, and in fact, too much so, as some of our boys shirk their duty—all because the official reins are allowed to slacken.

Company C, Zouaves, have not the remotest cause to find fault; they have no Orderly Sergeant, and their requisitions were not handed in to the Commissary, and, as a natural effect, their "grub" was not forthcoming. This is their "cause" for "seceding." I saw the whole affair, and as a Pittsburgher, would not judge wrongly. Our boys are in the best of spirits, and are sorry for the fate of their comrades in arms (who are now in the guard-house.)

This afternoon we have a grand brigade review, as is our style every Sunday afternoon. To-morrow is wash-day, and it would amuse you to see how awkward we are in our pursuit after knowledge. We have several wells of the purest water, to drink, and a small lake of fresh water immediately in the rear of us, finely adapted for washing our garments. We have had several hard thunder showers, one of which washed us out the other night. It was comical to see us move, with tins, kettles, &c., floating all around. Hello! there's Tatoo, but you shall hear from me soon again. For the present, adieu. DICK.

The Comet. EDITORS GAZETTE:—Tuesday evening being very fine, the exhibition of the new comet was grand beyond description, although it has lost half its splendor since its first appearance. There is something inexpressibly sublime in the thought that a whole hemisphere at once is gazing on that mighty moving configuration, breaking through our system, as it does, seemingly without any governing or controling power; but there is nothing more certain than that it moves in strict obedience to those dynamical laws which govern the movements of all the heavenly bodies. The sudden bursting of such an object on our view, in the zenith, or at any considerable distance from the sun, would, indeed, confound astronomers, and set at defiance all the laws of calculation; but such a phenomenon can never occur. In all such cases, as in the present, the object is seen plunging down from the illimitable regions of space above the sun, and approaches him in opposition to the earth, and consequently is hid in his dazzling light, until, having doubled its perihelion, it emerges from his rays and appears suddenly in our evening sky. Our observations on Sunday evening were correct—it had passed the sun early in the preceding week, and is now returning, with inconceivable velocity, towards the regions of its origin.

Its motion is evidently retrograde, and when near its perihelion it passed between the earth and the sun; so that we may have passed through or very near to that prodigious blaze which now looks so formidable. The nucleus seems to possess considerable density, as it is capable of reflecting the sun's rays, but has no definite outline, under any magnifying power we have to bring to bear on it. There is no doubt that it might have been seen, under favorable circumstances, as early as Friday, or even sooner, and probably has been seen from some of our observatories. When first seen here, it was above Leo in the constellation Virgo; it then passed through the Lynx, and at ten o'clock Tuesday evening it was in the head of the Great Bear—Right Ascension, 8 hours and 30 minutes, and Declination 62 minutes North Declination—and will continue in that constellation till it comes near the prime meridian, which it will cross about Friday afternoon, when it will march more leisurely, but rapidly fade away, until lost in the distance. J. C. R.

MESSRS. EDITORS GAZETTE.—The military enthusiasm aroused in the free North by the unprovoked and cowardly attack on the little garrison of Fort Sumter, by the rebel hordes of South Carolina, is by no means confined to the large cities. Last Saturday, in company with a friend, I rode out to W. W. Rogers' "Five Point Store," in Pine township, and found there a large assemblage of the substantial farmers and others of the vicinity, with their wives, daughters and sweethearts, witnessing the correct and soldierly evolutions of the "Pine Township Home Guards," who were then drilling under their handsome and popular Captain, W. J. Pinkerton. This company was organized but a short time ago, and comprises about 60 members, all of whom are able-bodied, fine looking young men, and nearly all are uniformed. Their uniforms are well made, fit neatly and cost only five dollars each. They are a substantial gray Kentucky jean, and were furnished by Henry Sutmeyer, merchant tailor, of Allegheny. After the drill, the company was drawn up in front of the store to receive a beautiful flag, which had been prepared by the nimble fingers of the fair ones of the neighborhood. The Captain was afterwards presented with a magnificent sword by his friends of Allegheny. Squire McCord made both the presentation speeches, and Capt. Pinkerton responded in a few appropriate remarks. The company was shortly afterwards dismissed, and the spectators returned to their homes—all well pleased with the proceedings of the day. J. W.

THEATRE.—To-day being the Fourth, three performances will be given at the Theatre, and as the entertainment will be of a varied and interesting character, there is no doubt that the house will be crowded, morning, afternoon and night. For full particulars, we refer our readers to the small bills of the day, and advise all to go early who would have a sight, as the doors will be open earlier than usual, to afford all those in time to get seats before the performance commences. To-morrow evening, Miss Menken has a benefit. Look out for a strong bill.

FLAG PRESENTATION.—The ladies of the congregation of the First Reformed Presbyterian church presented an elegant silk flag, with silver trimmings, to the "Pagan Guards," on last evening. The presentation took place at the church, in the presence of a large number of ladies and gentlemen, all deeply interested. Dr. Douglas, the pastor, presented the flag on behalf of the ladies, in an address, in which he gave a history of the flag, the significance of its emblems, colors and general device. Lieut. R. C. Miller responded in eloquent and spirited terms on behalf of the company.

EXHIBITION of business and ornamental penmanship, to day, at the entrance of Doll's College, 5th street, including a new and splendid piece entitled "Peace and War." The award of the five premiums by the late Pittsburgh and United States Fairs, over all the best penmen in Pittsburgh and Cincinnati, placed the superiority of the penmen of this establishment beyond dispute; but they now give the public another opportunity of judging for themselves.

TEACHERS ELECTED.—At a meeting of the Directors of the Second Ward Schools, held on Tuesday evening, the following teachers were elected: Principal, J. B. D. Meads; Assistant, Bella McCleary; Grammar Department, J. H. Richmond; Intermediate Department, Mary J. Thompson and Mary D. McFaden; Primary Department, Mrs. Emma L. Hodgson, Miss Jane B. Wilkinson, Anna Corry and Mary McCrory.

THE EAST REGIMENT will leave Camp Wright on Saturday or Monday at the farthest. The Pay Master will arrive on Friday; and, if he can get through in time for it, they will leave for home on Saturday. By the time their three months expire, they will be re-organized for three years

REVIVAL AT THE CAMP.—We learn that there is quite an interesting revival now in progress at Camp Wright. The meetings are held daily at one and seven o'clock p. m., and are very largely attended.

THE John Dean Guards, a new company, are recruiting in Hunt & Miner's building, Fifth street, second story, to start immediately for Camp Scott, Staten Island, New York. Captain Hays or Lieut. Braun, may be found at the Armory at any time.

J. N. ZEIGLER and Mart Miller will deliver any letters to the companies at Camp Scott, Staten Island, New York, if left at the St. Clair Hotel on or before Friday, at 4 o'clock.

THE Clarion Guards, Capt. Knox, arrived at Camp Wright yesterday, via A. V. R. R. This completes Col. McCalmont's Regiment, now all in the camp.

DR. A. G. MCCANDLESS, No. 10 Centre avenue, advertises in another column.

FLAGS, flags, flags, flags, flags, all sizes, at Pittsburgh Flag Manufactory, opposite theatre.

REOPENED—Since the 1st of June, 1861, H. W. Cimiotti's Summer Resort, Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Pa. 1mo

DIED:

MAHON—On Wednesday afternoon at 20 minutes past 12, at Erin Hill, Seventh Ward of Inflammation of the Stomach, JOHN D. MAHON, Esq., in the 65th year of his age.

The funeral will take place on FRIDAY MORNING at 10 o'clock, from his late residence on Centre Avenue.

FLETCHER—On Wednesday morning, LYDIA FLETCHER, wife of James Baxter.

The friends of the family are requested to attend the funeral from the residence of her husband, Woodville, on THURSDAY AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock.

BLOOD FOOD.—Attention is called to this most remarkable and scientific preparation, advertised in another column. It is an entirely new discovery, and must not be confounded with any of the quacksalve patent medicines of the day. It is a certain remedy for all the diseases specified, and especially those of a chronic nature—of long standing—of weeks, months, and years. Sufferers, try it!

HOWARD, CURNEN & DUTCOT, of New York, are the sole agents for it, and also proprietors of the world-renowned DR. BAYON'S INFANTILE CORDIAL, an article which every Mother should have in her medicine closet in case of need, and containing, as it does, no paregoric or opiate of any kind, it can be relied upon with the utmost confidence, and will be found an invaluable specific in all cases of infantile complaints.—*Ohio State Journal, Columbus.*

See advertisement. For sale by GEO. D. KEYSER, Agent, 140 Wood st., Pittsburgh, Pa. delf:dwlmP

A Friend in Need. Try it.—DR. SWEETS INVALUABLE LINIMENT is prepared from the receipt of Dr. Stephen Sweet, of Connecticut, the great bone setter, and has been used in his practice for the last twenty years with the most astonishing success. As an external remedy it is without a rival, and will alleviate pain more speedily than any other preparation. For all Rheumatic and Nervous Disorders it is truly infallible, and as a curative for Burns, Wounds, Sprains, Bruises, &c., its soothing, healing and powerful strengthening properties excite the just wonder and astonishment of all who have ever given it a trial. Over four hundred certificates of remarkable cures performed by it within the last two years, attest the fact. See advertisement. 3dWkdeLP

DOCTOR C. BARLS, Water Cure and Homeopathic Physician; also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Rupture. Corner of Penn and Wayne Streets.

ALL should not fail to read the advertisement of Prof. Wood, in to-day's paper.

Arrivals at the Principal Hotels.

UP TO 8 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT.

ST. CHARLES—Corner of Third and Wood streets.

HARRY SHIRLS, PROPRIETOR.

W D McKenna, Washington; A S Shepherd, Wellsville; J H Marsitz, Bridgewater; Capt. Cantwell, Co. Wilkins; Lt. T B Kennedy, Cp. Wright; Sergt. S B Stone, do; J E Cunningham, do; P Anderson, N Y; R Zieley, Massillon, O; W M Stephenson, Mercer; U E Wright, Troy, N Y; J D McKee, Hackmansburg; J Reed, Brownsville; W Bailey, Waynesburg; J Hawkins, do; N Worley, do; G W Blair, Pa; J H Dafzell, Titusville; A Purcell, Zanesville, O; J B Lindsey, Waynesburg; D Gaul, Beaver.

MANSION HOUSE—No. 344 Liberty street.

GEORGE SCHENTZ, PROPRIETOR.

J Beckett, & lady Mon. city; S P Cooper, Cin. O; P Schenterhorn, Cin. O; S O Williams, do; D F Ellis, do; T Pettis, N. Y.; G W Wilson, Cp Wright; M B Walsh, do; S Griffith, Portsmouth, O; T W Kimball, Cp Wright; Sir'gt W Rupert, do; W Wallace, N. Y.; Capt B Lilzoyer, Cp Wright; S Stiles, Kensburg; A A Baker, do; S C Retier, Ohio; G Singer, St Clairville, O; T H Foley & Bro, Ohio; I Simpson, Somerset; J Harrell do; R P Cummins, Cp Wright; W H Hill & lady, Norristown; T Stewart, Pa; W Johnson, do; B E Moorhead, Legonier Valley; J P McClelland, Indiana Iron Works; A Daniels, Malta O; Mrs Trockbilla daughter, Phil; M T Eggart lady & daughter, Kansas; H Allen, N. Y.

EAGLE HOTEL—Liberty street, below Seventh

JOHN MEIS, PROPRIETOR.

J C Rodgers, Richmond, O; A S Leach, Burning Springs; W Rhoads, Reynoldsville; W Keating, Darlington; J Kenkle, do; J Christie, Brookville; R M Williams, Raymondville; W Roach, do; J W Kidd, Cp. Wright; W Rupert, do; J S Rarily, Beaver; J H Arnold, Greene co; J B Stauffer, Pennsville; G L Weister, Buena Vista; J W Smith, do; Z Knight, do; T Fraser, do; D Tyler, do; J Lane, do; J Morrouse, do; Capt. Copeland and 50 men, "Elizabeth Guards;" F M & J McGuire.

GIRARD HOUSE—Corner Smithfield and Third streets.

S. L. HOCKETT, PROPRIETOR.

A Barnhart, Worthington, Pa; G Davis, M'Coy's Station; J H Vanvorhis, Mong City; W K Bailey, do; P Baker, Beaver; R A Flenniken, Fort Fremont; H Hawkins, Virginia; Chas Fitch, do; W M'K Scott Weltsburg, Va.

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

SAMUEL HAHN, PROPRIETOR.

D Duncan, Monroeville, O; R McFarland, Harland, Pa; James Thornton, Phila; J McDonald, Wash. College; B F Hazen, Wash co; W E Butt, do; R Ross, Thompsonville; James Pollock, do; J McPearke, Cp. Wright; W P McNary, do; H P Caldwell, Canonsburg; Samuel Anderson, Beaver; J W Mathews, do; J V McCullough, Cp. Wright; S Nicholson, Fredericktown; I Michener, do; John Paine, Lebanon co; Dr Thomas, do; Franklin Reed, do; J Anderson, do.

RED LION HOTEL—No. 5, St. Clair street.

E. P. GORDON, PROPRIETOR.

A V Lightcap, Kittanning; O Denney, do; R P Moss, Ohio; W D Moss, do; J B Haynes, N. Y; W H Lekson, P F W & O R R; D McIlvane, Cp Wright; S Henderson, Connoquenessing; S S Cunningham, Butler; D Felix, Washington; D C Stewart, do; J S Nesbitt & lady and sister, Indiana co; Miss Mitchell, Indiana co; Mrs Wilson, do; Mrs T B Lloyd, do; Mrs M M'Keonan, do; M Palmiter & lady, Havana, O; H E Palmiter, do; J J Merchard, New Texas; M Schelner, do; J Leslie, New Brighton; K T Drevo; W S Fulton, Westmoreland; H Fulton, do; Mrs T Hall & two children, Washington; A P Watson, Louisville, Ky; G McKinlay, Kenawha, Mis; J S Worthington, Browns'v; A C Hall,

NATIONAL HOTEL—No. 137, Water street.

F. SUPPLEE, PROPRIETOR.

O O Hugrs, Alliance, O; H Sheplar, Peter's Creek; W Dunseth, McKeesport; A G Hackney, New Salem; W Clay & daughter, Brawn's'v; S Yorke; G W Elrney & lady, Allo's co; W Kennedy, Larimer's St'n; S McCandless, New Castle; J Houston, Penn; W Pedocrem, Penn; J S Jamison, do; M L Edward, Indiana co; J Endhall, do; J W Stewart, Cp. Wright; H Wingy, do; S F Laughlin, do; T R Weaver, do; O Pinebart, Johnstown; W Sherson, Adamsburg; A G Entton, Indiana; J S Hutton, do; O C Murata, do; D Cowley, West Elizabeth — Hazlett, Butler; J T Jamison, Punxsutawney; J B Wilson, do; J J Foster, East Liberty; J P S Sutor, Cp Wright; W E Smith, Erie.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

IMPORTANT NEWS!

BATTLE OPPOSITE WILLIAMSPORT!

10,000 Rebels Defeated!

HEAVY LOSS OF THE ENEMY!

LIST OF OUR KILLED AND WOUNDED.

&c., &c., &c.

HAGERSTOWN, July 2.—At four o'clock this afternoon a special conveyance arrived at this town bringing Corporal John H. McGinley, of the Independent Rangers. He being the first soldier brought here wounded in an action, considerable excitement was occasioned on his arrival, and from statements made by him, and from those of a higher authority, the government operators glean the following:

Between three and four o'clock this morning, the troops which have been concentrating at Hagerstown and Williamsport, for several days past, crossed the ford at Williamsport. Gen. Patterson reviewed them as they filed past. The morning was bright and beautiful, and the soldiers were in excellent spirits. Scouting parties of Capt. McMullen's Rangers and others, selected from the First Wisconsin Regiment, were sent at midnight, and frequently during the night brisk firing was heard between the federal pickets and those of the enemy on the Virginia side. The proper fords having been ascertained, the advance took place before daylight, the point of attack being given to Capt. McMullen's Rangers, the 1st Wisconsin and the 11th Pennsylvania Regiments. The advancing columns consisted of the Brigades of Abercrombie, Thomas and Negley, and the whole movement was conducted remarkably well, getting close up to the enemy, at a distance of only 75 yards. Abercrombie's Brigade led the advance, and the casualties of the conflict were most accidentally in the 1st Wisconsin and 11th Pennsylvania Regiments. Col. Jackson and Lieut. Col. Coulter led the skirmishers, opening upon them at four hundred yards.

The whole of the rebel forces at Martinsburg, consisting of four regiments of infantry and one regiment of cavalry were engaged in the action. They had with them four pieces of artillery, part of them rifled cannon, and were commanded by Gen. Jackson.

The first city troops, of Philadelphia, were assigned a position near the U. S. cavalry, under Capt. Perkins, and behaved remarkably well.

As far as known the casualties on our side are only two killed and several wounded. Several of the dead and wounded of the secession troops were left on the field in their hasty retreat, one or two of whom were buried by our men. The loss of life on their side is stated to be very great.

In anticipation of the retreat of our forces, the rebels had leveled the fences, on both sides of the turnpike, even with the ground, so as to cut them down in the event of their being pursued by our cavalry.

The first stand was made at the Porterfield farm, on the turnpike, near Haynesville, where it was necessary to destroy a barn and carriage house to enable a charge upon the enemy's rear. No conflict was fairce, the rebels standing well up to their work, and finally slowly retreating. Knapsacks and canteens were hastily thrown aside, as incumbrances to a hasty march. They left behind them a number of blankets and other articles of value, indicating a heavy loss on their side.

HAGERSTOWN, July 3.—The following is an official list of the killed and wounded, so far as known, at the skirmish yesterday, opposite Williamsport:

Killed—George Drake, of Milwaukee, attached to Company A, Capt. Bingham, of the Wisconsin Regiment. The name of the second is unknown, but he belonged to Company B, Capt. Hutchell, of the same Regiment. Wounded—James Morgan, severely and M. F. Hamaker, both of Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Jarrett; Fred. Hutching, of Company E, Capt. Bryant, and Fred. Bonner, of Co. G, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment; not severely. There are others wounded that have not yet arrived.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The following dispatch was read at 2.15 this morning:

Hock River, near Martinsburg, July 2, 1861.

To Lt. Col. R. P. Townsend, Assistant Adjutant General:

I left Williamsport at 6 a. m., to-day, for this place; I drove and routed the rebels, about ten thousand strong, with four guns, and now occupy their camp, with the loss, I regret to say, of three killed and ten wounded. [Signed]

R. PATTERSON, Maj. Gen'l Commanding.

It is said Gen. Beata was so much gratified with this news, that the President was waked from his sleep to receive it. The Cabinet met to-day with more than usual good spirits in consequence.

No troops arrived to-day, and none are expected before the next forty-eight hours.

A thirty pound rifle cannon, just mounted here, is at the railroad station, labelled "Maj. Doubleday, Williamport," and will soon be forwarded.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The steamer Persia arrived this morning with Liverpool advices to the 22d ultimo.

Spain has given a pledge that slavery shall not be introduced into St. Domingo.

A meeting had been held in aid of Anderson, the fugitive slave. He explained the necessity for killing the man so as to escape, and the meeting fully endorsed the act.

The American Minister at Paris has remonstrated against the Southern States being assimilated to Italy in the article recently published in the *Paris and Monitor*.

The Southern Commissioners are in Paris, but the Government will hold no communication except with the Washington Government.

The Paris Bourse was steady; rentes 67f 85c.

There has been no official announcement of the recognition of Italy by France, but there is no doubt of the fact. It is asserted that the Italian Government replied to the French note in the affirmative, and agreed to the view of France.

It also asserted that France sent an announcement of the recognition to all its representatives at Foreign Courts.

The Pope is again ill.

It is stated that Portugal refuses to acknowledge the new Kingdom of Italy.

The Upper House of the Hungarian Diet has unanimously agreed to the address to the Emperor.

[Latest by Telegraph.]

LIVERPOOL, Sunday, June 23.—The removal death of the Sultan is denied. The steamer New-York has arrived at Cowes. The spinning of Lancashire is increasing. An order of 50,000 men is concentrated near Perth. Ismond Kissell has been appointed Governor of Lebanon. The disaffection is increasing at Syria.

LONDON, June 23.—An immense fire occurred here last night and raged all night. Cotton wharf was destroyed, and the ranges of buildings extending from Pooley street to Borough. About 4,000 bales of American bags were destroyed. The loss of property is so serious that the price of many articles will be affected. Six lives were lost, including Mr. Braidwood, Chief of the Fire Brigade.

MADRIDSKI, April 11.—The mail steamer Tasmanian has been wrecked. Part of her crew were murdered by the native.

THE ENGLISH ARMY.—One of the most flagrant abuses connected with the English army service received its quietus very lately from the hands of the Duke of Cambridge. Young gentlemen with large incomes, nothing to do, and ambitious for glory when the nation is at peace, who vainly imagine that a pair of epaulettes will cover the dreadful fact that their money smells of the shop, can no longer purchase commissions in the service. Hereafter his Grace is determined that soldiers must deserve and earn commissions, not buy them. Mr. Precedent and our tapedom are in a most unhappy state of mind about this innovation upon an established custom.

A TRIBUTE TO THE ARMSTRONG GUN.—At a dinner lately given by the United Service Club of London to Sir Hopp Grant, the distinguished hero of the Chinese war, the chairman proposed his health, making laudatory reference to his military achievements, to which Sir Hope replied, attributing no small share of his success to the Armstrong guns. These weapons were, he said, exceedingly effective. In one case a gun which caused some annoyance was disabled, and thirteen men were found lying dead near it. Another piece belonging to the enemy was struck five times in a very short period. The Armstrong gun, he said, was in fact the finest weapon ever invented.

TEAS.—The signification of some of the names by which teas are known are as follows, making due allowance for the changes they undergo, in form and sound, in being Anglicised: "Hyson" means "before the rains," or "flourishing spring," that is early in the spring. "Hyson-skin" is composed of the refuse of other kinds, the native term of which is "ica-skin." "Bohea" is the name of the hills in the region where it is collected. "Pekoe," or "Pecoe," means "white hairs"—the down on the tender leaves. "Souchong," "small plant."

PATENT preserved potatoes, warranted to keep for a long time in all climates, approved by Capt. McClintock, of the Arctic yacht Fox, used in all the British armies abroad, and certified to by Dr. Ure, are now prepared by King & Son, No. 1 Bishopgate street, London. The article is cooked in ten minutes, and produces a splendid dish of mashed potatoes at the cost of one cent per half-pound. The space occupied in packing is only one-sixth of that of the unprepared article. Here is a chance for our commissariats.

GOLD is said to have been found in large quantities on the Tangier river, thirty miles east of Halifax. The diggers are getting an ounce, and often an ounce and a half per day.

Important from California.

FORT KEARNEY, July 3.—The pony passed here at 3 a. m., with San Francisco dates to June 22d.

Sailed on the 19th, the ship Miramon, for London; 21st, ship Mary Robinson, for New York; the British war steamer Tartar, for Panama, carrying $12,500 treasure for England; steamer Sonora, carrying 200 passengers and $1,244,000 treasure for New York, $5,000 for England, and $20,000 for Panama. Among the passengers were Mrs. J. C. Fremont and family.

Trade remains stagnant; money is plenty, and rates of interest vary with borrowers; exchange on New York 5@6 per cent.

Some important sales of wheat make up the cargo of the ship Old Colony, at 182½@190 per 100 pounds. Samples of new wheat begin to appear in market.

The Republican Convention completed its session on the 20th, and adjourned *sine die*. The following is the complete ticket, and it is regarded by all parties as an exceedingly strong one: For Governor, Leland Stanford, formerly of New York, Lieut. Governor, John F. Chillis, formerly of New York; Members of Congress, F. G. Phelps, formerly of New York, and A. A. Sargent, formerly of Massachusetts; Judge of Supreme Court, Edward Norton, formerly of New York; Clerk of Supreme Court, Frank F. Fargo, formerly of New York; Attorney General, Frank M. Pixley, formerly of New York; Controller, G. B. Wasson, formerly of Connecticut; Treasurer, David R. Ansley, formerly of Michigan; Surveyor General, J. Houghton, formerly of Massachusetts; State Printer, P. P. Avery, formerly of Massachusetts. The fact of most of the candidates being natives of New York, appears to have been entirely accidental.

The Federal appointees, under the present administration, are nearly all from New England. Under the last administration they were almost exclusively natives of Southern States, with a preponderance in favor of Virginia.

Gen. Johnston is in military command of this coast, and was still at Los Angeles on the 16th.

A valuable service of silver plate had been presented to him by his California friends. It is rumored that he will shortly leave for Texas by the Overland route, and will be accompanied by some 50 Californians, who seek service under Jeff. Davis. He had received information from Washington that his resignation from the Federal army was accepted.

Nearly all the public Halls in San Francisco are nightly occupied by squads of ardent military aspirants drilling.

An anonymously printed circular and handbill has been posted up throughout San Francisco, directed against W. M. Gwin, and warning him to quit the State by the next steamer. The authors of the disreputable publication are not known.

The Los Angelos *Star*, of the 15th, contains news from Arizonia and the South-eastern borders of Texas. Since the discontinuance of the Overland mail, the Apaches have become alarmingly hostile. At the last accounts they appeared to have control of Arizonia Territory, and neither person nor property was safe there.

The military at Fort Bachanan are represented as affording no protection, remaining closed up within their posts.

The United States posts at Fort Tyon, and at Fort Mohave, in the State, are to be abandoned, and the head-quarters established at Los Angelos. They had with them four pieces of artillery, part of them rifled cannon, and were commanded by Gen. Carleton.

The first city troops, of Philadelphia, were assigned a position near the U. S. cavalry, under Capt. Perkins, and behaved remarkably well.

As far as known the casualties on our side are only two killed and several wounded. Several of the dead and wounded of the secession troops were left on the field in their hasty retreat, one or two of whom were buried by our men. The loss of life on their side is stated to be very great.

In anticipation of the retreat of our forces, the rebels had leveled the fences, on both sides of the turnpike, even with the ground, so as to cut them down in the event of their being pursued by our cavalry.

The first stand was made at the Porterfield farm, on the turnpike, near Haynesville, where it was necessary to destroy a barn and carriage house to enable a charge upon the enemy's rear. No conflict was fairce, the rebels standing well up to their work, and finally slowly retreating. Knapsacks and canteens were hastily thrown aside, as incumbrances to a hasty march. They left behind them a number of blankets and other articles of value, indicating a heavy loss on their side.

HAGERSTOWN, July 3.—The following is an official list of the killed and wounded, so far as known, at the skirmish yesterday, opposite Williamsport:

Killed—George Drake, of Milwaukee, attached to Company A, Capt. Bingham, of the Wisconsin Regiment. The name of the second is unknown, but he belonged to Company B, Capt. Hutchell, of the same Regiment. Wounded—James Morgan, severely and M. F. Hamaker, both of Company B, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Jarrett; Fred. Hutching, of Company E, Capt. Bryant, and Fred. Bonner, of Co. G, 11th Pennsylvania Regiment; not severely. There are others wounded that have not yet arrived.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—The following dispatch was read at 2.15 this morning:

Hock River, near Martinsburg, July 2, 1861.

To Lt. Col. R. P. Townsend, Assistant Adjutant General:

I left Williamsport at 6 a. m., to-day, for this place; I drove and routed the rebels, about ten thousand strong, with four guns, and now occupy their camp, with the loss, I regret to say, of three killed and ten wounded. [Signed]

R. PATTERSON, Maj. Gen'l Commanding.

It is said Gen. Beata was so much gratified with this news, that the President was waked from his sleep to receive it. The Cabinet met to-day with more than usual good spirits in consequence.

No troops arrived to-day, and none are expected before the next forty-eight hours.

A thirty pound rifle cannon, just mounted here, is at the railroad station, labelled "Maj. Doubleday, Williamport," and will soon be forwarded.

NEW YORK, July 3.—The steamer Persia arrived this morning with Liverpool advices to the 22d ultimo.

Spain has given a pledge that slavery shall not be introduced into St. Domingo.

A meeting had been held in aid of Anderson, the fugitive slave. He explained the necessity for killing the man so as to escape, and the meeting fully endorsed the act.

The American Minister at Paris has remonstrated against the Southern States being assimilated to Italy in the article recently published in the *Paris and Monitor*.

The Southern Commissioners are in Paris, but the Government will hold no communication except with the Washington Government.

The Paris Bourse was steady; rentes 67f 85c.

There has been no official announcement of the recognition of Italy by France, but there is no doubt of the fact. It is as