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CITY AFFAIRS.

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

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The Quo Warranto and the Little Saw Mill Run Railroad Co.

On Saturday, August 3d, in the Court of Common Pleas, a rule was granted to show cause why a writ of *Quo Warranto* should not issue against George Neeld, President, and Jacob Heaton, Robert Snodgrass, N. P. Fetterman, Alex. King, Wm. Marshall, and J. McCormick, Directors of the Little Saw Mill Run Railroad Company, which rule was made returnable on Saturday, August 10th. The Relator in the case is Wm. Espy, who had held the office of President of said company for several years past; but, at the late election, held on the 26th of July, the stockholders chose as President George Neeld, together with the Directors above named.

Messrs. Woods and MacConnell appeared as counsel for Relator, and Messrs. N. P. Fetterman, G. L. S. Fetterman, and R. T. Hunt appeared for Respondents.

The matter was called up on Saturday for argument, when counsel on behalf of the Respondents read a number of depositions to show that the election was regularly held under the provisions of the charter of incorporation, and according to the custom pursued for years past; that there was no objection made to the election at the time, and that the present Board was elected by a large majority of the Stockholders voting.

The counsel for Relator contended that the elections of this company had not been legally held for years, according to their own showing; that they should have been held under the provisions of the general railroad act of 19th February, 1849, passed a year before the incorporation of this company; that under the general act of 1849, the Directors are required to appoint three stockholders to conduct the election, who shall be duly sworn for that purpose. According to the affidavits presented by Respondents, there had been but two judges of election appointed (Messrs. George R. Cochran and W. H. Hunt) and neither of these had been sworn. These facts were not denied, and counsel for Relator argued that if the company had been acting illegally for ten years past, the greater necessity existed for setting them right now.

The argument made by counsel for Respondents was, that the act of incorporation of the Little Saw Mill Run Railroad Company, passed in 1850, and the general railroad act of 1849, do not harmonize in their provisions, showing conclusively that the legislature did not intend that the provisions of the general law should apply to this company.

The above are the main points in the case. The Court will render a decision in the matter at a subsequent day.

Patriotism of the Pittsburgh Bar.

We had no idea that the legal profession of this city was so largely represented in the army, until our attention was called to the fact by a friend, who kindly furnished us with a list of the names of those members of the Bar who have volunteered. It appears that no less than twenty-six lawyers, regularly admitted to the Bar in this county, have taken up arms in defense of their country, a large proportion of whom are officers—many of them holding high and responsible positions. The list is as follows:

Col. R. Biddle Roberts, 1st Pennsylvania Reserves; Col. Samuel W. Black, Black's Regiment; Lieut. Col. O. H. Rippey, 7th Pennsylvania (three months) Volunteers; Lieut. Col. S. D. Oliphant, 8th Pennsylvania Reserves; Major J. B. Scrainer, Black's Regiment; Major Sam'l A. Purviance, Faymaster Regular Army; Major W. H. Negley, of Gen. Negley's Staff; Captain Alex. Johnson, 17th Infantry, Regular Army; First Lieut. Thomas Williams, 5th Artillery, Regular Army; Captain J. A. Lowrie, Allisippus Rifles, 14th Pennsylvania Volunteers; Captain C. T. Ewing, Pinmmer Guards, 1st Virginia Volunteers; First Lieut. E. H. Ludington, 17th Infantry, Regular Army; Lieut. H. W. Patterson, Adjutant 5th Pennsylvania Volunteers; Lieutenant J. Heron Foster, Washington Infantry, 13th Pennsylvania (three months) Volunteers; Lieut. R. E. Collart, Duquesne Greys, 12th Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteers; Lieut. James McGregor, Shields Guards, 13th Pennsylvania Volunteers; J. Walter Fleming, Postmaster, Washington, Pa., has been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati.

Our Book Table.

The New American Cyclopædia, edited by George Ripley and Charles A. Dana. Vol XII. Mondaigne—Parr. New York D. Appleton & Co. 1861. Agent for Pittsburgh: Henry Miner, Fifth st.

This important work progresses steadily onward, and we shall soon have the pleasure of congratulating the enterprising publishers on the successful completion of the New American Cyclopædia. The accomplished editors, too, will well deserve the grateful recognition of the public for having successfully built up such a monument of laborious industry, in which the learned results of scientific research both of the Old World and of the New, are made accessible to all who refer to these volumes.

One distinguishing and most valuable feature of the New American Cyclopædia, and which justifies its title fully, is the completeness of the department of American biography. Here, for the first time in a work of general reference, the American reader can find the information he wants about the distinguished names which he meets with in the history and literature of his own country.

Military Matters.

The McCullough Guards (named in honor of Henry McCullough, Esq., of Leechburgville) is the title of a new company organized by Capt. Maurice Wallace, a most energetic and competent officer. The company will be attached to Col. Hays' regiment.

Capt. Chas. P. Porter, late First Lieutenant in the Firemen's Legion, is about to organize a new company called the McClellan Infantry. Capt. Porter is a thoroughly drilled officer, having served three years under Gen. McClellan, after whom the company is named. He has already some thirty picked men, and will organize a crack company.

Gen. Howell, of Fayette county, has received an order from the War Department, and a Colonel's commission, to raise a regiment of Light Infantry within thirty days. Already several companies have been offered. His place of rendezvous will be Uniontown, but companies are expected from all the adjoining counties.

Installed.—The Rev. J. Brownson, D. D., late of Washington, Pa., has been installed pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh Female College.

The Sixth Annual Catalogue of this flourishing institution has just been laid upon our table, and we deem this a fitting time to call attention to its claims upon our citizens. An examination of the catalogue is sufficient to convince any one that no Seminary in the land affords greater facilities for acquiring all the elements of a solid and ornamental education, while in some respects it is in advance of any with which we are acquainted. While many institutions during the past year have either suffered a material loss in their patronage, or been compelled to succumb to the financial storm which has swept over the land, the attendance here has gone up to two hundred and thirty-seven, a marked increase over any previous year. From the East and the far West pupils have been gathered within its walls, while at home the patronage has steadily increased.

First class institutions for young ladies and young gentlemen, were for years a desideratum, and their want a reproach to Pittsburgh. We have the one in the Female College, and the Trustees of the University are making vigorous efforts to supply the other. And why not have them here? The healthfulness of Pittsburgh, its accessibility by river and rail, the beauty of our surrounding scenery, and our central location between the East and the West, combine to make this a point eminently fit to build up institutions which shall stand abreast with any in the land. The Female College must ultimately lead all similar institutions, if we may judge from the vigor of its management, and the liberality displayed by its Board of Trustees. Every dollar of the income is expended in that way, that will give the greatest efficiency to the College, and be most beneficial to its pupils. Its management, too, has always been liberal. While kept under moral control, as it certainly should be, nothing of a merely sectarian character, which would disturb the peace or mar the harmony of those gathered within its walls, is ever permitted. None need fear to commit their daughters to the tuition of those placed over its interests.

The Trustees, notwithstanding the pressure in the times, have elected a very full Faculty for the coming year. Many of the teachers are well known in the community, and the few new ones, we are informed, have 7 years of experience, and come with the highest recommendations from parties well known to the Trustees.

Several important steps have been taken which must add greatly to the efficiency and attractiveness of the institution—such as the collection of a Library; a Graduate's Gallery, in which will be placed, from year to year, the likenesses of those who graduate; a Cabinet to which hundreds of specimens have already been donated; an Electro Magnetic Telegraph, and a gallery of Fine Arts.

Several of these facts are novel, not being found in other institutions, but they are moves in the right direction. The Graduate's Gallery will not only be attractive in itself, but a source of pleasure in coming years to those who may come to spend an hour in their *Alma Mater*. The Telegraph will afford to those who wish it an opportunity to become operators, and thus put them in possession of an excellent resource for the future. Young ladies have already been employed as operators, and much additional till at our Telegraph offices, and when so fitting a place to learn as in a Female College? The Gallery of Fine Arts must necessarily accumulate slowly, but a *commencement* has been made, and that we will have a permanent Gallery in the city. The influence upon the young ladies connected with the school, cannot but be exalting and refining.

In giving this extended notice of the College, we are doing a favor to our patrons who have daughters to educate, and a duty to those who have so nobly contributed and labored to build up a first-class institution in our midst. Every Pittsburgher should feel a becoming pride in building up just such institutions in our own city, where we have so large a population and all the elements of future wealth and prosperity. Let us give a chance to others that we not only know how to make money, but also how to expend it in the proper way. Every good enterprise must have the most happy influence on our population and make us better and richer. And let us not only give our means, but send our daughters, where parents can themselves know certainly how good progress they are making. Why "go farther to farn worse?" If parents do not wish their daughters' time to be infringed upon, as is sometimes the case when at home, and want them to learn the value of a well-regulated boarding-school, let them board them in the institution. Let them not then spend their Sabbaths at home, and thus have the double benefit of home influences and the advantages of a boarding-school. If we had no school here, or if it were an inferior one, we would say, send abroad.

Many, and possibly some who have the least occasion to urge it, will plead the stringency of the times; but a few months may bring about a vast change. Should this not be the case, the very pressure of the times is a strong reason for the course indicated. Why doom the child to a life of ignorance, to hoard up for it wealth which one of these financial crises may sweep away in a day. Some who, last year, might have educated their children, but were indifferent about the matter, will this year waste. Far better give the child an education and no wealth, than wealth and no education. And there is no one in even moderate circumstances who may not, with a little economy, give his daughter an education, and thus leave her a reliance for future life.

With unsurpassed buildings—an unusually large and able Faculty—an extensive course of study—and the new features which are being introduced—the College will deserve, and doubtless will receive, a patronage second to none in the land.

The next term will commence Tuesday, September 3d.

A Queer Circular.

We have just seen a circular issued by the Treasurer of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company to the various ticket and freight agents of that Company, directing them hereafter to refuse the notes of all non-paying specie banks. The Company demands gold and silver or the notes of specie-paying banks for all moneys due it.

Such a decision, at such a time as this, is simply preposterous. It is one made by no other road, and must prove ruinous to it in the extreme. The Pennsylvania Road—a road which pays all claims upon it to the perfect satisfaction of its creditors—makes no such exception. It takes the notes of Pennsylvania Banks for its dues, and is apparently glad to get them.

The effect of this demand must be to discredit Pennsylvania paper all along the line of the road. We do not imagine that such was the purpose of the Circular; but such must undoubtedly be its effect.

And the reason given for it is more singular than the order itself. It is alleged that the employees of the Company are subjected to great loss by being paid in the notes of non-specie paying banks, and therefore, to save them from loss, and to order to pay them in gold or its equivalent, the Company have ordered this exaction from the public!

The Company, it seems to us, has grown very timid and considerate towards its employees, all at once. There was a time, and that not very far off, when they were paid in currency, and were glad to get it. When did they become so nice that they must be paid in gold? Or is this new move due entirely to the magnanimity of the Company towards them? If so, we congratulate them on their extra good fortune. The employees of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Road are paid in Pennsylvania paper, and do not complain; but then it is not their luck to be in the employ of a Company so watchful of their interests as the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad Company is of the necessities of those who work for it.

We repeat it: this is not a time for such exactions, and people will not submit to them, if they can help it.

Republican County Committee.

This body met on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock; there being quite a full attendance. A motion was adopted to modify the call so as to invite "the Republican Electors of the County, "and all others in favor of the perpetuity of the "NATIONAL UNION, and maintaining the NATIONAL GOVERNMENT in its efforts to put down "armed rebellion," to attend the primary meetings. The call was also modified so as to strike out the office of County Auditor from the list of candidates to be nominated, and changing the places of meeting of the two Conventions—the Legislative and Judicial Convention to meet at City Hall, and the Convention to nominate County officers to meet at the Court House.

Re-Engagement of Miss Addie Proctor and Mr. S. W. Glenn.—These justly popular stars have been induced to remain at the theatre for another week. To-night they both appear in two of their best characters, and judging from the fine audiences they induced to visit the theatre the past six nights, there is little doubt but the house will be well filled this evening.

Found.—A small sum of money was found on Liberty street, Saturday evening, the owner of which can have the same by applying to Mayor Wilson.

Our Regiments in the Army of the Potomac.

TENNALLYTOWN, D. C., Aug. 8, 1861.

Here is where the regiments in Gen. McCall's Brigade are located. The town is a real, old fashioned country village, containing about two dozen of houses, a hotel, two or three stores and blacksmith shops, a post office, church, school house and the few other essentials of a suburban town. None of the houses are very elegant, but nearly all are neat and comfortable. It is about six miles from Washington, via. Georgetown, and in sight of the Capitol on one side and a rebel flag on the other. It is on the old Fredericktown pike, where the road turns off for Seneca Mills, &c. The Rebels' pickets are said to be within about five miles of us on this side of the river. The hotel in the village contains the Head-quarters of Gen. McCall. It is a neat frame building, and kept in elegant order.

There are now but seven of our regiments here: The Third, Col. Bickles; Sixth, Col. Bickets; Seventh, Col. Hiffery; Eighth, Col. Hays; Ninth, Col. Jackson; Tenth, Col. McCalmont, and Eleventh, Col. Gallagher. All are encamped in or about the town.

The Ninth and their first experience yesterday and night before last, at standing picket guard—and a brilliant experience it was, too. They started from here and marched about three miles up the river, where they joined a Vermont Regiment that extended from that point to the river. From there, the Regiment was stretched about five miles. Many of the boys found it queer new work. Many an amusing incident occurred. A story is told of an officer who took repose under a hay stack. At least his body found a welcome shelter under its friendly covering; but, unfortunately, his lower extremities were permitted to project beyond the circle of his impromptu retreat. When his *steeds*, however, was disturbed, he explained the *exact* protection of his pedals by striking it all to his own amusement.

When he retired he forgot that he was not at a hotel, and left his boots outside to have them blacked, and committed the indiscretion of having his feet sticking in them! But for this indiscretion, he might have soundly slept until calmly dreamed of glory and of triumph, undisturbed by pickets' guns.

The men stood up to their work well and bravely for twenty-four hours, although they became so tired that, on their way back to camp, when Col. Jackson gave the command to "Double quick," it was scarcely given until they were down and asleep on the nearest available spot of ground.

Company D, (the Governmant Guards) while stationed at the forks of the road, in care of Sergeant Mechling, stopped and sent back to Washington a large lot of contraband articles, such as provisions, etc., for the rebel army.

Navy rebel was captured, but one of the pickets, saw what he supposed to be a secessionist, and called a halt. No countersign was given, and picket called out, "Who comes there?" Rebel didn't answer, and picket shot. Rebel fell. Rebel turned out to be a female canine, owned by a very good Union man! *Sic transit gloria canina.*

I have just been shown a letter, dated Washington, July 23d, in the *Dispatch*, of last Monday, said to be from a member of the Pittsburgh Rifles. It is a family letter. The Ninth Regiment was encamped on the outposts of Arlington Heights is not known to any member of the regiment, except "J. C. R." whose letter is in the *Dispatch*. The regiment has never been on that side of the river! As to the *rations*, the statement is in good keeping with the rest of the letter. The part of the letter that refers to the treatment received by the regiment in Baltimore, is not only untrue, but very unkind to the people of that city. I can say, with confidence, that no regiment has yet passed through Pittsburgh and been treated with more kindness and respect than the Ninth was treated in Baltimore. Crowded with viands and receiving lots of presents for the men, in the way of cakes and other provisions, the Ninth would certainly be unjustly to repay the kindness by an insulting philippic, such as the *Dispatch* contains. The ladies came down and showed their friendship by presenting to each regiment some fine, beautiful and rich wreaths for the flag staffs. The treatment throughout, was really excellent. The correspondent of the *Dispatch* had "twenty rounds of cartridges," he was more fortunate in the way of cartridges than provisions, and received at least twenty-seven rounds more than were distributed. As the regiment is, according to the letter before me, to "move down the Potomac to Alexandria," Gen. Scott ought to know about that. He might look for it at Tenallytown where it was ordered, and not find it.

"Whose shall die have I sworn."

Where did "J. C. R." see a rebel picket, and when? Who else saw the captured horse excitement?

It is almost time for the mail to be sent to the office, and I will close with the information that the men in all our Western Pennsylvania regiments are generally well. Very little sickness exists among them. They are in good spirits; and, even with condemned muskets, they are willing and anxious to go into a fight. The men came here to fight, and are determined to do it.

Yours, &c. ALPHA.

Post Office Affairs.

The Department has established post offices at the following points:

Cross Ridge, Indiana county, Pa., Job Pearce, postmaster. Little Toby, Clearfield county, Pa., James McClellan, postmaster. The office at Achey's Corner, Lebanon county, is discontinued.

Appointments—Simon Best, postmaster at Mooresburg, Montour county, Pa., vice Hugh McWilliams; Daniel Rupp, postmaster at Shrewsbury, Cumberland county, Pa., vice Samuel Shireman, resigned; I. M. Rogers, postmaster at Rogersville, Greene county, Pa., vice Samuel Rhinehart, resigned; Edward H. Brown, postmaster at Lyle, Lancaster county, Pa., vice Hermonus Eckman, removed; John Lahens, postmaster at Port Royal, Juniata county, Pa., vice Mrs. Catharine Henderson, removed; Thos. Morrow, postmaster at East Waterford, Juniata county, Pa., vice Andrew J. Ferguson, removed.

SUBSCRIBERS to the *Gazette*, who receive their papers by the different railroad lines, have complained somewhat of late, in consequence of irregularity in the receipt of their packages. We have always been careful to have the papers regularly forwarded, and have heretofore been unable to assign a reason for the delay. Mr. H. Miner, periodical dealer, being similarly annoyed, has issued a circular, in which he states that for a space of time the trains east and west have failed almost daily in making their connections, owing to the heavy demand upon them by the government, for the transportation of troops and munitions of war. The express cars particularly have been so monopolized by the government, that little if any attention can be paid to *even sealed packages*. We hope this explanation will relieve us from any suspicions of negligence in not forwarding the packages.

Ticket Office Removed.—Some two years or more since the Fort Wayne & Chicago Road and the Cleveland & Pittsburgh Road established their ticket office in this city and merged it in that of the Pennsylvania Road. We learn now that the old office has been restored; that hereafter passengers for the west will buy their tickets at the office of the company for running trains to the west. We learn, also, with sincere pleasure, that our valued friend, George Parkin, has been restored to the place he formerly held as the ticket agent of the roads leading west. This is an excellent arrangement, and we are gratified in being able to welcome back our friend to his old position.

Another Warning not to Jump on Cars while in Motion.—Nathan Hendricks, proprietor of what is called the upper mill near Salem, Columbiana county, Ohio, in attempting, on Saturday week last, to jump upon the cars while under full headway, missed his hold and was precipitated upon his head, killing him instantly. Mr. H. had on several occasions, jumped on and off the cars while in motion, and was repeatedly warned of the danger attending it. He was buried on Monday. The deceased was a highly respected citizen, and his death will be generally lamented.

Barn Burnt.—On last Sabbath evening, the barn of Mr. Hugh H. Davis, about 12 miles from Washington, Pa., was burnt to the ground, with its contents. The building was new, we believe, having been but recently erected by Mr. Davis. His entire crop of grain and hay had been stowed away, his wool crop having been removed for that purpose, very fortunately. How the fire originated is a mystery, but it is thought to have been the work of an incendiary. We are informed that Mr. Davis had an insurance upon the property of $1,000, in an eastern office.

The Fourth Annual Exhibition of the Florence Mutual Agricultural Association will be held at Florence, Washington county, on Wednesday and Thursday, September 18th and 19th. We are indebted to the Secretary, S. L. McHenry, Esq., for a copy of the premium list, which is at once liberal and comprehensive.

DIED:

M'SHERRY—At St. Louis, Mo., on the 1st instant, after a brief illness, PATRICK M'SHERRY, formerly of Pittsburgh.

THE LATEST NEWS.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RECEIVED AT THE DAILY GAZETTE OFFICE.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, August 10.—The steamship Quaker City arrived this morning, with the prize schooner George Baker, of Galveston, and her Confederate crew of four men in irons. The schooner was captured by one of the U. S. blockading fleet off Galveston, and sent to New York, with a U. S. crew on board. She was captured, yesterday, off Cape Hatteras, by the rebel privateer York, which put four of her own men on board. In the meanwhile, the York was seen by the U. S. gunboat Union, which gave chase and burnt the privateer, but not until the crew had beached her and made their escape. The Union then recaptured the Baker, made prisoners of her crew and transferred them, to-day, to the Quaker City. The U. S. prize crew are still in the hands of the rebels. Their names are unknown.

A flag of truce came down, this morning, from Norfolk, to make inquiries concerning several Confederate officers whom they supposed to be imprisoned here, among others Col. Pegram.

A few houses remaining in Hampton on Thursday morning have not yet been destroyed by the Confederates, who are now near Great Bethel.

A white woman, an invalid, was burned to death in the great conflagration.

It is reported that one of Magruder's captains penetrated within our line of pickets at Newport News, and declared the place too strong to be attacked.

A thousand rations are now issued to the contrabands at Old Point. Their services are invaluable to Quartermaster Tallmadge, who provides for their various wants; they work with alacrity.

The Captain and mates of the wrecked English bark Glory, from Rio Janario to Baltimore, with a large cargo of coffee, came from Norfolk with a flag of truce. They sympathise strongly with the Confederates, and it is more than probable that the Glory was purposely lost, as the cargo was saved and sold for twice the ordinary price. As an encouragement for this manner of avoiding the blockade, the Confederates paid promptly, and treated the Captain with consideration.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, August 10.

Surgeon Gen. Wood has taken measures for carrying into effect the late act of Congress, adding to the medical staff of the army a corps of cadets, whose duty it shall be to act as dressers in the general hospital, and as ambulance attendants in the field, with the same rank and pay as West Point military cadets. When the applications are favorably considered, the candidates will be examined before a board, and from among those approved by it the selections will be made. It is supposed that these names will answer for entrance to the country. The subject is a difficult one, and may well perplex the wisest financiers. It has two aspects—one for the relief of the government, and the other for the relief of the people. The project of the Merchant's Exchange meeting appears to look only to the relief of the people, and is open to very grave objections. It puts a debt on the shoulders of the new government of some $225,000,000. If the government want the crop, all may go well; but if the blockade be pierced and the prize market, the government has incurred an immense debt without any equivalent, or any means to pay it. To hold the cotton and tobacco over to another season, it is worth little or nothing; for, by that time another crop comes into market and creates such an over supply that neither the old crop nor the new one will bring any prices. The incoming cotton crop of this year may be set down at 4,000,000 bales; of last year 4,000,000, 8,000,000 bales on the market the same season will run the prices down to nothing. The double crop will be worth little or no more than a single one.

If the blockade be raised toward the end of the season, the government has the crop to sell, and must ship it to market. No sensible man expects that it can be got to any large amount from Europe in return. An attempt to draw from Europe $225,000,000 of gold and silver, or half that amount, would, it successful, overthrow the whole financial system of Europe, and so involve the whole civilized world to the centre. The attempt, however, could not succeed. It would be a financial impossibility. The proceeds of the crop must come at last, therefore, to a great extent, in exports for the country. Now, how is this to be practically done? The government must employ agents to sell the crop. It must employ some sort of agencies to turn the proceeds into supplies, to buy the goods and fabrics wanted by the country. This involves the buying by the government, through agents, of so many yards of woolens, and so many bales of domestics, and so many bolts of calicoes, and muslins, and lawns, laces, silks, thread, stockings, hats, shoes, hose, tape, needles; pins; thimbles, &c., &c., &c., without number. And then agents at home must sell out these goods to our retail merchants, or the proceeds will wisand in banking houses in Europe to the credit of the government. It is a fund of exchange to draw on, and the sell to our importing merchants, to enable them to buy and pay for goods. In either mode it involves the loss to government in an immense trade in goods, or an immense banking business. Such are some of the practical difficulties in the way.—*Memphis* [Tenn.] *Bulletin, Aug. 2.*

From Gen. Banks' Command.

SANDY HOOK, Md., Friday, August 9.—General Stone has been assigned a separate command, to be stationed at the Point of Rocks, where it is presumed the rebels intend ultimately to establish a strong battery, to intercept transportation of supplies and troops from Baltimore to the Lower Potomac.

Col. Hamilton, of the Third Wisconsin, has been appointed to the command of the Third Brigade of this Division, in place of Gen. Stone, transferred to the Point of Rocks.

The report of yesterday, purporting that two rebel regiments, with six guns, were approaching from Leesburg towards the Point of Rocks, is discredited. That point is now guarded by the New York Twenty-Eighth, Col. Donnelly, strengthened by detachments from other regiments. The section of Virginia opposite the Point of Rocks, through which the enemy must pass to attack us, is thoroughly scouted, day and night.

CAIRO, August 9.—Three hundred rebel cavalry were in the vicinity of Charleston, thirteen miles from here, on yesterday. After two or three hours' stay, they fell back upon New Madrid.

Four regiments of rebel troops left Union City on Wednesday for New Madrid, leaving, with the exception of one or two detached companies, the Tennessee camp deserted.

Captain Reobald, of the Chicago Union Cadets, has been appointed by Gen. Fremont to superintend the rifled cannon.

The warehouse at Price's Landing, near Edwardsville, twenty-five miles above here, was burned on yesterday by troops from Cape Girardeau. A large lot of corn and sixty mules belonging to the Secessionists were captured.

THE FLOOD ALONG THE HEMPFIELD.—The *Wheeling Intelligencer*, of Saturday, says: The Hempfield Railroad sustained considerable damage by the flood of Thursday evening. A great deal of quantity of water was never known to fall in so short a space of time. The bridge of the Hempfield road was swept away a short distance east of Triadelphia, and great piles of earth were washed down upon the track. Fences, out-houses, &c., were scattered and carried away. The train from Washington yesterday morning was not able to reach Triadelphia. The passengers and freight were conveyed down to the village by omnibusses, and a locomotive was sent up from this city to bring them down. In Washington there was no rain of any consequence—not even enough to lay the dust.

NOT TRUE.—The Meadville *Republican* denounces the statement, largely circulated in the Republican papers of this section, that a company of soldiers was drilling in Randolph township of that county, with the avowed intention of marching to aid the secessionists, as an infamous slander upon the people of the township last named. We thought so, at the time.

ADMITTED.—On motion of C. W. Robb, Esq., W. L. M'Glinn, Esq., was admitted to practice as an attorney in the Courts over which Judge M'Clure presides. Mr. M'Glinn passed a highly creditable examination, and gives promise of a useful and prosperous future.

DOCTOR C. BAHR, Water Cure and Homepathic Physician, also agent for Rainbow's celebrated Truss for Ruptures. Corner of Penn and Wayne Streets.

DENTISTRY.—Dr. C. Sill, No. 146 Penn st., attends to all branches of the Dental profession.

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

COLUMBO ROOT—5 bags for sale by B. A. FAHNESTOCK & CO., corner Fifth and Wood sts.

New Orleans, August 10.—The Washington report that Lieut. Walter H. Stephens, formerly of the Federal Engineers, now in the Confederate army, is a defaulter, is generally discredited.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The I. & M. Telegraph Company's line, connecting Keokuk, Montrose and Fort Madison, Iowa, direct, with Chicago and the East, was completed to-day.

LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, August 9, 1861.

More Brigadiers.

Cols. Lucius Bleaker, A. Henry, W. Slocum and Major James S. Wadsworth, of the volunteers; Major John J. Peck, late of the United States Army, and John H. Martingale and Prof. O. M. Mitchell, of the Dudley Observatory, both graduates at West Point, have been appointed Brigadier Generals from New York.

An Engagement on the Potomac.

On Wednesday night a rebel craft, the Geo. Paige, carrying six guns, attempted to run out of Acquia Creek. She was at once engaged by the ice-boat, and after exchanging some shots, was forced to retreat up the creek, somewhat damaged. The ice-boat was not struck.

Rebel Batteries.

It is reported that batteries are being erected by the rebels at White House Point. On Wednesday night four boat-loads of armed men were seen by the schooner to cross from the Maryland shore.

Gen. M'Clellan in Virginia.

Gen. M'Clellan has passed to-day and yesterday in Virginia, in the neighborhood of the Chain Bridge, for the defense of the city at that point is being greatly strengthened.

More Prisoners.

Four men captured by Lieut. Greene, of the Second Cavalry, a few days ago, about four miles from the Chain Bridge in Virginia, were brought to this city and committed to the county jail. They are charged with conveying information to the rebels.

Probable Resignation of Senators Breckinridge and Powell and Representative Burnett.

It is stated here by friends of Senators Breckinridge and Powell and representative Burnett, of Kentucky, that they will resign, since Kentucky has administered so severe a rebuke to them. They will find less toleration for their treasonable sentiments in Kentucky than even in Baltimore.

A Practical Southern View of the Confiscation Resolutions.

The substance of the resolutions adopted a few days since at the Merchant's Exchange is, that the government buy the whole cotton and tobacco crop, at an average of ten cents per pound for cotton, and seven cents for tobacco, and pay for the same by issuing its bonds and treasury notes to the planters. It is supposed that these issues will answer for currency for the country. The subject is a difficult one, and may well perplex the wisest financiers. It has two aspects—one for the relief of the government, and the other for the relief of the people. The project of the Merchant's Exchange meeting appears to look only to the relief of the people, and is open to very grave objections. It puts a debt on the shoulders of the new government of some $225,000,000. If the government want the crop, all may go well; but if the blockade be pierced and the prize market, the government has incurred an immense debt without any equivalent, or any means to pay it. To hold the cotton and tobacco over to another season, it is worth little or nothing; for, by that time another crop comes into market and creates such an over supply that neither the old crop nor the new one will bring any prices. The incoming cotton crop of this year may be set down at 4,000,000 bales; of last year 4,000,000, 8,000,000 bales on the market the same season will run the prices down to nothing. The double crop will be worth little or no more than a single one.

If the blockade be raised toward the end of the season, the government has the crop to sell, and must ship it to market. No sensible man expects that it can be got to any large amount from Europe in return. An attempt to draw from Europe $225,000,000 of gold and silver, or half that amount, would, if successful, overthrow the whole financial system of Europe, and so involve the whole civilized world to the centre. The attempt, however, could not succeed. It would be a financial impossibility. The proceeds of the crop must come at last, therefore, to a great extent, in exports for the country. Now, how is this to be practically done? The government must employ agents to sell the crop. It must employ some sort of agencies to turn the proceeds into supplies, to buy the goods and fabrics wanted by the country. This involves the buying by the government, through agents, of so many yards of woolens, and so many bales of domestics, and so many bolts of calicoes, and muslins, and lawns, laces, silks, thread, stockings, hats, shoes, hose, tape, needles; pins; thimbles, &c., &c., &c., without number. And then agents at home must sell out these goods to our retail merchants, or the proceeds will wisand in banking houses in Europe to the credit of the government. It is a fund of exchange to draw on, and the sell to our importing merchants, to enable them to buy and pay for goods. In either mode it involves the loss to government in an immense trade in goods, or an immense banking business. Such are some of the practical difficulties in the way.—*Memphis* [Tenn.] *Bulletin, Aug. 2.*

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

(Reported especially for the Pittsburgh Gazette.)

PITTSBURGH, SATURDAY, August 10, 1861.

FLOUR—unchanged. The demand continues light and the transactions are entirely restricted to small lots. Sales 30 bbls Spring and Winter Wheat Family at $4.75@5.25; 75 do do at $4.50@4.75; 20 do do at $5; 25 do Fancy at $5.50; 25 do Family at $4.50@5.25.

GROCERIES—in regular demand while prices are steady and fully maintained; sale of 20 hhds Sugar at 5¼@5¾ bags Coffee at 18¼@19c; 25 bbls Molasses at 37c; 1 bbl Penna Syrup at 35c.

BACON—sides but unchanged; sale of 2,000 lbs Shoulders at 6¼c; 1,000 do at 6¾c; 2,000 do Plain Hams at 8½c.

GRAIN—Corn is in good demand; sale of 250 bush Bar at 47c ₱ bush; 500 do prime Yellow at 48c. Oats dull and lower; sale of 100 bush from store at 22c. Wheat—Sale of 800 bush Red (new crop) at 90c ₱ bush.

HAY—in light supply; sale from scales of 4 loads at $7@9 ₱ ton.

SALT—Sale of 250 bbls No 1 Extra at $1.15 ₱ bbl.

BROOMS—Sale of 5 doz Small Fancy at $1.25 ₱ doz.

DRIED BEEF—Sale of 300 lbs Sugar Cured at 11c ₱ lb.

WHISKY—quiet but firm; we note small sales of Common at 17@18c ₱ gall.

CHEESE—unchanged, with small sales of W Res at 6¾@7 ₱ lb.

HOMEWARD AND COMMERCIAL.

WOOL AT PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9.—The new clip comes in slowly, and the market is more active; the demand, however, is mainly for the low and medium grades, suitable for army clothing, which are held higher prices, with a moderate business to note in consequence to quarter and half blood at from 38 to 45c cash; the wash continues dull and neglected.—*North American.*

BALTIMORE CITTER MARKET, Aug. 10.—The Coffee market continues very firm, and although it is wanted by the trade, still the high rates named by holders restricted transactions. The only sale of importance to note was 178 bags Rio at 16½c. The stock of Rio on hand is first hands does not exceed 12,000 bags. The market may be quoted as closing firm at 16@16½c for fair to good Rio; 15c for prime do; Laguayra at 15@15½, and Java at 19@20 ₱ lb.

CHICAGO FLOUR AND GRAIN MARKET, August 9.—The offerings of flour were very light, and holders were nothing higher prices. We note sales of 1600 bbls spring extra at $4.15@4.20; 400 bbls medium to choice extras, and $5.35 for Spring patent flour.

The wheat market is firm at yesterday's quotations for fall, closing at 90c; higher on No 1 Red Winter. About 100,000 bushels of all kinds changed hands, at 83@90c for No 2 Red; 74@77c for No 3 Spring; 71@74½c for No 2 Spring, and 61@62c for No 3 Spring.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, BY WAYNE RAILROAD—August 10—7 bbl vinegar, Wm Semmeo; Rail Road—August 9—1 bbl Penna Syrup, Wm Bell; 13 do apples, Jas Scurran; Harrod & Co; 1 do do, Hervey Wolfe & Dell; 1 car load shingles, J Lang; 15 bbls Q S Stamm & Co; 25 do do, Wm Semmeo & Co; 2 do do, J L Noble & Co; 2 do do, Wm Semmeo & Co; 2 do do, Wm Semmeo & Co; 2 do do, Wm Semmeo