Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 19.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the *Gazette*, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, 55 Fifth street, corrected daily:

	IN SUN	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	60	70
12 " M.	60	68
6 " P. M.	60	69
Barometer,		29 6-10

Pennsylvania Post Offices.

Establishments.—East Canton, Bradford county, Warren Landon post master. On the route from Canton to Towanda, and next to Alba. One hundred families will thus receive regular tri-weekly mail facilities.

Stanton, Jefferson county, James Hill post master. This is directly on two routes—Indiana to Brookville and Brookville to Mahoning. There are one hundred and fifty families within two miles, who will receive regular mail accommodations thereby.

The name of the office Narrows, Pike county, is changed to "Field Bend," and James Cameron appointed post master, vice Albert W. Pellett, resigned.

Appointments.—Henry Mickley, postmaster, Cashtown, Adams county, vice Judge Shank, resigned.

Alonzo Buffum, post master, Crossingville, Crawford county, vice Hugh J. Sweeney, resigned.

George H. Daniels, post master, White Mills, Wayne county, vice Asher M. Atkinson, resigned.

Hospital Supplies.

The Subsistence Committee acknowledge contributions from the following persons for the hospitals of our western armies: Mrs. W. J. Howard, Mrs. G. A. Anderson, Miss L. Simpson, Messrs. J. G. Backofen & Son, Mrs. B. Bughman, Mrs. Dr. Campbell, Mrs. F. E. Vols, Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. D. Holmes, Mrs. Wallingford, Miss R. Sherridan, Miss H. A. Sandal, Dr. James Furgeson, of Temperanceville; 1 box sundries from the Unionville and Centre Avenue Soldiers' Aid Soc'ty; 5 packages from the German Ladies' Soc'ty, of the Trinity Church; also, contributions in cash from Mrs. Frisbee, $5; Mrs. P. G. Coo'y, $5; Miss Maleum, $1; collections in Second Presbyterian Church, $50; St. Paul's Cathedral, $100.

The Committee have sent, during this week, 6 boxes of hospitals supplies to the hospitals near Yorktown and Fortress Monroe, and are now busily making ready articles to be forwarded as soon as needed.

A Curiosity.

In boring for oil in the deep gulch just above New Cumberland, Hancock county, Va., last week, at the depth of some hundred feet the workman suddenly struck a reservoir of gas, causing the water to spout out of the orifice to the height of forty feet or more. The stream, some three inches in diameter, appears to be intermittent at intervals of about two minutes, and the gas makes its appearance in the water of the run for a considerable distance around. The water is clear, cool, and fresh, and spouting has all the appearance of a natural fountain of most beautiful proportions. There are also indications of oil. The spectacle is a great curiosity in that region and attracts crowds of admirers. The well is being opened by James Stevenson.

NEW YORK WEEKLIES.—Mr. John P. Hunt, Masonic Hall, Fifth street, Pittsburgh, and corner Federal street and South Common, Allegheny city, has received *The New York Illustrated News* and *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, the latter of which is a splendid double number, and the former, though not a double number, seems to have a double allowance of illustration spreading from page to page, a war panorama showing the repulse of the rebels at Corinth.

SUICIDE.—On Monday, Dowalt Smith, a farmer, living near Freeburg, in Washington township, Stark county, Ohio, shot himself. The muzzle of the gun was placed under his chin, and the ball passed out at the top of his head. He formerly resided at Canton. He was aged about sixty years.

Fort Pillow.

Where is Fort Pillow? The papers make dreadful work in regard to the location of Fort Pillow. No two of them, so far as I have seen, agree as to its location. The New York *Tribune*, of Thursday, has a cut showing its fortifications and locality, and places it immediately above Memphis, say one or two miles from the city. The Cincinnati *Gazette* locates it about twelve miles above Memphis; while the New York *World* says it is about forty miles above the city. It is astonishing what mistakes, as to Geography, some of our papers do make, as well as in regard to other matters connected with the war.

Fort Pillow is above Fort Randolph, some ten miles—between that and Fulton—while Fort Randolph is some *sixty miles above Memphis*, by the river. There is a Fort Pillow, of recent construction, just above Memphis, and also another one, or was, so-called, but a few miles below the Kentucky line, and back some distance from the river; but the Fort Pillow now being attacked by Com. Foote and Gen. Pope is, as above stated, some seventy miles above Memphis, and at the first of the Chickasaw Bluffs.

FROM YESTERDAY'S EVENING GAZETTE.

Frightful Accident to a Minister.

On Saturday last, Rev. Mr. Shaffer, of Washington, Pa., accompanied by a little son aged six years, was ascending the mountain four miles east of Uniontown, in a buggy, when the horse took fright at a rock on the way side, and suddenly backing the buggy, endangered its precipitation over the bank. To prevent this Mr. Shaffer jumped out and caught the horse by the head, when the infuriated animal, after dragging him a hundred yards or more, dashed him to the ground, leaving him in an unconscious state. The horse continued his flight down the road about half a mile. The little boy was thrown out in the road, some twenty yards from a bridge over a ravine called the "Turkey's nest," at the end of which the horse and buggy pitched over an almost perpendicular embankment, some twenty or thirty feet among the rocks. Strange to say, the horse was not killed, but seemed next day to be but little the worse of it. The buggy was, of course, considerably "smashed up." As soon as Mr. Shaffer recovered his consciousness, which was several minutes after his fall, he pursued the runaway horse and found his little son lying in the road with his thigh broken; and after the excitement was over, he discovered that one or two of his own ribs were broken, and sundry bruises on his arm and shoulder.

They were brought back to Uniontown and are now hospitably cared for at the house of Mr. James T. Redburn.

It is rather a remarkable fact, too; that the horses ran off with the hack a short distance this side of Brownsville, on Monday, when Mrs. Shaffer was coming to see her afflicted family, but without doing serious injury.

Rev. Dr. Plumer.

Some unpleasant feeling has been excited among the members of the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, owing to the fact that their pastor, Rev. Dr. Plumer, refused to read the late proclamation of the President, on Sabbath last, although specially requested to do so. The matter has occasioned considerable gossip and speculation outside the congregation, but we have heretofore refrained from alluding to it. We mention it now simply to state that the congregation has taken, or is about to take, action in the premises, and as the case is much more suitable for a church court than for the public press, we are willing to leave it in their hands.

A CASE OF CONSCIENCE.—A merchant at Uniontown, Fayette county, recently received the following note: "Enclosed you will find twenty-five dollars, being amount and principal and interest of money appropriated by me from your drawer when a boy in your store." Such examples are rare in these days. If every body would take a notion to return what he had wrongfully attained, with interest, many honest and unsuspecting people would be wonderfully surprised.

The Custom House Case.

A week or two since we called attention to the large claim which the Government had against John Hastings, Collector of Customs at this port during the administration of President Pierce, growing out of an alleged robbery of the Custom House of upwards of $10,000. The case was brought to the notice of Mr. Carnahan, United States Attorney for this district, who declared his inability to proceed in the collection of the claim, owing to the fact that he had been unable to obtain the necessary documents from the Treasury Department.

We learn to-day that Mr. Carnahan has received from Secretary Chase a certified copy of the account of Mr. Hastings, together with other documents pertaining to the case, and that suit will be immediately instituted in the United States Circuit Court for the amount due the Government. The deficiency exhibited in the account of Mr. Hastings is $11,905,-34, to which will have to be added interest from the 19th of June, 1858. The suit will be instituted against Mr. Hastings and his sureties, Messrs. Elijah Heath and Lyman Wilmarth.

In our first notice of this case, we gave the name of William Bigler as one of the sureties, which was incorrect—Mr. Wilmarth being the party. The amount of the bond is $10,000, and is consequently somewhat less than the claim of the Government.

The Widening of Virgin Alley--The Viewers Report Against It.

The Viewers appointed in the matter of the widening of Virgin alley, filed their report in the District Court to-day, in accordance with the act of assembly. They report adversely to the proposed improvement, for the reason that the same is not necessary for the public convenience. The report was confirmed nisi, and unless exceptions are filed within ten days it will be confirmed absolutely.

The Board of Viewers was composed of five of our most worthy citizens, Messrs. Thomas Bakewell, John Bissell, N. Holmes, W. J. Howard and L. Wilcox. They have carefully investigated the whole matter, and their judgment is entitled to the highest consideration. They found that the expense which the widening of Virgin alley would necessary entail upon the property holders, would foot up an aggregate of at least $150,000, while it would cost the city some two or three thousand dollars to collect this amount. Exceptions may be filed to the report, but the parties interested generally regard this as a finality, and that the project will be "indefinitely postponed." John N. M'Clowery, Esq., who represented the interests of those opposed to the measure, is entitled to credit for the diligence with which he labored in their behalf.

Our Book Table.

The Way to Life. Sermons by Thomas Guthrie, D. D., Author of "The Gospel in Ezekiel," "Saints' Inheritance," etc., New York: Robert Carter & Brothers, 1862. Pittsburgh: Robert S. Davis, 93 Wood street.

The volume before us contains twenty-one sermons, so arranged in serial order as to form in due succession the chapters of a book, having for its subject the sublime and all-important theme enunciated in the above title. To those of our readers who have already had the advantage and happiness of acquaintance with Dr. Guthrie's writings, we know that a single word of commendation of any new work of his need not be written. His name on the title page is to all such sufficient evidence that a book of no ordinary kind is in their hands. But for the benefit of those who have yet to form so profitable and desirable an acquaintance, we say that the present volume will admirably serve for an introduction to one of the greatest and most eloquent of the pulpit orators of Great Britain—one on whom, we are almost tempted to say, the mantle of his countryman Chalmers seems to have fallen,—so rich, various, and powerful are his writings—in all the noble characteristics of searching and soaring thought, felicitous expression, and apt and affluent illustration. It is, therefore, with great pleasure we invite attention to the publication of this excellent volume.

Holy Thursday--Good Friday.

Yesterday being Holy Thursday, St. Paul's Cathedral was handsomely decorated for the impressive ceremonies of the day, consisting of a Pontifical High Mass, celebrated by Bishop Domenec and the clergy of the city and vicinity. The holy oils to be used during the year were blessed and the Blessed Sacrament was deposited, with solemn ceremonies, in a richly decorated repository where it remains until this evening. The altar was, on this occasion, beautifully illuminated with thousands of gas jets, producing a most brilliant effect. The convent, on Webster street, was also a gorgeous sight, and beautiful beyond a profuse display of flowers. To-day, Good Friday, the Cathedral is open for the ceremonies commemorative of the death of Christ. In the evening the Devotion of the Way of the Cross commences, followed by a sermon on the Passion and Death of Christ.

Bishop Domenec Going to Rome.

The *Catholic* contains the following official announcement:

"In compliance with the invitation of the Holy Father, the Rt. Rev. Bishop will proceeds to Rome, to assist, on Whitsunday, at the canonization of the Martyrs of Japan. He begs the prayers of the clergy and faithful of the Diocese, for his safe journey and prosperous return. Though absent in body, he will be with them in spirit, and he trusts that his spirit to the shrine of the Apostles, will be attended with spiritual benefits for himself and flock."

VERDICT AGAINST A RAILROAD COMPANY.—Jesse Smith has obtained a verdict for $600 against the Cleveland and Pittsburgh Railroad Company, for damages sustained by his daughter, whose foot was cut off by a train on said road, about two years ago, in Manchester. While crossing the track, in front of the train, her foot caught between a rail and a piece of plank, in which position it was held firmly until the wheels passed over it. The company was not to blame, but the jury considered that they should at least pay the expenses incurred in medical treatment, nursing, etc. The girl is now sixteen years of age, and crippled for life.

BURGLARY.—The residence of Col. David Campbell, on Western avenue, Allegheny, was entered a night or two since, by boring out a panel from a door in the rear of the building. The thieves ate a lunch, and decamped without taking anything but a stereoscope. This dwelling has been visited several times by thieves since Col. Campbell went to the wars.

A FIGHT occurred on Thursday night, at Nicholl's tavern, in the Diamond, Allegheny, between the proprietor and a man named Fenwick. Officer Long happened to be in the vicinity, and the combatants were arrested and fined $5 each by Mayor Drum.

TAKEN PRISONER.—Dr. Wm. McClelland, formerly of this city, was taken prisoner by the rebels at the battle of Pittsburgh Landing. He was in Gen. Prentiss' command, acting in the capacity of surgeon to a regiment from Nebraska.

THE stable attached to the Clinton House, at Uniontown, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday night. It contained twenty horses, all of which were gotten out safely.

DIED:

STEWART—Thursday afternoon, ELIZABETH STEWART, in the 18th year of her age.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 o'clock, from the residence of her father, William Stewart, No. 600 Penn street.

HOLMES—On Thursday afternoon, Mr. DAVID HOLMES, in the 56th year of his age.

Funeral from his late residence, No. 109 Penn street, on SATURDAY, the 19th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m.

DR. JAMES W. ALEXANDER'S NEW VOLUME—FAITH—a series of Discourses, by James W. Alexander, D. D.
THE WAY TO LIFE, by Thomas Guthrie, D. D., author of "Gospel in Ezekiel," etc.
AIDS TO FAITH, an answer to Essays and Reviews, by Thompson, Mansel, Rawlinson, Ellicott, and others. For sale by
ap16 R. S. DAVIS, 93 Wood street.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S PICKLES—20 dozen quarts and pints Cherkins, Chow Chow, Piccolilli, Cauliflower, Onions, Mixed, Walnuts. Also, Mushroon and Walnut Ketchup, Harvey, John Bull, Worcestershire and Sultana Sauces, just received and for sale, wholesale and retail, by
JOHN A. RENSHAW,
ap17 Corner Liberty and Hand streets.

CHOICE TEAS.—100 half chests Black and Green Teas, including some of the finest crops Oolong, English Breakfast, Young Hyson and Gun Powder Teas, in the market, for sale, at a small advance on importer's prices, by the chest, early or eight pound. JNO. A. RENSHAW,
ap17 Corner Liberty and Hand streets.

Rev. Mr. Plumer, Rev. Dr. Plumer,

THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

PARSON BROWNLOW IN PHILADELPHIA.

Secretary Stanton Not Resigned.

THE EMANCIPATION COMMISSION.

General Stone's Arrest.

SLAVE-CATCHING IN THE DISTRICT.

&c., &c., &c.

[Special Dispatch to the Gazette.]

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—The celebrated Parson Brownlow spoke one hour in front of Independence Hall this morning. Great crowds were assembled, who heard with loud applause. The citizens here are going to present him with a power press. He will return with the Union armies to Knoxville, and re-establish the Knoxville *Whig*. He goes to Bordentown, N. J., to-morrow, as the guest of Mr. Childs, his publisher, to finish the preparation of his book.

I am able, on high authority, to pronounce the rumor of Secretary Stanton's resignation as entirely unfounded. It is merely hotel rumor.

Carl Schurz is severely ill of typhoid fever in Washington.

Surprise is expressed in Washington at the nomination of Berrett, the ex-Mayor, on the commission under the Emancipation Law, in the District. Goodloe and Vinton will be confirmed undoubtedly. Doubts are expressed of that of Berrett.

The *Herald's* statement that Gen. Stone's arrest was caused by Sumner is untrue. He was as much surprised as any one when he heard of the arrest.

Mrs. Buell has received a dispatch from her husband, stating that he was not injured at the battle of Shiloh.

The capture of Hollins is contradicted.

The Emancipation bill in the District took effect immediately. Slaves are now free; still the slave-catchers visit the District and city as formerly, bearing old alleged fugitives. Great indignation is expressed at these proceedings.

The Reserve Corps of Pennsylvania were lately paid off. The Second Regiment, acting Col. McCandless, had to employ force to protect the sutlers.

Gen. Cameron is at home. Butler merely desired to test the constitutional question, and did not arrest or require bonds. Mr. Wall, in a letter to the *Tribune*, denies any intention to commit an assault upon Mr. Cameron.

The President has signed the bill appropriating money to build iron-clad vessels, including the Stevens' battery.

The Military Committee of both Houses are satisfied of the impolicy of stone fortifications. It will recommend a committee to examine the whole subject and report. R.

Affairs in Arkansas.

FORSYTH, Mo., April 13.—A special correspondence of the St. Louis Democrat says:

Judge Murphy and Dr. Johnson, of Huntsville, Arkansas, arrived at Gen. Curtis' headquarters last night, having been obliged to fly from their homes since the battle of Pea Ridge, by threats made against them by a band of Texan Rangers.

Judge Murphy was the only member of the Arkansas Seceding Convention whose vote was cast against the secession of the State.

At Huntsville the Union men are depressed with gloom, not being aware of the recent Union victories, no mails having been received since Price's flight from Springfield.

It was proclaimed by the rebels that Price had retaken Springfield and surrounded Curtis; that Pike and his Indians had whipped Hunter; that the federals were repulsed with great loss at Island No. 10, and were falling back along the whole line, and that Jeff. Davis was about to head 400,000 troops to invade Maryland and the Northern States. These assertions were generally believed, as no one had the hardihood to dispute their falsity.

The Judge gives much information of interest relative to Arkansas matters.

Gov. Rector is bitter and foolish. He called an extra session of the legislature, but it was three weeks before a quorum was present. In his message he recommended an act to be passed, punishing with heavy fine any person who even expressed doubt of the success of the Confederate armies, and that a second offence be declared felony. An act was passed imposing a tax of thirty dollars per bale on cotton, thus favoring the production of grain to the discouragement of cotton raising.

Col. Wright, of the 68th Mo., Cavalry, returned to Cassville, on the evening of the 9th, having made a successful expedition with four companies of his command through the southwestern corner of the State. All the jayhawking bands in that vicinity were dispersed. Several skirmishes took place, which resulted in the death of several prominent rebels. One hundred and twenty-five prisoners were captured, all of whom, except the leaders and some twenty-five, were released on taking the oath of allegiance. A number of horses were captured, together with 122 head of cattle, 327 bushels of wheat, and 4,500 pounds of bacon. All the rebel gangs not captured, were driven by Col. Wright down to Standivaty, a point on the line of the Indian Territory, twenty five miles below Neosho.

It is reported a body of rebels, six hundred strong, are encamped between Cowston and Buffalo creek, and Pike is at the head of 1,500 Indians, 15 miles below.

From New Mexico.

ST. LOUIS, April 18.—The correspondence of the Missouri *Republican*, dated Apache, New Mexico, between Santa Fe and Fort Union, March 30th, says that Col. Slough's column, 1,300 strong, has advanced to Hagan's ranche, 25 miles north of Santa Fe, where they encountered the enemy, (strength not known,) and immediately engaged them. Maj. Crittenden, of the 1st regiment of Colorado volunteers, and two companies of U. S. infantry, under Capt. Lewis, were sent to the mint to fall upon the rear to fall upon them. Col. Slough, according to programme, gave way gradually, which left the supply train of the rebels unsupported, which Maj. Crittenden and Capt. Lewis easily captured, together with about fifty loaded wagons, which were burned, and twenty prisoners and one 2-pound howitzer, taken from us at Fort Craig, which was spiked by our troops. Colonel Slough's command then fell back to a strong position. Our trophies are 100 prisoners, privates and officers, 50 loaded wagons burned, one piece of artillery of the enemies spiked, from 100 to 200 killed and wounded, one Major, two Captains, &c.

Our loss is about 18 or 20 killed, including Lieut. Baker, Colorado volunteers, and 30 or 40 wounded. Three of our officers were also wounded. It is supposed that the rebel Gen. Sebley will advance upon Col. Slough, commanding, with his entire force from 2000 to 5000 strong, and that Col. Slough will fall back upon the trenches at Depot Union.

At last accounts Col. Cranby had not left Fort Craig. With Col. Craig commanding it is believed he can hold Fort Union against any force the rebels can bring against it. The whole command engaged on our side behaved with signal gallantry and coolness, both volunteers and regulars.

Post Script—March 31.—Ninety-five prisoners, with eleven officers of the rebel army, have just passed under an escort, and will arrive at Fort Union to-night or early in the morning.

Col. Slough's entire command has fallen back to Bengal Springs, 44 miles from Fort Union and within supporting distance.

The Capture of Fort Pulaski.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The following was received at the War Department, to-day, from Gen. Hunter, commanding the federal forces in South Carolina:

PORT ROYAL, S. C., April 16—*Via Sandy Hook, April* 18.—We opened our batteries on Fort Pulaski on the morning of the 10th; After thirty hours continuous firing a practicable breach was made, and all preparations for storming it was about to commence, when the rebel flag was struck. We captured 47 guns, 7,000 shot and shells, 40,000 pounds of powder, 250 prisoners, with their small arms and accoutrements, and a good supply of provisions. One of our men was killed and not one wounded.

XXXVIIth CONGRESS—FIRST SESSION.

WASHINGTON, April 18, 1862.

SENATE.—The bill to establish a Land Office in Colorado was taken up and passed.

Mr. Hale, of New Hampshire, from the Special Committee appointed in July last, to inquire into the destruction of the property of the Government at the Navy Yards at Pensacola and Norfolk, and the armory at Harper's Ferry, made a voluminous report, which was ordered to be printed.

Mr. Harris, of New York, introduced a bill increasing the salaries of surveyors of ports at Albany and Troy, New York. He explained that this bill dispensed with several officers at these ports, and increased the compensation of the surveyors. That the business of the Government could be attended to as efficiently by them, in place of the seven officers now employed, while the saving of three or four thousand dollars would be effected. The bill was referred.

Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, introduced a resolution calling on the Superintendent of the Census for the names of all persons who own slaves in this District, the ages of the slaves, and other information relating to them. Agreed to.

Mr. King, of New York, presented four petitions in favor of a bankrupt law.

Mr. McDougal, of Cal., introduced a resolution calling on the Secretary of the Interior for a statement of the amount paid for legal services by the Government in suits in California during the last four years; and also, during the same period in Mexico, and for what special service the said sums were paid. The resolution was passed.

The bill establishing an armed mail steamship from San Francisco to Shanghai, touching at the Sandwich Islands and Japan, the vessel to be commanded by a Lieutenant of the Navy, was taken up.

Mr. Sumner, of Mass., briefly opposed the bill, as causing expenditures not warranted during the present war.

Mr. Latham, of Cal., favored the bill, as one of real economy, and compared it to our Pacific squadron with that of Great Britain in the North Pacific, and argued that this armed steamship line would increase our naval strength in those waters. He urged its vast importance in a commercial view.

Pending a vote on the bill, the hour for the special order arrived.

Mr. Howard, of Mich., addressed the Senate on the bill to confiscate the property and free the slaves of rebels.

Mr. Howard made a lengthy and able speech in favor of the confiscation bill, which was then laid aside, and the San Francisco and China Mail Steamship Company bill again considered. Pending a vote on the bill the Senate adjourned till Monday.

HOUSE.—The House passed the bill making further appropriations for certain civil expenditures including, $50,000 for the completion of the west wing of the Treasury Department.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the private calendar. Among the bills taken up was one which was reported by Mr. Ward, authorising the Secretary of the Treasury to change the name of the vessel John Furrow, owned in New York, to that of Excelsior. The bill was passed.

From the Army of the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The following was received here at 6:50 this evening:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, April 18, 1862.

An official report was received at Headquarters, giving a list of the killed and wounded in the engagement between the 3d Vermont regiment and the enemy, on Wednesday, mention of which was made yesterday.

The information, so far as received, puts the killed at 33, and the wounded at 90, ten of which will probably prove fatal.

The conduct of the Vermont troops on the occasion is spoken of in the highest terms, earning for the Green Mountain boys laurels they seem to be won by the brave. They drove a superior number of the enemy from their fortified position, but were forced to relinquish it on the rebels being reinforced.

The loss of the enemy in this engagement must have been heavy, as the well directed fire of our artillery mowed them by acres.

Yesterday afternoon, Lieut. O. B. Wagner, of the Topographical Engineers, in company with a squad of men, was making a survey of the enemy's work, a shell struck the table on which lay the papers, and instantly on exploding, the left arm of the Lieutenant was shattered, and afterwards amputated. He is comfortable this morning, and no fears are entertained as to his recovery.

Jos. Luther, Jr., of Bristol, belonging to the second Rhode Island regiment, was probably fatally injured.

Daniel Painter, of Berdan's sharpshooters, mentioned yesterday, is dead.

About one o'clock this morning, the enemy, in force, attempted to cross the dam in front of our works, evidently with the view of capturing a battery of our artillery which had given them considerable trouble during the last few days. On the rebels making their appearance, they were opened upon by a well directed fire from a body of infantry, acting as reserves to the pickets, forcing them to beat a retreat, leaving their dead and wounded on the dam, which they succeeded in recovering before daylight. Both parties then opened with artillery, which has continued at intervals up to the present time. None of our men were killed.

Important from Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The Select Committee to inquire into the surrender of the Norfolk Navy Yard made a report to-day. They censure the Buchanan administration soundly for its neglect, and say that the present administration cannot be held blameless for suffering thirty-seven days to elapse after it came into power before making any movement for the defence of the yard. The Committee censures Commodore Paulding and Capt. Pendergrist and McCauley, and say in conclusion that the nation should learn that pusillanimity in the defence of our rights may be as injurious as the assaults of our enemies.

The following order has been issued:

WAR DEPARTMENT, Washington, April 18, 1862.

In the present condition of military operations at Yorktown, no passes can be given to persons not immediately connected with the troops in a military capacity. The sick and wounded will be amply provided for by the Government, and their friends cannot be permitted to visit them while the above prohibition is in force.

[Signed:] L. THOMAS, Adj't. Gen.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The condition of the Treasury now enables the Secretary to direct the payment in cash of all claims of dates prior to November 1st, 1861, including claims settled by the St. Louis Commission, and it is expected the November claims also will be so paid in full within a few days. All the other claims without regard to date will be paid on presentation, if desired; as heretofore, 80 per cent. in certificates, and 20 per cent in cash.

The prospect of the passage of the Pacific Railroad bill during the present session of Congress is not promising.

The following was received at the War Department:

HEADQUARTERS OF DEP'T OF SHENANDOAH, April 17—9 o'clock p. m.

To Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War:

Our troops occupy New Market to-night. There has been some artillery skirmishing, but no loss on our side. We have many prisoners. [Signed,]

N. P. BANKS, Maj. Gen. Commanding.

The Enemy Repulsed at Yorktown.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The following dispatches were received to-day at the War Department from Gen. McClellan:

HEADQUARTERS DEP'T OF THE POTOMAC, April 18, 1862.

At about one half hour after midnight the enemy attacked Gen. Smith's position and attempted to carry his guns. Smith repulsed them handsomly, and took some prisoners. I have no details yet; I will forward them as soon as my aids return. The firing was heavy. All is now quiet.

Second Dispatch.—My position, occupied yesterday by Gen. Smith, was entrenched last night, so that we have been able to prevent the enemy from working to-day, and kept his guns silent. There was the same result at the batteries at Hyan's Mills, Yorktown, which shelled our gunboats and some of our barges to-day without effect. There was a good deal of firing from the Yorktown land batteries.

Rumored Capture of Fort Wright.

CHICAGO, April 18.—The *Evening Journal* says: We learn from private sources this morning that Fort Wright was attacked by Commodore Foote's flotilla on Monday, and has been captured. We presume our information is correct as it comes from one at Cairo, who knows about everything going on.

The Gunboat Tioga Launched.

BOSTON, April 18.—The gunboat Tioga has been successfully launched at the Charlestown navy-yard, this afternoon.

A Terrible Hurricane.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 18.—A most violent hurricane passed in a south easterly direction from this place last night.

The Jatan freight house, on the P. C. R. R., was demolished, injuring several persons.

The steamer Majors, of the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad, was taken from her moorings and carried down the river several miles, but finally made a landing, being badly damaged. Her passengers were all saved.

The steamer Dacotah, of the same line, sunk. She is a total loss. She carried down here an engineer, a railroad conductor, and two others.

To what extent the damage done in other sections below is not known, as the telegraph line is down between here and Atchison.

Freshet in New York.

ROME, N. Y., April 18.—The whole Mohawk Valley is inundated. The trains on the Central Railroad were detained last night, but they came through to-day, although several miles of the track were under water.

Flood in the Connecticut River.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS., April 18.—At 9 o'clock this evening the Connecticut river was 18 feet above low water mark and rapidly rising. This is within 4 feet 4 inches of the great flood of May 1st, 1854, and such a rise of the river without rain is unparalleled.

Markets by Telegraph.

CINCINNATI, April 18.—Evening.—Flour dull and prices irregular; no sales of any magnitude could be made at over $3 75@3 80 for superfine, and $4 00 for extra. Wheat dull and 3c lower; red sells and 83@88c, and white at 90@95c. Oats dull at 29@30c. Corn 32c. Whisky closed heavy at 18½c. Mess Pork dull and without demand; country is offered at $10, and city at $10 25@10 50. Bulk meats are inactive; 200 hhds shoulders sold at 3¾c packed; 600 tierces at 3c; sides are offered freely at 5½@5¾c, but there is no demand at over 5¾c. Lard dull dull with no demand, and prices are nominal. Groceries are unchanged and firm at full prices. Sugar 8¾@9¾c. Molasses 41@c. Coffee firm.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Evening.—Cotton firm; sales of 3,000 bales at 29@30c. Flour is heavy; 12,000 bbls at $4 50@4 70 for State; $5 15@5 30 for Ohio, and $5 25@5 50 for Southern. Wheat heavy; sales of 7,000 bush at $1 30@1 34 for red western. Corn is declining, sales of 50,000 at 58@60c. Beef firm at $5 50@8. Pork heavy. Lard declined ¼c. Whisky dull at 23½@24c.

PHILADELPHIA, April 18.—Noon.—Flour is dull at $5 00@5 25 for superfine; $5 37½@5 62 for extra, and $5 50@5 75 for family, and $6 00@6 50 for fancy. Wheat steady; 5,000 prime bushel red sold at $1 25, and white at $1 30@1 40. Corn is more abundant; sales of prime yellow at 65c. Whisky is quiet but firm at 24@24½c.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

BRONCHIAL AFFECTIONS.—A clergyman writing from Morristown, Ohio, speaking of the beneficial effects resulting from the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches," says: "Last spring I feared my lungs were becoming dangerously involved, and until I used your Troches could not preach a sermon of ordinary length without hoarseness; but now (with the assistance of "Troches") I have in the past five weeks preached some forty sermons."

SAMUEL GRAHAM, Merchant Tailor, would respectfully inform his friends and the public generally, that he has removed to No. 54, Market street, one door from the corner, where he is now opening a large and well selected stock of spring and summer goods, direct from New York. Having purchased for cash, is prepared to offer inducements in both price and quality to all who may favor him with their patronage.

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CONSIDERABLE excitement has been created lately by the great auction sale of Boots and Shoes at the Masonic Hall Auction Rooms, No. 55 Fifth street. This afternoon at 2, and evening at 7½ o'clock, the sale will be continued, as all must be closed out immediately.

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MORE BARGAINS.—Our friend, Jas. M. Burchfield, has just received another lot of Berages from New York auction, which he is selling for fifteen cents, worth thirty-eight. This in addition to his large stock of cheap goods, makes it the most attractive in the city.

TWO HUNDRED pieces of prints, 250 pieces spring dress goods and 1,000 pieces of embroidery, at auction, on Monday, April 21st, at 2 o'clock, at E. W. Lynd's auction house, No. 145 Wood street.

COUNTRY MERCHANTS will find an unrivalled assortment of dress goods in lengths to suit their trade, at eastern cash prices, at Barker & Co.'s, 59 Market street. ‡

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LEONARD H. EATON.

I cheerfully concur in the opinion expressed above.
W. B. FREW.

I take pleasure in giving it as my opinion that the foregoing recommendation is fully merited.
A. BURTT.

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