

STEPHEN GIRARD'S BEQUEST: The decision of Judge Higgins, it is stated by the Supreme Court of the State, will invalidate the will of Stephen Girard, and the Girard College, at Philadelphia, one of the most splendid foundations in this or any other country, is thereby threatened with the loss of its revenues and consequent destruction.

THE ATTACK ON NEW ORLEANS: OPERATIONS OF THE GULF FLEET. ENTERING THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. Porter's Mortar Fleet and other vessels Assigned for the Attack.

THE GREAT GULF FLEET. The fleet is a splendid one. The flag-ship Hartford is the ocean home of Commodore Farragut, who, however, has with- drawing activity, been continually running around in a little boat from one vessel to another, conferring with the different commanders and checking the waiting orders with a prospect of speedy work.

PORTER'S MORTAR FLEET. It is a little armada of fleet. The Spanish armada, if remember aright, consisted of somewhere about one hundred and thirty vessels, and Porter has not less than twenty-one mortar schooners laden with two-ton mortar shells—implements of war for one of the leaders of the old Spanish school have battered a dozen of their best vessels. These mortar schooners would, however, be very much like an umbrella without a handle, or a row without a string, were it not for the three ferry boats Clifton, Westfield and Jackson, which are doing the state more service here than ever they did on the Staten Island river. They tow the sluggish schooners about, and are the only means of getting them to the mortar vessels at a moment's notice.

THE REBELS MUST BE SCOURGED. A letter to the New York Evening Post, from Washington, dated the 29th inst., says: "Various reports are afloat respecting the visit of Com. Merriam to Richmond, and doubtless most of them are mere speculations. I have it, however, upon excellent authority, that the Com. has admitted to a distinguished member of this government, that his visit has convinced him that nothing but absolute subjugation will restore the Union—in other words, that the rebel must be scourged to come back to their old allegiance, but must be scourged back to loyalty."

ADDITIONAL PARTICULARS. THE REBEL DEFENCES OF THE GULF. Conversations with the officers of the gun boat Connecticut, who arrived here to-day, have disclosed additional particulars of the condition of affairs at New Orleans. The rebel defences below the city, according to trustworthy information in their possession, were very strong, and could not fall, if well served, to inflict vast injury upon our vessels. It not only crippled many of them, upon the two forts, (Johnson and Phillips), more than two hundred guns were mounted, and batteries lined the banks of the Mississippi from Fort Jackson to the mouth of the river. Besides there were very formidable obstructions in the river, consisting of chains, stakes and boat loads of iron and other side and above these obstructions batteries were erected, which could make a most destructive rain upon the only passage through the stakes and boats.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

INSURANCE AGENTS.

R. C. LOOMIS, 50 WOOD STREET, PITTSBURGH. STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE HOME INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1862.

Table with columns: Capital Stock, Surplus, Assets, Liabilities, etc. Total Assets: \$1,000,000.00

THE REBELS OBTAINED SYDNEY JOHNSON'S BODY. (Pittsburgh Correspondence Chicago Times.) In regard to the death of the traitorous Albert Sydney Johnson, the rebel commander, I have learned, from sources very reliable and important, and as yet unpublished in the intelligence. On Monday the body of Gen. Johnson was found in a quiet spot in the woods near the mouth of the river, and was taken to the residence of a friend of the rebel cause, where it was kept until it was taken to the city of New Orleans.

PUBLIC NOTICES. LECTURE AT THE IRON CITY. On Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, at the Iron City, a lecture will be given by Mr. J. P. Porter, Attorney at Law, on the subject of the rebellion. The lecture will be held at the Iron City, on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. SEND TO A BROTHER, OR FRIEND, IN THE ARMY. ONE OF THE PATENT WRITING CASES. For sale by W. S. HAYEN, 111 WOOD STREET, PITTSBURGH.

WANTED. A man to be employed as a driver for a horse-drawn carriage. Apply to J. P. Porter, Attorney at Law, 111 Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

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Public Sale of Orzaba Iron Works, of the District of Allegany, on the 1st day of June, at 10 o'clock, a. m., at the place of sale, in the town of Orzaba, in the County of Allegheny, State of Pennsylvania.

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