

Pittsburgh Gazette

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 2

Most interesting matter will be found on our first and fourth pages this morning.

Free Homesteads.

The Senate, by a large majority, has passed the Homestead Bill. The bill has previously passed the House, and as soon as the President signs it, it will become a law. The bill grants to actual settlers on the public domain a certain number of acres which they may hold as their own forever. Speculators in the public lands have now lost their vocation, and right of the people to the free enjoyment of their own property established. It is one of those measures of peace which are said to be as important as those of war. It is nearly twenty years ago since the land reformers of this city set on foot the agitation for free homesteads, and now they reap the reward of their exertions.

MR. CAMERON'S VINDICATION.

His Review of His War Administration.

A number of the friends of ex-Secretary Cameron have written him a public opinion in the Herald on Saturday evening prior to his departure for Russia. Mayor Kepner presided at the banquet. Mr. Cameron improved the occasion by entering into an elaborate vindication of his course as Secretary of War. He declared that to his own mind, his military administration was the best that was ever conducted in this country. He stated that he had never been in a position to resign, and that he had never been in a position to resign. He stated that he had never been in a position to resign, and that he had never been in a position to resign.

"This was at the time when the Queen's proclamation had prohibited, among other things, the exportation of arms from the United States. You remember, gentlemen, that I had just returned from Europe, and that I had just returned from Europe. I had just returned from Europe, and that I had just returned from Europe. I had just returned from Europe, and that I had just returned from Europe.

"The literal meaning of the endorsement was that the world should know of our military deficiency and weakness. That care and caution were to be used, as before, in keeping inviolate the secret of our military strength. I had just returned from Europe, and that I had just returned from Europe. I had just returned from Europe, and that I had just returned from Europe.

"This rebellion will be ended after a while, and we will end the cause of this and all future internal strife, as I hope. (Great applause.) I have never been an abolitionist. But I do not believe in the rebellion. I do not believe in the rebellion. I do not believe in the rebellion. I do not believe in the rebellion.

"The following is Mr. Cameron's explanation of the COMMISSIONER AFFAIR. 'You all remember, gentlemen, the day of the President's proclamation, calling upon the States to send troops to the aid of the Union. I sent him a letter, and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad refused to carry the troops. At that time, when the loyalty of nearly all the inhabitants was doubted, Mr. Seward, the Secretary of State, in company with the Secretary of the Treasury, called upon me and said, 'We must have somebody in New York to assist the public officers there. I was acquainted with but a few people in New York, but after a moment's reflection I recollected Mr. Cummings, with whom I had been in contact in the State. The two gentlemen then informed me that they had appointed Mr. Cisco, a citizen of New York, and as I have requested me to name some other gentleman, I gave the name of Mr. Cummings, associated with that of Governor Morgan, of the State of New York.'

"Now, gentlemen, in regard to the Commission of Investigation, which the country has heard so much of, I have reason to believe that the original intention of its formation was to control the pockets of its members. The second commission, the chairman called upon me and desired that I should assist him to furnish a certain number of names, with some names, which I refused his application, because I thought from my knowledge of the character that he was unworthy of a trust. A further colloquy with the chairman, I ordered him out of the War Department; and of course I was attacked by that committee.

PURCHASE OF ARMS.

Mr. Cameron proceeded to explain the purchase of arms, stating that he ordered nearly a million of muskets, almost one hundred thousand carbines, and perhaps as many more. He stated that he had never been in a position to resign, and that he had never been in a position to resign.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

LECTURE AT THE IRON CITY COLLEGE, on the 5th of September, 1862, at 7 o'clock, P. M. The subject, 'The Iron City and its Future.' By J. W. HARRIS, Esq., of the City of Pittsburgh.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE IRON CITY COLLEGE, that a meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on the 10th of May, 1862, at 7 o'clock, P. M., at the College Building, to transact business.

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HOLMES & SONS, Dealers in FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC HATS, BONNETS, and all kinds of millinery, and all kinds of millinery.

BURKE & BARNES, FIRE-PROOF SALAMANDER SAFE, BANK VAULT IRON VAULT DOOR, and all kinds of iron work, and all kinds of iron work.

HENRY H. COLLINS, FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT, and all kinds of forwarding and commission business, and all kinds of forwarding and commission business.

SEND TO A BROTHER, OR FRIEND, IN THE ARMY, and all kinds of military supplies, and all kinds of military supplies.

WOOD AND THING'S STRENGTH, and all kinds of wood and things, and all kinds of wood and things.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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DRY GOODS.

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