Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 14.

French Mediation.

The persistent interference of NAPOLEON in the affairs of our country is beginning to put the American people out of temper. He knows, or ought to know, that any mediation on his part can only deepen, intensify, prolong and complicate the fearful struggle of this Government with a vast combination of rebels—that his intermeddling in any way can give no aid to the Government, but only perplex it, while every intimation of his intention to mediate gives encouragement to the rebels. It is, we think, high time, that a polite diplomatic note were written, informing the French Emperor that his offices, in any possible form, as mediator or peacemaker, are not desired by this government, and that his propositions to that end will not be entertained. Or, that, if he will persist in his efforts to thrust himself in between the contending parties in this family quarrel, our government shall, in turn, insist upon being a mediator between him and the Mexicans, with whom he is at war, to the serious disturbance of the peace of this continent.

But there is good reason to believe that there is an understanding between the despot of France and the leaders of the "peace democracy" of this country. The boasted triumphs of that party in the late elections (although it may be successfully disputed whether that party did triumph at all) have been much insisted upon by that portion of the press of France which reflects the imperial views, as indicative of a desire on the part of the American people for peace. This is a very significant fact, and one that affords strong grounds to suspect that there is a collusion between them to force this government into a virtual surrender to the South, and a restoration of the Union at the expense of every element and principle of liberty and national independence.

Our government cannot present too firm a front in this matter. Any yielding at all, any encouragement to this outside intermeddling, at this moment of extreme peril, will bring upon it a force of foreign influence and of domestic treason that will bear it to the wall; and if it would escape the combined assaults of aristocracy and imperialism from abroad, and a formidable conspiracy of traitorous politicians at home, it must put this war through quickly and thoroughly.

Europe is suffering for cotton, and so are we; and it is due to the world that the embargo upon it should be taken off with the least possible delay; therefore let American and not French guns open the cotton ports.

To show the imminence of the peril in which we stand, we copy the subjoined closing paragraph from an article in *Le Nation*, a paper published under the eyes of Napoleon, which is supposed to give expression to his private views, and which he uses as a *feeler*:

"The definite solution of this question," says this paper, "will be effected by one of the three means which we have already indicated, to wit: An agreement between France and the Powers of Europe to force the acceptance of a mediation; to operate, if necessary, an intervention in common; and, finally, in case of objection on the part of England or the other Powers, to go straight at the blockade ourselves. There are people over there who have cotton, and who desire to sell it; let us present ourselves as purchasers, and if any one pretends to bar our passage, let us pass by aid of the cannon. As we said yesterday, we do not know, all things considered, any prouder or more prompt expedient than this; any one, in other words, more worthy of France."

—Since the foregoing was put in type, the telegraph has brought us Mr. SEWARD's spirited letter to Mr. DAYTON, our minister at the French court, on this subject, which will be found under our telegraphic head.

Gen. Fremont.

To the criticism contained in Gen. POPE's official report upon the condition of the corps commanded by Gen. FREMONT in the valley of the Shenandoah, that gentleman replies at length, and we think triumphantly. The narrative, in brief, is this:

Gen. Fremont lay at Franklin on the western slope of the Shenandoah ranges, with a half-starved army, which he was straining every nerve to feed, when he received orders to march to the relief of Gen. Banks. He did not wait for overcoats or shoes, or mud, though the deficiency of supplies and difficulty of the roads were equal to any that existed nearer the Potomac. At daylight the next morning he had put his troops in motion. He led them over the Shenandoah Mountains in a march of unequaled rapidity, met and attacked Jackson at Strasburg, drove him in hurried retreat a stand at Cross Keys, defeated in that battle a heavily superior force, continued the pursuit to Port Republic, and was there checked by the destruction of the bridge, the impossibility of obtaining further supplies, and the peremptory order of the President. Jackson escaped with the greater part of his forces, and Fremont retired slowly to Middletown, where shortly after, he was relieved of command.

But there is really nothing in General POPE's report that reflects upon General FREMONT's faithfulness and capacity as a commander, but only upon the fact that his troops were ill supplied. We do not think it necessary to publish at length the narrative or defense of Gen. FREMONT. We, in common with nearly all loyal men believe that he ought to be in active service, especially in the far South, where his name, for seven years, has been, among one portion of the population, a synonym for Freedom.

The Paper Duty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—The paper-makers are endeavoring to lobby down every attempt to take off the exorbitant duty upon paper, but there is little doubt that the duty will be reduced to five per cent.

The reform has a steady friend in the House in Mr. Colfax, himself a newspaper-publisher; but the leading Senators and Representatives of both parties will favor the proposed reduction.

The only doubt that has existed upon the subject arose from the fact that the paper-makers and dealers are wealthy and powerful. They are on hand in Washington at this time, and are vigilant, but they will fail, as will be seen when the matter comes to a vote.

The above is a dispatch from the Washington correspondent of the New York *Evening Post*. He but corroborates the statements of a dozen other witnesses, which for weeks past have been going before the country. How will members of Congress, who have voted according to the interests of these wealthy men of the lobby answer to their constituents some day?

A Word from Manchester Workmen.

A "Manchester Machinist," writing to the London *News*, reproduces passages of the Manchester workingmen's address to Mr. Lincoln, and adds:

Mr. Lincoln has got the address by this time, and knows our mind, which is that of the working classes wherever newspapers go. We are not surprised to find that "those who oppose liberty at home" pretend to ignore our opinion, omit to notice our meetings, and treat us as if we had no business to be heard on the matter. We are not surprised that they call the opinion of their own limited class the opinion of England. It is the treatment we have always received. It is the working of the same slave master spirit which they sympathize with Alabama or South Carolina. We know them well. It is partly for our sakes that they wish to see the American Republic disgraced and ruined, in order to strengthen their hands to defend their own monopoly of political power.

But, sir, we too are Englishmen. Our stake in England is greater than that of all other orders put together. And our stakes in America is only second to it. Free America is our friend. It wishes us well; it receives us when we can find no place here—receives us, not with pity, to be the drudges of society, but with princely magnanimity, as equals, and offers us citizenship and lands. The South and its English friends are alike our enemies.

We do not expect, and we do not ask justice from them. But there is one quarter to which we do look with confidence. We look to the Queen, who has never received anything but good will and honor in her own person and in the person of her son from the Americans, and we rely on the Queen's government to maintain that political neutrality which it has wisely professed, but which our adversaries would destroy.

At our last great meeting we declared for Lincoln and emancipation. Subsequent communication has disclosed the prevalence of a feeling which was then uncertain, and our next large public meeting will be in favor of emancipation and the Union.

Chase of the Florida by the Gunboat Sonoma.

Officers of the United States gunboat Sonoma, who arrived in New York on Wednesday, in the prize barque Springbok, report that the Sonoma, when off the Bahamas, on the 1st inst., saw a steamer to the windward, lying to, and apparently waiting for her to come up. She proved to be the Florida, and as soon as she made out what the Sonoma was she immediately got under weigh and started off in all possible haste. The Sonoma kept after her, and chased her for thirty-six hours, but, owing to the superior speed of the Florida she outrun her.

Interpretation of the Slave Trade Treaty.

"A sharp correspondence is said to have taken place between Secretary Seward and the Navy Department, growing out of the treaty which Mr. Seward negotiated with Great Britain for the suppression of the slave trade. That treaty, strange to say, binds us to limit our search of British ships between the very parallels of latitude that include our blockade of the rebel ports are employed in the American slave trade, or are fitted up for it.'

"The clause recites: 'Whenever a merchant vessel is searched by a ship of war, the commander of the said ship shall, in the act of so doing, exhibit to the commander of the merchant vessel the special instructions by which he is duly authorized to search, and shall deliver to such commander a certificate, signed by himself, stating his rank in the naval service of his country, and the name of the vessel he commanded, and also declaring that the only object of the search is to ascertain whether the vessel is employed in the African slave trade, or is fitted up for said trade.'

"Mr. Seward requested Mr. Welles to issue instructions to our cruisers upon the coast to obey that treaty stipulation. Mr. Welles refused, in a way as decided as pertinctic, to do any such thing, for that would, in effect, nullify our blockade, and allow British ships to carry into rebel ports munitions of war and supplies without stint. The firmness of Secretary Welles in refusing to accede to the Secretary of State's request has borne its fruits.

"England has this week, through her Minister, acknowledged the justice of the position assumed by the Secretary of the Navy, and concedes that cruisers acting under special instructions, specified in the treaty, may also exercise the belligerent right of search."—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Tribune.*

A Rebel Plot Frustrated at Baton Rouge.

A rebel spy was lately arrested at Baton Rouge while attempting to make his way into our lines. A search of his clothing revealed a memorandum addressed to several of our soldiers, and which contained ingenuous instructions for deserting from our lines to the enemy. A correspondent says: "From this dangerous paper we discovered a diabolical plot, and the fortunate arrest of this spy has frustrated the designs, which, had they been accomplished, might have been the means of shedding rivers of blood, and all by being betrayed by our own men. It appeared that two or three of our men were to desert on a certain morning at four o'clock, but this spy came to advise them to decamp at two o'clock instead of four, as there was danger of sin attack on Baton Rouge that morning. Another astounding plot was disclosed, from which it appears that the rebels have made a standing order to our troops, that all soldiers deserting from our lines shall receive a safe conduct through their lines, and be treated as friends, and then sent North as paroled prisoners of war. The matter will be investigated."

Vicksburg and the Rivers.

Some of the rebel papers already express doubts regarding the invulnerability of Vicksburg, and recommend that places below be fortified as strongly as Port Hudson. Vicksburg is destined to fall, and its capture is only a question of time. General Grant has a powerful army under his command, and a powerful fleet acting with him. A few gunboats sent past the batteries at Vicksburg to destroy the rebel supply boats from the Red river, would soon set the garrison of 60,000 men at Vicksburg considering how they were to be maintained. Even if Red river was not ascended, though the ascent is feasible, the Big Black river, in Mississippi, could easily be, and communication eastward from Vicksburg would then be severed.

It is probable that some such movement is in contemplation, or, possibly in progress, for Gen. Grant is not slow to take advantage of every opportunity which may ensure primary or ultimate success.

Hear General Rosecrans.

In response to a vote of thanks by the Legislature of Ohio to the Army of the Cumberland, General ROSECRANS addressed a letter to the Legislature through the Governor. We give an extract:

This is, indeed, a war for the maintenance of the Constitution and the laws—nay, for National existance—against those who have despised our honest friendship, deceived our just hopes, and driven us to defend our country and our homes. By foul and willful slanders on our motives and intentions, persistently repeated, they have arrayed against us our own fellow-citizens, bound to us by the triple ties of consanguinity, geographical position and commercial interest.

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Whenever they have the power, they drive before them into their ranks the Southern people, and they would also drive us. Trust them not. Were they able they would invade and destroy us without mercy. Absolutely assured of these things, I am amazed that any one could think of the sentiment is fit only to be a slave; he who utters it at this time, is, moreover, a traitor to his country, who deserves the scorn and contempt of all honorable men. When the power of the unscrupulous rebel leaders is removed, and the people are free to consider and act for their own interests, which are common with ours, under this Government, there will be no great difficulty in fraternization. Between our tastes and social life there are fewer differences than between those of the people of the Northern and Southern Provinces of England or Ireland.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

THE FIRST CONGREGATION OF DISCIPLES have removed from Apollo Hall to JACKSON'S BLOCK, third floor, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets. Preaching every Lord's Day, at 10½ o'clock a. m., and 7 p. m. WEDNESDAY EVENING, Lecture at 7 o'clock. The public are respectfully invited to attend. fe14:lt

PUBLIC NOTICES.

"IS IMMERSION THE ONLY ACTION (on mode) OF BAPTISM."—By request, Elder T. C. McKEEVER will preach on the above subject before the CONGREGATION OF DISCIPLES, (meeting in ENGLISH'S HALL, Allegheny,) TO-MORROW, (Lord's day,) at 10½ a. m. Preaching also at 7 p. m. The public are cordially invited. fe14:lt

OFFICE OF WESTERN TRANSPORTATION CO., February 10th, 1863.

NOTICE.—A Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the Western Transportation Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Pittsburgh, on TUESDAY, the 24th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m.

By order of the President.

fe12:td A. J. MODOWELL, Secretary.

ELECTION NOTICE.—ALLEGHENY BRIDGE COMPANY.—An Election for President, Managers and Officers of the Company for erecting a Bridge over the Allegheny River, opposite Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny, will be held at the TOLL HOUSE, at the south end of the Bridge, on MONDAY, the 2d day of March next, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m.

WM. ROSEBURG, Treasurer.

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE OIL EXCHANGE.—In accordance with the provisions of the constitution, notice is hereby given to the members of the Oil Exchange that an election to the 12th section of the constitution will be called up on WEDNESDAY, the 18th inst.

GEO. H. THURSTON, Secretary Oil Exchange.

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ERIE CANAL COMPANY.—ELECTION NOTICE.—An Election for seven Directors of the Erie Canal Company will be held at their office in Erie, on SUNDAY, the 1st day of March next, at ten o'clock a. m.

A. M. CASWELL, Secretary.

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ALLEGHENY CITY COLLEGE, Corner of Lacock and Sandusky Streets.—The Tenth Annual Session begins on MONDAY, Feb. 2d, and ends June 27th. Rates of Tuition from $10 to $20. For references, &c., apply to

JOS Y. MCKEE, Principal.

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OFFICE ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD CO., Pittsburgh, Jan. 24th, 1863.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN ACT OF ASSEMBLY in relation to the time of holding the Annual Election of the Allegheny Valley Railroad Company, the Stockholders are hereby notified that an election for Officers, to serve for the ensuing year will be held at the Office of the Company, in the City of Pittsburgh, on TUESDAY, February 24th, inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., instead of Feb. 3d, 1863, as previously announced.

H. C. ORR, Secretary.

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PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILWAY CO., *Office of the Secretary,* Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27th, 1863.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Stock and Bondholders of this Company, for the election of Directors and such other business as may come before it will be held at the OFFICE OF SAID COMPANY, in the City of Pittsburgh, on the FOURTH WEDNESDAY OF FEBRUARY, A. D. 1863.

The Stock and Bond Transfer Books of the Company, at their office in the City of Pittsburgh, and at their Transfer Agency in the City of New York, will be closed on the 10th DAY OF FEBRUARY, and remain closed until the 26th OF FEBRUARY thereafter.

W. H. BARNES, Secretary.

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DRAKE'S PLANTATION BITTERS. They purify, strengthen and invigorate. They create a healthy appetite. They are an antidote to change of water and diet. They are a perfect remedy for dizziness of the head. They overcome effects of dissipation and late hours. They strengthen the system and so tone the mind. They prevent nauseousness and intermittent fevers. They prevent calculous affections of the kidneys. They purify the breath and facinity of the stomach. They cure Dyspepsia and Constipation. They cure Diarrhœa, Cholera and Cholera Morbus. They cure Liver Complaint and Nervous Headache. They are the best Bitters in the world. They make the weak man strong, and are exhausted nature's great restorer. They are made of pure St. Croix Rum, the celebrated Calisaya Bark, roots and herbs, and are taken with the pleasure of a beverage, without regard to age or time of day. Particularly recommended to delicate persons requiring a gentle stimulant. Sold by all Grocers, Druggists, Hotels, and Saloons. F. H. DRAKE & CO., 102 Broadway, New York. fe3:mwx

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

POCKET BOOK FOUND, with a large sum of money. Enquire at THIS OFFICE. fe14:lt

COTTON—21 bales to arrive by railroad and for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO. fe14

SEAMLESS BAGS—2 bales to arrive and for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO. fe14

NO. 1 MACKEREL AND SALMON, selected of extra quality and put up in kits and half kits, for family use, just received and for sale at the Family Grocery Store of JOHN A. RENSHAW, corner Liberty and Hand streets. fe14

SMOKED SALMON—Fresh smoked and very choice; also, Pickled and Spiced Salmon, for sale at the Family Grocery store of JOHN A. RENSHAW, corner Liberty and Hand streets. fe14

OAT MEAL AND GRITS—5 barrels fresh ground Oat Grits and Meal, of superior quality, just received and for sale by JOHN A. RENSHAW, corner Liberty and Hand streets. fe14

INTERNAL REVENUE STAMPS.—A full assortment constantly kept on hand, at the Office of Internal Revenue for the 2d Collection District, WALTER STREET, next door to the City Treasury, Allegheny. fe14

A VERY STREET, ALLEGHENY.—All persons interested are hereby notified that the statement of Viewers on the opening of AVERY STREET, Fourth Ward, Allegheny county, has been filed this day in the District Court of Allegheny county.

S. SOHO EE, Jr., Solicitor for Allegheny.

February 14th, 1863:w

STEINWAY'S PIANOS.

THE BEST IN THE WORLD.

They received a FIRST CLASS PRIZE MEDAL, at the LONDON WORLD'S FAIR, 1862.

A small, choice assortment promised us, and to arrive next week H. KLEBER & BRO., Sole Agents for Steinway's Pianos, No. 53 Fifth street.

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INTERNAL REVENUE.—Persons interested will please take notice that I have received from the Assessor of the 2d Collection District of Pennsylvania a list of taxables under the late Excise Law, for the months of November and December, which is payable within ten days from this date. I will receive the tax at my office, No. 67 FOURTH STREET, from the 13th to the 23d inst. After that period 10 per centum will be added on all delinquents.

JOHN SHEA, Collector 22d District, Pa.

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YOU CAN BUY YOUR Boots, Shoes and Gums At the old prices this month, at BORLAND'S, 98 Market street. fe14

TO COUNTRY CUSTOMERS AND MERCHANTS.

Buy what BOOTS AND SHOES you may want at the old prices, now, as goods have advanced 4cat about 40 per cent.

☞ Remember, go to BORLAND'S, fe14 98 Market street, 2d door from Fifth.

DECEMBER LIST, U. S. EXCISE TAX, has been received at the office of Internal Revenue for the 2d Collection District, Pa., and the tax is now due.

Parties who have not paid their October and November assessments are hereby notified that the 10 per cent. will in all cases be added to the tax, where the requirements of the law have not been complied with.

The tax for December must be paid within ten days after notice, to escape the penalty.

DAVID N. WHITE, Collector of the 2d District, Penn'a. Office, WATER STREET, next door to the City Treasury, Allegheny. fe14

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTIONS.—

1200 dozen COATES' SPOOL COTTON;
500 " STEINER'S " "
600 " CLARK'S " "
1500 " WILLIMANTIC " "
2100 " SKIRT BRAIDS, No. 80;
100 " HOOP SKIRTS, best make;
100 " RIBBED MERINO STOCKINGS;
200 " LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS;
200 gross SHOE LACES;

For sale to dealers at LOWEST CASH PRICES

JOSEPH HORNE,

Nos. 77 AND 79 MARKET STREET.

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A large and complete assortment of new and elegant

VALENTINES.

ALSO, THE NEW

Military Comic Valentines,

NOW READY;

The largest and best assortment in the city, put up in $5, $10, $15, $20 and $50 lots, for dealers, or in large quantities. A liberal discount to the trade.

☞ Send your orders to

JOHN P. HUNT,

MASONIC HALL, FIFTH STREET.

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COAL OIL LAMP DEALERS ATTENTION.—I most respectfully solicit the attention of the trade to my large assortment of COAL OIL CHANDELIERS, PENDANTS, BRACKETS, HARPS, PARLOR LAMPS, LAMP STANDS, and TERNS, with Bilings—so Chimney Burner—which is superior to anything ever offered to the trade. As to quality of finish and liberal prices, I defy competition. Catalogues with prices sent on application, free of charge, to the trade. Office, No. 276 Pearl street, New York. Factory, No. 44 Ninth street, Brooklyn. W. H. SMITH, Sole Manufacturer.

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NOTICE.—All matters at variance between the undersigned having this day been settled to their mutual satisfaction, by C. F. KLOPFER and AUGUSTUS KLOPFER purchasing all the assets of the late firm of C. F. KLOPFER & CO., and assuming its liabilities, notice is hereby given that said above mentioned parties are alone entitled to collect and receip for all outstanding claims of said late firm, and will adjust any of the said late Co. partnership debts contracted prior to January 24th, 1863.

L. ROOKERSHOUSEN, C. F. KLOPFER, AUGUSTUS KLOPFER.

Pittsburgh, February 12th, 1863.

THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a Co-partnership under the name and style of C. F. KLOPFER & CO., and will carry on the manufacture of Cabinet Ware, at the old stand, corner of Penn and Wayne streets, Pittsburgh.

C. F. KLOPFER, AUGUSTUS KLOPFER.

February 12th, 1863. fe13:1w

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the Commissioners for the Erection of the Public Buildings in Allegheny, up to noon of THURSDAY, 19th inst., for introducing Gas and Water into the four corners of the new Market House, and for the necessary Gas Fitting in the same, according to plans and specifications which may be seen at the office of Farr & Mosey, Architects.

A. C. ALEXANDER, SAM'L RIDDLE, JAS. KIRKPATRICK, WM. WALKER, JNO. WRIGHT, Commissioners.

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O'NEIL & STONEMAN, MANUFACTURERS OF WIRE WORK,

Have always on hand and make to order IRON AND BRASS SCREEN WIRE CLOTH; SIEVES, of all kinds; HEAVY RIDDLES, for Foundry use; HEAVY WORK FOR WINDOWS, for Banks, &c; BIRD CAGES, ORNAMENTAL WIRE WORK, for Flowers, &c.

☞ All sizes of WIRE for sale, at No. 80 FOURTH STREET. f-13:mr

DUQUESNE BRASS WORKS.

TATE, CADMAN & CO.,

Manufacturers of every variety of finished

BRASS WORK FOR PLUMBERS, STEAM OR GAS-FITTERS, MACHINISTS, AND COPPERSMITHS.

BRASS CASTINGS, of all descriptions, made to order.

STEAMBOAT WORK, STEAM AND GAS-FITTING, and REPAIRING promptly attended to.

BIDS FOR COAL AND CARBON OILS.

ALSO,

Sole Agents for the Western District of Pennsylvania for the sale of MARSH, LAUDELL & CO.'s PATENT SYPHON PUMP, the best ever invented. Having no valves, it is not liable to get out of order, and will throw more water than any pump of twice its size. fe10:2wd

HERR'S HOTEL, HARRISBURG, FOR SALE.—The above valuable property is offered for sale. This is a rare chance for purchasers, being acknowledged as one of the LARGEST, MOST COMMODIOUS AND BEST ARRANGED HOTELS in the interior of the State.

It is located in the central part of the city, a short distance from the depot of the several railroads, and within a pleasant walk of the Capitol building. The house fronts on Market street 52½ feet, and on Third street 177 feet, the whole lot extending along Third street to Blackberry alley 240 feet, with a back BRICK AND FRAME BUILDING in the rear, and all the advantages of ground, sewerage, &c., necessary to a complete FIRST CLASS HOTEL.

The FURNITURE is also offered for sale.

Terms will be made favorable.

For further particulars apply to A. J. HERR, Attorney-at Law, Harrisburg, Pa.

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PROCLAMATION.—CITY OF ALLEGHENY SPECIAL ELECTION.—In conformity with a provision of an Act of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An Act to incorporate the City of Allegheny," and a supplement passed the 16th day of April, 1861, I, A. C. ALEXANDER, Mayor of said city, do issue this, my proclamation, declaring that on the FOURTH TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY, 1863, being the 24th day of the month, the qualified voters of the First Ward of said city will meet together at the Public School House in said Ward, and elect, by ballot, ONE CITIZEN TO SERVE AS A MEMBER OF THE SELECT COUNCIL, for two years, in place of George Lecky, deceased.

Given under my hand and seal, this 11th day of February, A. D. 1863.

A. C. ALEXANDER, Mayor.

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PROPOSALS FOR TIMBER.—Proposals are invited for the delivery at our Steel Works of ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND FEET, (board measure,) SAWED OAK OR YELLOW PINE TIMBER, either ten, twelve, fourteen or sixteen inches square, at the deliverer's option, but all of one size. Time of delivery and terms must accompany proposals.

HUSSEY, WELLS & CO., Fifth Ward.

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DAMAGES IN THE GRADING OF WASHINGTON STREET.—Notice is hereby given to all persons on whom assessments were made to pay the damages of Mrs. Mary Roe, for the grading of Washington street, that if the said assessment are not paid within ten days of this date, suits will be immediately thereafter instituted.

J. W. F. WHITE, City Solicitor. No. 106 Fifth street.

February 11th 1863. fe11:10t

NEW AND CHOICE SUGAR CURED HAMS;
PLAIN HAMS;
SHOULDERS AND SIDES;
LEAF LARD, in bbls, firkins and pails, all of our own curing and rendering, for sale by

G. J. TOWNSEND, Successor to Jackson & Townsend, No. 13 Fourth street, near Liberty.

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BASKET MAKERS ATTENTION!—WANTED—Fifty to one hundred dozen stout CHARCOAL BASKETS. Apply to HUSSEY, WELLS & CO., Steel Works Fifth Ward.

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BUTTER AND EGGS.—7 bbls. prime Roll Butter;
2 do fresh Eggs;
Received this day and for sale at No. 114 Second st.
f 13 FRANK VAN GORDER.

EMPTY OIL BARRELS, of good quality, on hand and for sale by JAS. DALZELL & SON, 69 and 70 Water street. fe11

STORAGE, for Refined and Crude Oil, and other Merchandize, by JAS. DALZELL & SON, 69 and 70 Water street. fe11

SOAP STONE—25 bbls, for foundry use, for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS. fe14

COTTON—21 bales to arrive and for sale by ISAIAH DICKEY & CO. fe14

OIL BARRELS.—130 Crude Oil Barrels for sale by HENRY H. COLLINS. fe14

MISCELLANEOUS.

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS AND DEALERS

EATON, MACRUM & CO.,

Nos. 17 and 19 Fifth Street,

Jobbers and retailers of TRIMMINGS, EMBROIDERIES, HOSIERY, GLOVES, HOOP SKIRTS, SHIRTS and DRAWERS, WOOLEN HOODS, NUBIAS, SCARFS, ESCHYR AND SHETLAND WOOL; 6,000 lbs. KNITTING YARNS, on hand as to arrive.

Our stock was purchased before the last great advance in prices, and we offer great inducements to CITY AND COUNTRY MERCHANTS, MILLINERS, PEDDLERS, and all who buy to sell again.

N. B.—A choice assortment of

Staple Dry Goods,

At wholesale only. ja27:3t

PHILADELPHIA SHIRT AND COLLAR HOUSE,

1,000 DOZEN HICKORY SHIRTS;
1,000 DOZEN GREY, RED AND BLUE FLANNEL SHIRTS;
1,000 DOZEN ASSORTED FANCY TRAVELING SHIRTS;
1,000 DOZEN WHITE MUSLIN SHIRTS, from $9 25 upwards;
1,000 DOZEN DENIM OVERALLS;
10,000 PAIRS COTTONADE PANTALOONS;

Manufacturers of the MINER'S WELSH FLANNEL SHIRTS, and a large assortment of LINEN AND MARSEILLES BOSOMS AND COLLARS, AND GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.

For sale by BENNETT, RUCH & CO., MANUFACTURERS, No. 217 Church Alley, Philadelphia, Pa. ja16:3md

EXTRACT FROM A LETTER ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

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This battle (Antietam) has been the most sanguinary of the war, and the only one fought with visible design and upon military principles. The arrangement of our corps—the overlooking position of the commanding General—the sending into action the right and the left divisions—the closing up of the centre, and final success—excites bewildering admiration, and carries the mind to the great fields of Austerlitz and Wagram, fought by Napoleon. Of all this have I spoken. The *heart* history of such a conflict, purchased by the life and blood of twenty thousand men, must be found in the hospitals. War has its glories—but it has its ten thousand demons in those human tortures, that make the eye-balls ache—the heart bleed—the lips palsy, and the brain reel. The sight is at first positively unendurable. The life-blood of some is still trickling away in silent calmness—while the dissevered limbs and maniac brain of others give rise to sounds God grant I may not again witness.

But ye mothers who here seek a son—or wives a husband—or sisters a brother—or sons a father—know and be consoled that even here the hand of mercy is watchful, and better care is bestowed upon your loved ones than might at first seem possible. It was in the hospital, where rested the gallant Hooker, that I learned the history of those mythical words so often seen and so little understood, "S. T. —1860—X." Anything alleviating the sufferings and saving the lives of our soldiers, is a national blessing. I witnessed some astonishing results from this article.

It is well known the effect of burnt gunpowder and excitement is thirst, which added to the loss of blood in the wounded, creates the necessity of a reviving stimulant. In this particular hospital, the physicians were allowing their patients to drink Plantation Bitters, otherwise called S. T.—1860—X, and although the wounded are most numerous here this division having opened the fight at 5 in the morning—the men were mostly composed, and there was very little fainting. The article acts upon the stomach and nerves in a most incomprehensible manner, superior to brandy, and without subsequent stupefying reaction. It originated in the West Indies, composed of the celebrated Calisaya Bark, Roots, Herbs, &c., all preserved in St. Croix Rum—the S. T. —1860—X being a secret ingredient, not yet revealed to the public. It is principally recommended for want of appetite, disordered liver, intermittent fevers, stomachic difficulties, &c. I understand it was somewhat known in the Southern States previ ous to the war, and it appears an agent of Jefferson Davis recently applied to the proprietors for the privilege to make it for hospital purposes during the war, to which they made the following reply:

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These gentlemen give the history of certain ingredients of their article for over two hundred years —showing that through all changes of the medical profession and its practitioners, strength, composure, and cheerfulness have been derived from these sources. Dr. Woods, in the Washington Hospitals, informed me that one patient was fast sinking and weary, and had not slept an hour for two weeks, until the Plantation Bitters came to his knowledge, when one day's trial gave him a night's rest, and he was now fast recovering. I am surprised our Government has not equalled Jefferson Davis in energy, and adopted this invaluable article in all our hospitals. The weak soldiers cling to it like a brother. As a lay member, I can bear witness it is "good to take," and affords more energy and life than anything I ever tried. Success to the Plantation Bitters.

But I have digressed. In my next I shall speak of gathering in the wounded, burying the dead, &c.

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