Pittsburgh Gazette.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 19.

CITY AFFAIRS.

THE OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the Gazette, by G. E. Shaw, Optician, No. 55 Fifth street—corrected daily:

	IN SUN.	IN SHADE.
9 o'clock, A. M.	60	42
12 " M.	60	44
6 " P. M.		46
Barometer	29 8-10	

Our Book Table.

THE EMPLOYMENTS OF WOMEN: A Cyclopædia of Women's Work. By Virginia Penny. Boston: Walker, Wise & Co. Pittsburgh: for sale by H. S. Davis, 92 Wood street. 12 mo. pp. 360. Price $1.50.

To the daughter-full house, (using the beautiful expression of a great German writer) we think this book, evidently the work of an earnest practical-minded woman, will be generally most welcome. The author-ess has devoted several years to its prepara-tion,—personally visiting and examining for herself wherever knowledge relating to the subject she had undertaken to write about, seemed most likely to be obtained. The re-sults of her labors are so multifarious as to re-quire the space of the 500 closely printed pages of this portly duodecimo volume, to present them to the reader. In point of fact, she has enumerated, and given a general and comparative view of over five hundred occupations in which "women are or may be engaged"—"the effect of each on the health"—"the rate of wages paid for those carried on in the United States"—"the length of time required to learn the business fully"—"whether women are paid while learning"—"the qualifications needed"—"the prospect of future employment"—"the seasons best for work"—"the usual number of hours employ-ed"—"list of occupations suitable for the de-licate"—etc., etc., etc. In a word, the book is just what its title-page says it is—a cyclo-pædia of woman's work, in the very plainest, most literal and practical sense in which those words can be understood.

Contributions to the Sanitary Committee.

James Park, Jr., Treasurer, acknowledges the following contributions to the Sanitary Committee, since last report:

Lloyd & Black	$10
F. Huidekoper (Meadville)	20
Henry H. Collins	25
R. Miller	5
John Bissell	25
Graff, Bennett & Co	150
Nimick & Co	100
Kay & Painter	100
Iverson, Preston & Co	50
Spang, Chalfant & Co	100
Robinson, Minis & Miller	50
Harry Shirls	20
Total	$695

Card from Mr. McTighe.

The following card from Mr. A. McTighe fully explains itself:

EDITORS GAZETTE: In this morning's Post the following resolution is published by the self sayled Alleghany county democratic city:

"*Resolved*, That A. McTighe is hereby removed from his position as Treasurer of this City.

This is evidently intended as a warning to all others having deposits with me to do likewise, that is if they have any deposits to remove. The man who offered the above resolution certainly is a most consummate punster, and must have intended it as a good joke on the Club, for the very simple reason that I never was a member of the Club; secondly, never was elected Treasurer, as the minutes of the County Club will show; thirdly, never had as much as one red copper of their money in my hands; and, fourthly, I believe they never had any money to deposit anywhere.

A. MCTIGHE.

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The Cultivation of Flax.

We direct the attention of our agricultural readers to the advertisement in relation to the cultivation of flax, which will be found in another column. The high price of cotton and flaxseed renders it certain that the crop may be made one of the most profitable culti-vated, and as the advertisers offer a market for all that may be grown in this neighbor-hood, we see no reason why a large extent of land should not be given up this year to its cultivation. The matter is well worthy the consideration of farmers, and we therefore invite their attention to it.

City Mortality.

The number of deaths in this city, from March 10th to March 17th, as reported by Dr. A. G. McCandless, physician to the Board of Health, is as follows:

Males	12	Adults	9
Females	6	Children	7
Total	16		

The diseases were: Consumption, 8; asthma, 1; catarrh fever, 3; spasms, 1; gastro enteritis, 1; military purpurea, 1; cholera infantum, 1; still born, 1.

DR. JONES.—As Dr. Jones remains but a week or two longer, his patients begin to crowd upon him, so that he is now compelled from morning till night in hearing applications and administering Doris remedies. He deems it unnecessary to lay before the public any additional cases of recent cures, but would remind all who wish to consult with him to lose no time in visiting his rooms at the Mo-nongahela House. He requests us to state that he will devote Sunday next to the treat-ment of those who are unable to pay the usual charges, but who come under the class of half-fee patients. Those interested will take no-tice and act accordingly.

THEATRE.—LAST NIGHT OF MASSPPA.—The performance of the highly trained horse "Hi-awatha," last evening, was witnessed by one of the largest audiences of the season, who testified their pleasure and appreciation by fre-quent and hearty applause. The play of Ma-zeppa will be produced for the last time this evening, and those of our play-going public who do not forget to note the fact. Mr. Miles, as Mazeppa, is equal to any melo-dramatic effort with which our citizens have been favor-ed, and his great feat of making the circuit of the dress-circle, lashed to his faithful steed, is worth alone the price of admission.

THE SANFORD OPERA TROUPE.—This greatest and most popular band of minstrels draw large and fashionable audiences nightly at Concert Hall, and will doubtless continue to do so as long as they choose to remain with us. There is a change of programme nightly, so that one or two evenings cannot exhaust the interest or pleasure of the entertain-ment. Go to night and see Sam and his fa-vorite troupe.

DEATH OF AN EDITOR.—John Magivnis, late editor and proprietor of the New Orleans *True Delta*, died in that city on the third day of March. He was born in Dremore, County of Londonderry, Ireland, and was forty-nine years of age at the time of his death.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

GROVER AND BAKER'S SEWING MACHINE, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use.

A. K. CHANEY, General Agent,
No. 18, Fifth street.

GREAT CLOTHING AND WORKS TO BUY THEM.—The enterprising firm of Wm. H. McGee & Co., merchant tailors, corner of Federal and Diamond square, Allegheny, being fully aware of the extraordinary advance in Spring goods, have purchased last fall a beautiful assortment of cloth, cassimeres, vestings, &c., and they are now ready to open their Spring trade with superior articles, at greatly re-duced prices. They will sell their goods by the yard if desired, and as they keep con-stantly on hand a large supply of ready made clothing, customers can be accommodated on short notice. Remember the place, No. 2 Diamond, or leave a nestly fitted suit to order. The work is all done under their supervision, and always warranted to purchasers.

JUST RETURNED FROM THE EAST.—Samuel Graham, Merchant Tailor, would respectfully inform his friends and the public in general that he has just returned from the East with his new stock of Spring and Summer Goods, consisting of all the latest styles of cloths, cassimeres and vestings. Gentlemen desiring a fit-ting to select from that cannot be surpass-ed by any other in the city, and their gar-ments made in the most fashionable manner, would do well to give him a call before pur-chasing elsewhere.

SAMUEL GRAHAM, Merchant Tailor,
No. 54 Market street, one door from Third.

If you desire any repairs or alterations to your dwelling, or places of business call and leave your order at Caldbert's Carpenter and Jobbing Shop, Virgin Alley, above Smithfield street. All work promptly attended to. 3

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SITUATION WANTED.—A young man, (wounded in arm at Battle of Antietam, which prevents him from working at his trade, wishes a situation at anything where heavy work is not required at present. Enquire at No. 257 Liberty street, or address "S. R. C., Box 546, Pittsburgh P. O." 5

WANTED.—A GARDNER, to take care of a Fruit Garden and small Vineyard, near the city. Recommendations required. Inquire at 75 WATER STREET. 5t19

GOLD IS FALLING,

But BOOTS, SHOES AND GAITERS

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THE LATEST NEWS

BY TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

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SOUTHERN NEWS.

Gen. Dix is known to have forwarded here statements from Richmond papers to the effect that, on the 15th inst., Admiral Farragut attacked Port Hudson, and after a short fight was seriously repulsed. One vessel, the Mississippi, being sunk. They admit, however, that one ran the blockade, and is now between Port Hudson and Vicksburg. This rebel report is not fully credited here.

The latest advices from Richmond speak of gold selling there at four hundred and fifty per cent. and adds that private sales have been made at a much higher figure.

THE SUPREME COURT

Of this District can't sit till May, under the existing law. A Clerk has not yet been select-ed. There is talk of appointing Return J. Meigs, of Tennessee, and making Mr. Wylie Codifier of the District laws, in place of Meigs. Judges Carter and Olin are reported to have declared that no lawyer should practice in the Court who had not taken the oath of alle-giance. It is said that a leading lawyer of the District yesterday declared that he would not do it, and a third more of the Washing-ton bar will follow his example.

GEN. SPINNER,

U. S. Treasurer, announces, to-day, that henceforth 5 instead of 4 per cent. interest will be paid on temporary deposits; that no more temporary deposits will be taken in gold, and that hereafter a half of Quartermasters' and other warrants will be paid in money, in-stead of a quarter, as heretofore—the balance as before, in certificates of indebtedness.

PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL.

Lieut. Col. Fry, of the regular army, well known in the West as late Chief of Staff to Gen. Buell, has been appointed Provost Mar-shal General, completely upsetting the specu-lation of everybody as to this appointment. Col. Fry's headquarters will continue to be at the War Department.

PERSONAL.

Gen. Buford lost $1,900 by having his pocket picked to-day in an oyster saloon.

Gens. Ord and Schoepff have been relieved from duty on the Buell Court, which will sit ten days longer in Cincinnati, and then ad-journ to Baltimore.

GEN. SCHURZ.

It is believed in General Sigel's old corps that General Schurz will be assigned to its command, but this is doubtful.

CAPTAIN DAHLGREN,

Late of General Sigel's Staff, has accepted a position upon the staff of Gen. Hooker.

IN TOWN.

Thurlow Weed is now in town; also, Gov. Tod.

UNTRUE.

The reported withdrawal of General Sigel's resignation is entirely untrue.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The following General Order has been issued:

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 67.—*War Department, Adjutant General's Office*, Washington, March 17, 1863.—It is hereby ordered: First, That Colonel James B. Fry, Assistant Adjut-tant General of the United States Army, be and he is hereby detailed as Provost Marshal General of the United States, in pursuance of section 5th of the act approved March 3d, 1863, for enrolling and calling out the Na-tional forces, and for other purposes. He is accordingly authorised and required to per-form all the duties of Provost Marshal Gen-eral set forth in the said act, and such other duties as may properly pertain to his office. All communications relative to the business of Provost Marshals and the provisions of the act of Congress aforesaid will be address-ed to him.

Second, That all appointments which have been heretofore made of Provost Marshals are hereby revoked. By order of the Secre-tary of War.

L. THOMAS, Adjutant General.

Acting Rear Admiral Bailey, commanding the East Gulf Squadron, under date of Key West, March 10th, informs the Navy Depart-ment of the arrival there of the steamer Huntsville, from a short cruise between Ha-vanna and the Tortugas, also, of the return of the U. S. gunboat Sagamore, from as far up the coast as Mosquito Inlet. He encloses an interesting report of an expedition made by the boats of the Sagamore to the town of Smyrna for the purpose of capturing or de-stroying a vessel loaded with cotton, in which a brisk engagement of 20 minutes duration occurred, resulting in the destruction of the vessel, and, unfortunately, also in a loss on our side of one killed and five wounded. The officers and men of the expedition appear to have behaved with great spirit and judgment. Their subsequent operations have been of ef-ficient service in clearing out the rebels from the Indian river, and in breaking up their connection with the lawless hordes of Nassau. This last achievement, wholly unassisted as they were against nearly double their own number, and showing such determined bravery and endurance, is of a brilliancy to merit es-pecial recognition from the Government. The results of the expedition, consisting of a sloop and a boat, together with 35 bales of sea Is-land cotton, had arrived at Key West.

The gunboat Gem of the Sea, on the 10th, captured the sloop Peter, of Savannah, for Nassau, while attempting to run the blockade in Indian River Inlet, east of Florida. She had a cargo of salt. The vessel being old and leaky, she was destroyed.

FROM MURFREESBORO.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

MURFREESBORO, March 18, 1863.

Three thousand rebels are reported at Mid-dleton.

A grand review of Gen. Crittenden's Corps took place to-day.

Sergeant Wm. Edwards, of Co. F, 17th In-diana, who was taken prisoner at Woodbury twelve days ago, effected his escape, and after wandering eight days and nights through the woods arrived in camp last night.

We have good evidence that there is no rebel force at Chattanooga.

Fine weather continues. F.

Meeting of the Union State Committee.

HARRISBURG, March 18.—The Union State Committee met this afternoon at the Jones House. The attendance was large, and the following call was issued for a Union State Convention:

The loyal citizens of Pennsylvania, with-out distinction of party, who desire cordially to unite in sustaining the National and State Administrations in their patriotic efforts to suppress a sectional and unholy rebellion against the unity of the Republic, and who desire to support by every power of the Gov-ernment our heroic brethren in arms, who are braving disease and the perils of the field to preserve the Union of our fathers, are request-ed to select the number of delegates equal to the Legislative representatives of the State, at such times and in such manner as will best respond to the spirit of this call, to meet in State Convention, at Pittsburgh, on Wednes-day, the 15th day of July next, at 11 o'clock, a. m.; on said day, to nominate candidates for the offices of Governor and Judge of the Su-preme Court, and to take such measures as may be deemed necessary to strengthen the Government in this season of common peril to a common country.

(Signed,) U. P. MARLIN,
Chairman of the U. S. Committee.

GEO. W. HAMERLY, } Secretaries.
WM. J. HOWARD. }

Resolved, That it be recommended to the loyal citizens of Pennsylvania, without dis-tinction of party, to organize in each election district of the State, and form a Union League for the purpose of sustaining the government in suppressing this causeless and wicked re-bellion, which now seeks to divide and destroy the Republic.

From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 17.—Last night Lieut. Col. Whipple, of the 12th Wisconsin regiment, captured a small boat which was attempting to run the blockade on Elizabeth river, near Norfolk. She had about $2,000 worth of contraband goods on board. Three of the men were arrested and taken to Nor-folk.

The iron-clad Keokuk passed down the Hampton Roads this morning, and returned at four o'clock this afternoon.

The Yorktown *Cavalier*, of March 17th, contains the following:

From Williamsburg, yesterday, some thirty or forty of the enemy fired upon our pickets stationed in the direction of Richmond. The pickets returned the fire, and the enemy beat a hasty retreat. No loss was sustained, and all is again quiet. It was probably their purpose to induce our men to pursue them and fall into another ambuscade.

Another rebel raid on Saturday last. Gen. Fitz Hugh Lee, with about 2,000 cavalry and two pieces of artillery made a hurried advance upon our lines at Gloucester, but hearing of some reinforcements to our forces at that point, they returned as fast as they came. It is rumored that they had gone for reinforce-ments, but we are ready for them.

The United States sloop-of-war Juniata ar-rived at two o'clock this morning, from Phil-adelphia.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 18.—*By Tele-graph.*—Col. Ludlow has just returned from City Point, having made arrangements for the exchange of all political prisoners. Those in Richmond were to be released to-day, and in Salisbury next week.

There was a fight at Blackwater yesterday, but the particulars have not yet been received.

The rebels attacked Newbern last Friday and were defeated.

The Richmond papers of yesterday, copies of which have been received here, say that on the 14th inst., Commodore Farragut at-tacked Port Hudson and was repulsed. The United States steamship-of-war Mississippi was burnt, and Commodore Farragut went down the river in his flag-ship, which was disabled. The land forces did not join in the fight.

The Richmond papers of yesterday contain news of the capture of the City of Mexico by the French army.

From the Army of the Potomac.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
March 18, 1863.

A most brilliant cavalry fight took place yesterday beyond Kelly's Ford. A recon-noissance, under Gen. Averill, forced a pas-sage over the river, in the face of resistance by a considerable body of rebel sharpshooters. The ford admitted but a single horseman at a time with safety, and was crossed in this order. Col. Kilpatrick's brigade of cavalry charged on the rebels in their in-trenchments, killing and capturing most of the forces, besides securing a large number of horses.

A short distance from the shore General Averill's command encountered the rebel cav-alry under Gens. Stuart and Fitz-Hugh Lee, who hastened to prevent our passage.

They made some dashing charges upon our troops, who replied, and, in turn, charged on them with fatal effect—using sabres only in the conflict. The force engaged was about 2,000 on each side. The enemy at last took refuge behind an entrenched battery, about four miles from the Ford, flanked by rifle forts and abattes.

Gen. Averill having accomplished his ob-ject, and securing his prisoners and the wounded on both sides, and a large number of horses, he re-crossed the river.

Among the prisoners is Maj. Breckinridge, cousin of the arch traitor, J. C. Breckinridge.

The prisoners characterise the affair on our part as one of the ablest and most gallantly fought cavalry raids of the whole war, and admit that over one troops were totally de-moralized by the gallant sabre charges of our cavalry. About 80 prisoners have been brought in. The wounded of the enemy bear sufficient marks that the sabre was the only weapon used on our side.

From New York.

NEW YORK, March 18.—It is stated that Mr. A. S. Stewart has chartered a ship to be filled with food for the destitute in Ireland. Barney Williams proposes to give a benefit at the Academy of Music for the same object.

A very interesting meeting was held at the Stock Exchange, this afternoon. It was ad-dressed by Cyrus W. Field, Esq., on the sub-ject of the Atlantic Telegraph, and over $400,-000 were subscribed. A committee was ap-pointed to act in concert with those previously appointed by the Chamber of Commerce and Produce Exchange in securing subscriptions, for the fund.

Advices per the steamer Union state that the rebels have erected formidable batteries at Galveston, mounted with guns taken from the Harriet Lane and Westfield.

The U. S. fleet off Galveston, on February 28th, consisted of the steam frigate Brooklyn and four gunboats. On the 12th the Brook-lyn threw a few shells into the fort on Pelican Island, and on the 24th threw into the town, setting it on fire in three places. The flames were, however, soon extinguished.

The Harriet Lane is seventy miles up the river, being converted into an iron-clad. It is not probable that our fleet, as at present constituted, will undertake any offensive operations against the city.

A young clerk, recently employed by Messrs. Wetmore & Co., absconded yesterday with $10,000 in gold.

Union Democratic Convention.

LOUISVILLE, March 18.—A Union Demo-cratic Convention, composed of loyal men of all parties, met to-day. It was the largest convention ever assembled in this State. Charles A. Marshall was chosen President. Ex-Governor Wickliffe introduced Mr. Cra-ven, of Indiana, who in the course of his re-marks complained that the Democrats of In-diana had been called copperheads and butter-nuts, when great confusion occurred, and the speaker was prevented from proceeding. After order was restored, the Convention ad-journed till to-morrow, when nominations for State officers will be made.

Marshall Halbert, a prominent merchant, died this evening.

Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Secretary Chase, in speaking to his friends respecting his re-cent visit to New York, says it was both agreeable and satisfactory.

Provost Marshal General Draper, who has given satisfaction in that capacity under civil organization, will continue in office un-til the military arrangements required by act for enrolling and organizing the National forces shall have been completed. His du-ties, however, will not interfere with those of Col. Fry.

New Jersey Legislature.

TRENTON, N. J., March 18.—The peace resolutions passed the House to-day by a vote of 33 years against 16 nays, after a very ani-mated debate, which was participated in by Messrs. Hamilton, Van Aken and English in favor of the proposition, and Messrs. Bate-man, Maylin, Stevens, Jackson and Wood in opposition.

The Loan bill of one million dollars was passed to-day. Also; the bill for raising 300,-000 dollars.

Missouri Legislature.

JEFFERSON CITY, March 18.—A bill passed the Senate to-day providing for the calling of a new State Convention to take into con-sideration the gradual emancipation of sla-very in Missouri.

Mr. Bishop's proposed amendments to the Constitution regarding slavery were discussed, and several amendments adopted.

From Hilton Head.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A Hilton Head let-ter, dated the 13th inst., says: Lieut. Rushby and nine men, three of the latter belonging to the 9th Maine, and the rest to an engineer regiment, were captured by a squad of rebels who crossed the river And found our pickets asleep, and without a musket loaded.

Markets by Telegraph.

CINCINNATI, March 18.—Evening.—Flour opened with a good demand from the army bakers at $5 90 @6 for superfine, but they withdrew under the news from New York, and prices declined 10 to 15 cts. per barrel, closing at $5 15@5 60. Wheat dull at $1 25 @1 35 for prime red and white. Oats declined to 68 @69. Corn dull at 67@68. Rye and barley are un-changed. Whisky 43 and in fair demand. Mess Pork dull and nominal. There is an active de-mand for bacon, owing to the immense amount ad-vertised for by the Government, and all in the mar-ket was taken at an advance; shoulders 5½; sides 7; hams, canvassed and packed, 9; bulk shoulders are in active demand at 4½, and hams at 6¼. Lard dull and neglected, prices nominal.

Money easy at 6@8. Exchange steady at ¼ prem Gold and Demand Notes declined to 155, and dull. Silver 60.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Cotton dull and lower; sales 300 bales at 71@80c. Flour declined; sales 10,-000 bbls. at $5 75@6 90 for State; $7 40@7 50 for Ohio; and $7 40@7 60 for Southern. Wheat very dull and nominally unchanged; sales 7000 bushels at $1 75 for red delivered. Corn is lower; sales 60,000 bush. Pork heavy at $14, 12½@15 25 for old mess, and $16 25@16 50 for new; $11 25@12 50 for prime. Lard heavy at 9½@11½c. Whisky dull and lower at 45@46½c. Freights more steady; on flour 1s 9d; on grain 5½@5¾.

NEW YORK, March 18.—Cotton quiet but irregular; sales at 80@82c. Flour declined 5c; sales 8,000 bbls. at $5 75@6 90 for State, $7 40@7 50 for Ohio and $7 40 @7 50 for Southern. Wheat dull and heavy at nom-inal prices. Corn declined 1c. Mixed; sales 40,000 bush. at 90@91; unsound