# Pittsburgh Gazette.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, APRIL 1.


## CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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

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| 8 o'clock, A. M. | 29 | 42 |
| 12 " M. | 29 | 50 |
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| Barometer | | 29 2-10 |

### Court Reports.

QUARTER PLEAS, ORPHANS' COURT, &c.

PRESIDENT—HON. JAMES P. STEREETT.
ASSOCIATE LAW JUDGE—HON. THOMAS MELLON.
ASSOCIATE LAW JUDGE—HON. E. H. STOWE.
ASSOCIATE JUDGE—HON. J. BROWN.
TERM DAYS—4th Monday of March; 1st Monday of June; 1st Monday of October; 4th Monday of December. Return days—First Monday of each month, and the first day of each term.
Trials are taken up on the first Monday of each month, succeeding all cases at issue on the fourth Saturday preceding the first Monday of each month.
Sheriff's Sales, on the first day of each term.
Argument Lists taken up on the Monday succeeding the conclusion of jury trials.

### District Court.

PRESIDENT—HON. M. HAMPTON.
ASSOCIATE—HON. H. W. WILLIAMS.
TERM DAYS—The fourth Monday of January, April, July, and November. Return days—The first Monday of each month and the first day of each term.
Sheriff's Sales on the first day of each month.
ARGUMENT WEEK—Monday, April 6th, and every fifth week thereafter.
Trial calls for each day consist of the first ten open cases.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.—Those of our subscribers who design changing their places of residence should give notice of the fact at our publishing room, so that no mistakes may occur in delivering the paper. If the matter is attended to at the proper time, there need be no interruption in the receipt of the papers.

### Monthly Report of the Subsistence Committee.

The following is the report of operations of the Subsistence Committee for the month of March:

We have fed at our large Dining Room at City Hall, 8,106 soldiers on their way East and West. The Soldier's Rest on Liberty street have enjoyed a home-like dinner very many of these were discharged or furloughed men from the army of the Rappahannock. The majority of them were returning to their homes with constitutions shattered by disease, and bodies disabled by wounds. Medical attendance and nourishing food, such as their condition demanded, was furnished to all. Two officers were sent to hospitals, two of whom being discharged soldiers were sent to private hospitals at the expense of Committee. One poor fellow, who had lost an arm and received a terrible wound in the head at the Battle of Ball Run, was found lying near the Depot, bathed in his own blood, and almost preconscious. He is now in a fair way of recovery.

The attention of the Committee was called to the case of a Pittsburgh soldier, who had enlisted in a Virginia regiment and had been dangerously wounded in the battle of Antietam. One of our most skillful surgeons has performed an operation on him, which, if his strength is not too much exhausted by months of suffering, will save his life. We found him in a very forlorn condition, destitute of all the comforts which alleviate pain and suffering. His wants have been supplied and arrangements made to secure a pension from Government.

There are at present many such cases in our city. Soldiers who have come home to die amongst their friends, and many of them are lingering out the remnant of their days in misery and pain. On behalf of these we appeal to you for aid.

Transportation has been furnished to nine discharged soldiers left in the city destitute of means.

The following articles have been sent to the hospitals of our armies in the East and Southwest: 115 comforts, 7 sheets, 464 muslin shirts, 189 flannel shirts, 136 pairs drawers, 59 pillows, 81 pillow cases, 197 towels, 24 pads and slings, 239 bundles of lint, 310 rolls bandages, 163 pairs socks, 23 pairs mittens, 48 pairs slippers, 203 handkerchiefs, 178 cans fruit, 148 pounds butter, 45 dozens eggs, 41 bushels potatoes, 170 heads of cabbage, 5,000 books and tracts, 195 gallons of wines and whisky, 178 pounds dried fruit, and 460 pounds crackers. The demand is very great for the following articles: muslin shirts and drawers, flannel shirts, bandages, fruit and wines.

We intend forwarding some hospital stores to the 77th, 78th and 79th Pennsylvania Regiments, in Tennessee, under charge of the Chaplain of one of those regiments, who will start about the 15th of April. Contributions of hospital supplies are solicited for these regiments.

The public are aware that all contributions of hospital supplies entrusted to the Committee are distributed in the hospitals by members of the Committee, or their agents.

Almost all of their agents are ladies and gentlemen who formerly resided in this city. Were we permitted to publish their names, our citizens would be convinced that perfect confidence could be placed in their faithfulness. No supplies are forwarded to new hospitals until arrangements are made to have them distributed by reliable persons.

Depending as we do on voluntary contributions of stores to carry on this part of the work, we appeal to all citizens of Western Pennsylvania who regard our method of distribution as best adapted to supply the wants of the sick or wounded soldiers, at the least possible expense, to send all articles they may be pleased to entrust to us to Weyman & Son, Smithfield street, or to Albree, Son & Co., Wood street.

We cannot close this report without thankfully acknowledging the following contributions to the Refreshment and Hospital Funds during the past month:

Lloyd & Black, B. A. Fahnestock, Son & Co., King & Pennock, $100 each; Exchange Bank, Bank of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Trust Company, $100 each; Citizens', Allegheny, Mechanics' Manufacturers' and Manufacturers' Banks, $50 each; Union Bank Company and Iron Trust Company, $50 each; Farmers' Deposit Bank, $25; O. G. Hussey & Co., $50; James McAuley, $25; F. Dohrman, $25; Citizens' W. H. Martens, $25; Corcoran Regiment Funds, $50; H. Philipp, $10; Dilworth, Porter & Co., $25; R. Bugmann, $10; Jake Hill, for steamer Dick Fulton, $25; Jos. H. Hill, $25; G. E. Warner, W. M. Gormly, Schmertz & Beakley, J. Heath, each $10; Watt & Wilson, $20; J. B. Sample, $25; T. & J. T. McCance, $25; W. Phillips, $20; W. Bagaley, $50; C. J. Clark, $20; James A. Hutchinson, $50; A. Floyd, $25; A. Friend, $50; A. Wilson & Co., $25; German M. Trinity Church, $24 25; do Sunday School, $3 85; J. A. Negaire, $10; Col. Mann, $10; a friend, $5; Miss Robinson, $5; Master John C. King, $3; Cash from sundry persons, $18 20; Capt. J. M. Roberts, $10; Mrs. Kaiser, $10; D. M. Book, $5; Ladies Aid Society, Brady's Bend, $15; a friend, $5; R. A. George, $5; George Dunsee, $5.

Also, contributions of clothing and eatables from Mrs. Wallingford, Miss A. Thaw, Mrs. Geo. Albree, Mr. Geo. A. Berry, Mrs. Parker, Mrs. C. Fleming, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs J. Pennock, Mrs. T. Williams, Mrs. George R. White, Mrs. F. Sellers, 6 bags of potatoes, cabbage and beets from Jos. H. Hill; 1 box clothing, Third Presbyterian Sewing Society; 1 box clothing and bedding, ladies of Clinton; 2 do of fruit, Mrs. Gilland Falconer; 1 do of clothing, ladies of Oil City; 1 do, Aid Society of Lawrence county; 1 do, ladies of Hulsenburg, Lawrence county; 150 heads of cabbage from Pittsburgh Sanitary Committee; 32 shirts, 10 pairs drawers, 53 handkerchiefs, 3 pairs socks, 14 cans and jars of fruit, 2 bush of Potatoes, ½ bush of onions from Union Relief Society of Shaler township; 12 shirts, 3 pairs socks, ladies of Lawrenceville; 1 box, Ladies' Aid Society of Irwin Station; 15 cans fruit, Mrs. A. P. Childs; 3 jars pickles, Sanitary Committee; 1 box of bedding and clothing W. 129 pieces from Ladies' Aid Society, Mahoning, Lawrence county, Pa.

As it would occupy too much space to enumerate the different articles from each donor, we simply acknowledge the number of boxes or packages received from each person.

W. P. WEYMAN,
JOSEPH ALBREE, } Ex's Com.
H. M. AYWOOD,

SALES OF STOCKS, by J. G. Davis, Auctioneer, at the Commercial Sales Rooms, No. 54 Fifth street, Tuesday evening, March 31, 1863.

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| Exchange Bank | $45 75 |
| do do | 65 50 |
| Bank of Pittsburgh | 64 25 |
| Allegheny Bank | 56,00 |
| Merchants' and Manufacturers' Bank | 26 25 |
| Birmingham Bridge Company | 29 00 |
| Pittsburgh Connellsville R. R. Co. | 8 00 |

### Sale of Stalls in the Allegheny Market.

Yesterday the stalls in the Allegheny Market were offered for sale, and the bidding was very spirited. It will be remembered that the bonus thus paid was only for the choice of stalls, the rent being, as here stated, an addition, and the stalls being guaranteed to the successful bidders for a term of ten years, without any change of rent:

| NO. | NAMES. | RENT. | BONUS. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | George Eckert | $100 | $375 |
| 2. | Charles Zehander | 100 | 325 |
| 3. | Charles Spangler | 100 | 325 |
| 4. | John Geits | 100 | 275 |
| 5. | J. Sanderson | 90 | 275 |
| 6. | William Baxter | 90 | 250 |
| 7. | Joseph McDonald | 90 | 225 |
| 8. | C. Dellenbaugh | 90 | 225 |
| 9. | W. Peter | 100 | 525 |
| 10. | Joseph Gallagher | 100 | 525 |
| 11. | Jonathan Gallagher | 100 | 525 |
| 12. | W. J. Blackstone | 100 | 500 |
| 13. | James Baxter | 90 | 225 |
| 14. | R. Danver | 90 | 225 |
| 15. | J. Herchenroeder | 90 | 400 |
| 16. | J. Gardner | 90 | 200 |
| 17. | Joseph E. Strickler | 100 | 275 |
| 18. | H. Ackley | 100 | 400 |
| 19. | George Kimberley | 100 | 1,375 |
| 20. | Andrew Ackley | 100 | 1,350 |
| 21. | G. W. Evans | 100 | 1,125 |
| 22. | John Rissbuen | 100 | 800 |
| 23. | John Bambaugh | 100 | 350 |
| 24. | George Tracer | 80 | 300 |
| 25. | Henry Zoller | 80 | 150 |
| 26. | C. Breining | 80 | 325 |
| 27. | J. Maier | 80 | 175 |
| 28. | Wm. Bader | 80 | 300 |
| 29. | Peter Schatz | 80 | 200 |
| 30. | Wm. Martin | 80 | 175 |
| 31. | John Hartman | 80 | 100 |
| 32. | Hugh Danver | 80 | 150 |
| 33. | G. Freid | 80 | 150 |
| 34. | William Bintner | 80 | 175 |
| 35. | Jacob Ryan | 80 | 50 |
| 36. | Jacob Ochenhartz | 80 | 160 |
| 37. | Charles Woolford | 80 | 55 |
| 38. | F. Bielstein | 80 | 200 |
| 39. | A. Eckert | 80 | 300 |
| 40. | G. Topper | 80 | 65 |
| 41. | James Woods | 80 | 55 |
| 42. | A. Zunk | 40 | 55 |
| 43. | John Rabb | 40 | 55 |
| 44. | Jacob Hough | 40 | 55 |
| 45. | Emanuel Houck | 40 | 55 |
| 46. | J. Z. Seymour | 60 | 55 |
| 47. | Mrs. Dosch | 40 | 55 |
| 48. | B. Widder | 40 | 55 |
| 49. | J. Adam Zunk | 40 | 55 |
| 50. | John Rabb | 40 | 55 |
| 51. | Wm. Partridge | 40 | 55 |
| 52. | George Emerick | 40 | 55 |
| 53. | G. Bielstein | 60 | 60 |
| 54. | Jacob Pfordt | 60 | 55 |
| 55. | Peter Redecker | 60 | 65 |
| 56. | Andrew Kress | 60 | 60 |
| 57. | John Wain | 60 | 55 |
| 58. | Samuel McClure | 60 | 55 |
| 59. | John Porter | 60 | 55 |
| 60. | Jacob Pfordt | 60 | 55 |
| 61. | M. Younginger | 60 | 55 |
| 62. | Peter Fairley | 60 | 60 |
| 63. | M. F. Lynch | 80 | 55 |
| 64. | George Hartman | 80 | 60 |
| 65. | Samuel Young | 80 | 65 |
| 66. | George Geits | 80 | 60 |
| 67. | Patrick Bannon | 80 | 80 |
| 68. | A. Sillott | 80 | 100 |
| 69. | John Path | 80 | 150 |
| 70. | Jas. Reed | 100 | 225 |
| 71. | Jas. Reed | 100 | 125 |
| 72. | Z. Hyman | 100 | 250 |
| 73. | William Rehander | 100 | 250 |
| | | 5580 | 15,970 |

Six butchers stands were left unsold, together with 200 garden stands. The latter will be offered for sale in about two weeks, due notice of which will be given.

### Oliver M'Clintock & Co.'s New Carpet Store.

That Pittsburgh is rapidly growing is evidenced by the great number of new establishments springing up in our midst. Whilst new capital is being largely invested in manufacturing branches, especially in the iron and steel departments; the mercantile, we are glad to see, is manifesting a full share in the general prosperity of our community.

We thought of this more particularly in a recent examination of the new store of Oliver McClintock & Co., dealers in carpets, &c., No. 23 Fifth street, which we are said to be possessing one of the finest ware-rooms in the city. The main room is two hundred feet in depth, with every convenience for the arrangement and display of carpets. The firm have also just completed the fitting up of the basement—which is of nearly the same depth as the main room, and having admirable arrangements for light, the reception of goods, &c., as a salesroom for oil cloths and mattings. Altogether the facilities for the exhibition of their merchandise are unexcelled.

They have now on hands a large stock of carpets, oil cloths, mattings, mats and window shades, which not only fully sustain the character of such an establishment in the elegance and variety of their selection, but—best of all—present the largest inducements as regards prices in the fact of their having been purchased before the recent advance, made necessary by the scarcity and high prices of wool, dye stuffs and the other materials of manufacture.

It is their constant aim to always have an assortment complete in every particular, from the richest velvets and Brussels down through all grades and prices—suiting in styles every taste, and meeting in quality every degree of pecuniary ability.

We cannot, of course, enumerate all the varieties of merchandise appertaining to a first class carpet house. We can assure our friends, however, who may favor us with a call for the new wants in house-furnishing, which come with the breaking of winter and the family fittings of the season, that nowhere will they have a better stock to choose from, a finer room for examination, or more courteous merchants to deal with.

PITTSBURGH FEMALE COLLEGE.—The Spring term of the Pittsburgh Female College is just opening, and, we are pleased to learn, with the most marked success. Though but four school days have elapsed, since the opening, more pupils have already entered than were ever in attendance during any corresponding time. As pupils continue to come in for weeks after the opening, the present numbers will be considerably augmented. This astonishing success is no less deserved than marked, and is due not only to the liberal policy adopted by the trustees, but to its vigorous management, its strict discipline, and the earnest efforts of its large and able Faculty, for the highest possible attainments for all placed under their tuition. We wish it the largest possible measure of success.

We understand that Miss Lena Scribe has been requested by a large number of her friends and admirers to repeat her Concert. The evening chosen for her previous entertainment, had been so inclement that the greatest part of the music amateurs, especially the ones residing at any distance from the centre of the city, were deprived of a real musical treat. We would be glad to hear that Miss Scriba would consent to give us another Concert, as it is very seldom that such musical talent as her's and her supporters, present themselves before the public.

THEATRE.—Mr. J. A. Neafie, the popular American actor, appeared last night as the Indian Chief Metamora. A very fair house greeted his performance. As Mr. Neafie most positively concludes his engagement this week, and Metamora again being the play for to-night, this will be the only chance for a long time to come, of seeing this interesting piece, as we believe Mr. Neafie is the only person allowed to play it in addition to Mr. Edwin Forrest. We would advise those desirous of witnessing the play to secure seats early.

CRIMINAL COURT.—Suitors and witnesses who do not desire to be sent for, with costs and possible imprisonment, should constantly be ready in the Court. Its business is being disposed of with all possible speed, and a note in the form of a process, in the hands of an officers, with costs attached, will be first intimation those who neglect attending to this will receive. Save costs and trouble, therefore by attending to your business, if you have business in this Court.

FASHIONABLE CLOTHING.—Our affable young friends composing the firm of John Weier & Co., Merchant Tailors, No. 126 Federal street, Allegheny, have just opened the most extensive and reckeche stock of spring and summer goods ever exhibited west of the mountains, comprising some of the most beautiful French and American Cassimeres, Cloths, Cashmeres, Marseilles, &c., &c., to be found in the eastern market. This enterprising firm has also a very large assortment of the latest styles of furnishing goods, and a considerable quantity ready-made clothing of superior quality. We advise our Allegheny patrons to call at this establishment, and see for themselves.

### Sunday School Convention.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

President McKnight in the Chair. Exercises opened with appropriate religious exercises.

The Committee on Permanent Organization presented the form of a Constitution for the County Association, which, after being slightly amended, was adopted. The Committee also recommended the following list of officers and Board of Managers for the ensuing year:

President—Hon. Robt. McKnight.

Vice Presidents.—C. Arbuthnot, Allegheny, United Presbyterian; F. H. Eaton, Minersville, Episcopal; B. L. Fahnestock, East Liberty, Baptist; Rev. J. W. McMillan, Allegheny, Reformed Presbyterian; W. Aughinbaugh, Birmingham, N. S. Presb.; Robert Carr, McClure township, Cumb. Presb.; John F. Dravo, McKeesport, Methodist Epis.; D. S. Diffenbacher, Pittsburgh, German Ref'd.; C. Yeager, Allegheny, Lutheran; Wm. Rinehart, Pittsburgh, Methodist Prot.; Daniel Ewer, Allegheny; Robert Ashworth, Allegheny, Disciples; Mansfield Brown, Mansfield, O. S. Presb.

Recording Secretary—David Robinson, Pittsburgh.

Corresponding Secretary—L. H. Eaton, Allegheny.

Treasurer—Wm. Frew, Pittsburgh.

Board of Managers—James McCandless, Rev. D. H. McJunkin, United Presbyterian; H. L. Bollman, Episcopal; R. C. Miller, Reformed Presbyterian; B. Preston, N. S. Presbyterian; Jacob Boobyer, Baptist; S. Morrow, Cumberland Presbyterian; W. W. Mair, W. H. Kincaid, Methodist Episcopal; W. E. Schmertz, German Reformed; Thos. H. Lane, Lutheran; Wm. Miller, Methodist Protestant; Isaac Taylor, Covenanter; —— Johnson, Disciples; Joseph McKnight, O. S. Presbyterian.

Mr. Wm. Frew, on behalf of the Business Committee, reported the following resolution for discussion:

*Resolved*, That a district Secretary be appointed by the Board of Managers for each ward, township and borough, whose duty it shall be to collect the statistics from such district, under regulations furnished by the Board, and forward them to the Corresponding Secretary of this Association by the 1st of May next.

The following resolution was reported by the same Committee, and, after a spirited discussion, was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That earnest efforts for the conversion of the young is one of the most pressing and important duties of the church.

The following resolution called out a number of short, stirring addresses:

*Resolved*, That the parents, Ministers, teachers of Allegheny county should be more fully impressed with the solemn responsibility of their several relations to the youth of the present day.

At the close of the discussion of this resolution, the names of quite a number of persons for district secretaryships were reported to the Secretary, after which the Convention adjourned to meet at seven o'clock.

NIGHT SESSION.

The proceedings of the Convention were opened with singing and psalm, and prayer by Rev. W. J. Reed—President McKnight in the Chair.

After the minutes of the afternoon session were adopted, the following resolution was presented by Mr. Frew, on behalf of the Business Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Ministry, Sabbath School Teachers and Superintendents in Allegheny county who have sent their schools so many of the brave boys who are now nobly fighting the battles of the Union, give earnest expression to their unfaltering loyalty to the National Government, and their sincere prayer to the God of Battles that he would bless the right and give victory to our arms.

This expression of loyalty called out some eloquent remarks from a number of laymen and ministers, among whom we noticed Geo. Albree, Dr. Paxton, Wm. Frew, Rev. Wm. A. Davidson, U. S. District Attorney Carnahan, Rev. A. H. Thomas, and Rev. J. D. Knox. The resolution was then adopted unanimously by a standing vote.

The following resolution was offered for discussion: *Resolved*, That the Mission Schools in this county commend themselves to the prayer, co-operation and contributions of the Christian public.

Excellent remarks were made by Mr. Frew, Rev. H. Johnson, Joseph McKnight, Dr. George Marshall, George Albree, Esq., Dr. Paxton, Rev. T. P. A. McLain, R. B. Carnahan, Esq.

The following resolutions were adopted without discussion:

*Resolved*, That whilst a large proportion of the children and youth of Allegheny county are destitute of religious instruction, it is the duty of every Christian man and woman to "work whilst it is day" for the conversion of the young in the Sabbath School and in the City.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Association are hereby tendered to the trustees of the 1st U. P. church for the use of their church for this meeting.

*Resolved*, That the Union Sabbath School Association of Allegheny county, closing its first public meeting, goes forth to its work with the high resolve to labor more earnestly, pray more fervently, and give more liberally for the evangelization of the young and rising generation.

The President then announced the names of the Board of Managers and the call for the State Sunday School Convention to be held June 2d, after which the Association adjourned with singing and prayer.

The President, Hon. R. McKnight, presided with great dignity and acceptability during its session, and doubtless did much towards facilitating the large amount of business before the convention.


DRAKE'S BITTERS may now be considered the greatest success in the medical world. From the character of the men who have control of the article we thought it would be so. The name of D. S. Barnes, Esq., (partner of Dr. Drake) is a sufficient guarantee to the public of a good and pure article. Enquirements strongly indicate the early evacuation of Richmond, though it is intended to be accomplished by a slow and sure process. One entire division of the rebels arrived in Richmond last Tuesday, as is supposed, to protect the insurgents from any attack that may be made, while the evacuation is taking place. The rebels have already commenced to remove their large guns and also their machine shops to Chattanooga.

### From New York.

NEW YORK, March 31.—A letter from Hilton Head, dated the 27th inst., says that heavy firing was heard nearly all the previous day in the vicinity of Charleston, and it was thought that the fleet, which left on Wednesday, was attacking the rebel batteries at Stono Inlet.

The Savannah *Republican*, of the 25th, reports an engagement to have taken place between the rebel light batteries and U. S. gunboats on Monday. No particulars are given, except that the rebels poured shot and shell into the enemy for a considerable time. The victory appears to have been in the vicinity of Jacksonville.

Mayor Opdyke has vetoed the resolution of the Board of Supervisors asking the passage, by the Legislature, of an act to tax bank stocks and the stocks of all incorporated companies and associations, held by individuals in this county, on the ground that the property named is already taxed, excepting that which the acts of Congress have exempted from taxation, viz: Such parts of this property as consists of bonds and other securities of the United States.

Mayor Opdyke regards the resolution as intended to reach the latter, and is opposed to anything like an evasion or nullification of these eminently proper enactments.

### From Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Maj. Gen. Herron has been assigned command of the Army of the Frontier, and will leave for Southwest Missouri to-day to assume command. It is understood that the divisions of this army will be speedily concentrated for an important expedition against the enemy. Gens. Van Dever and Orme have been ordered to report to Gen. Herron.

Gen. Blunt's district is extended south to the Arkansas river, and embraces the western tier of counties of Missouri and Arkansas.

The district of Southwestern Missouri has been extended to the Arkansas river, Gen. Schofield in command.

### From Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, March 31.—Major Clarence Prentice, with two subordinate officers of the Confederate army, came into Louisville early this morning. They were arrested this afternoon and sent to Camp Chase.

The Federal forces are closely pressing the rebels.

One hundred and forty rebels were captured near Stanford, and recaptured 3,000 head of cattle, which the rebels were taking from Kentucky.

## Midnight Edition.

BY TELEGRAPH.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

### OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, March 31, 1863.

NEGRO REGIMENTS.

The Government has authorised General Ullman to raise a black brigade, and Gov. Andrews to raise a couple of negro regiments, but beyond that no authority has yet been given to any one to enlist black troops.

Scores of petitions have come in from persons wishing to be officers of black regiments, but the War Department positively refuses to give further authority to anybody for the present. It is intimated, however, that they mean soon to begin the work for enlisting negroes in the service.

ISSUE OF GENERAL ORDERS.

General orders just issued require officers who have been promoted, to remain on duty in their respective departments or armies under the assignment of the commander-in-chief.

A General Order has been issued directing the commanders of regiments or detachments of surgeons in charge of hospitals, to report on the last day of each month to the Provost Marshal, Gen. Fry, the names of all the deserters, with the full descriptive lists.

UNION MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

Both Halls at the Capitol were crowded full at the Union meeting to-day with enthusiastic audiences, and many were unable to find standing room. Chief Justice Carter made a strong speech, denouncing, in fitting terms, the treason of Jeff Davis and associates, and said in whatever else he might fail, he should not fail to punish disloyalty. Horace Maynard and Andy Johnson also spoke.

DEATH OF GEN. SUMNER.

Gen. Halleck, in a General Order, announces the death of General Sumner. He gives a brief sketch of his life and character, and directs that thirteen minute guns be fired at each post within the Department of Missouri, and flags at half mast from twelve to sunset of the day of the receipt of the order.

CAMS INTO OUR LINES.

The widow of Jackson, who killed Colonel Ellsworth, came into our lines at Union Mills to-day and begged permission to come over to our side again, offering to take the oath of allegiance.

GEN LEE'S ARMY.

The opinion in government circles is that Lee's rebel army is still in Virginia, but a portion was detached to Petersburg, and all disposed of for an easy concentration at any menaced point.

CONTRABANDS IN KENTUCKY.

The subject of Kentucky in the re-enlistment of escaped contrabands, by virtue of her local laws, is said to be giving rise to protracted Cabinet consultations.

THE LAST WITNESSES.

Gen. Halleck and Gov. Johnson are soon to be examined as the last witnesses before the Bull Run of Inquiry.

OFFICERS TO BE EXCHANGED.

All officers yet in rebel hands are to be at once exchanged, and to that end orders have been issued to have all rebel officers in our hands, who can bear transportation at all, at once sent to Baltimore.

PROVOST MARSHALS.

The Provost Marshals of Pennsylvania were named to day. A number are honorably discharged officers of the army.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENDED.

Gen. Sigel's leave of absence is further extended. He is in New York.

GEN. HALLECK,
Secretary Stanton and the President were in long conference to-day.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The President, in compliance with the request of the Senate, has designated Thursday, the 30th of April, as a day of national humiliation and prayer, and concludes the proclamation as follows: "Let us, then, rest humbly in the hope authorized by the divine teaching, that the united prayer of the nation will be graciously heard and answered with blessings no less than the pardon of our national sins and the restoration of our now divided and suffering country to its former happy condition of unity and peace."

An intercepted dispatch addressed by Judah P. Benjamin, the Confederate Secretary of State, to L. Q. C. Lamar, the Confederate Commissioner at St. Petersburg, has lately come into the possession of our Government. It was the President and significant reserve which the Confederate authorities prescribe to themselves in refusing to enter into any engagements with foreign nations not to revive the African slave trade.

Mr. Benjamin says: Mr. Lamar is well aware how firmly fixed in the Constitution is the policy of the Confederacy against the opening of that trade, but we, he remarks, are informed that false and insidious suggestions have been made by the agents of the United States, in European cities, of their intention to change their Constitution as soon as peace is restored and of authorising the importation of slaves from Africa. If, therefore, Mr. Lamar should find in his intercourse with the cabinet to which he is accredited, that any such impressions are entertained, he must use every proper effort to remove them, and if any attempt is made to introduce into any treaty which he may be charged with negotiating, stipulations on the subject just mentioned, he will assume the position that the Constitution of the Confederacy is an agreement made between independent States. In other words, no power is delegated to the Confederate government over the subject.

In the course of his instructions, Mr. Benjamin says: We trust that no unnecessary discussion on this matter will be introduced into to your negotiations. If, unfortunately, this reliance should prove ill founded, you will decline continuing in the negotiation on your side, and transfer them to us at home, where, in such an event, they could be conducted with greater facility and advantage under the direct supervision of the President.

Official information has been received, of Col. Conner's severe battle and splendid victory on Bear river, Washington territory. After a forced march of a hundred and forty miles in mid-winter, and through deep snows, in which seventy-six men were disabled by frozen feet, he and his gallant band of only two hundred attacked three hundred Indian warriors in their stronghold, and after a hard fought battle of four hours, destroyed the entire band, leaving twenty-four dead on the field. Our loss is fourteen killed and forty-nine wounded. The Indians had murdered several miners during the winter, and were part of the same band who have been massacreing emigrants, on the overland mail route, for the last fifteen years, and the principal actors and leaders in the horrid crimes of the past summer. During Col. Conner's march no assistance was rendered by the Mormons, who seemed indisposed, he says, to divulge any information regarding the Indians, and charged enormous prices for every article furnished to his command.

The Commissioner of Internal Revenue has made the following decisions: Warrants of attorney accompanying mortgage checks drawn against State funds in bank are exempt from stamp duty. Pawnbrokers checks are liable, as agreement, to a stamp duty of five cents. Whenever the receipts of an insurance agent or broker, as a compensation for services performed for or on account of the company or companies he represents, amount to the sum of $600 in any one year, he is liable to assessment under the amended excise law.

The Mayor of Washington, who presided at the great Union meeting this afternoon and evening, said in his opening speech that Washington had always been true to the Constitution and the laws, and would ever be found loyal to the Government.

The full marine band was in attendance at the meeting, and performed during the interval.

The resolutions read to the meeting, in the name of the "People of Washington," swear allegiance to the Great Republic, one and indivisable, that they will rally round the constituted authorities, come life or death, while any traitor or rebel North or South dares plot sedition, flaunt a flag, or fire a gun. While New England is not left out in the cold, South Carolina and all other Gulf States are to be plucked as brands from the burning; that more than half the battle is fought, and now to parley with treason is to dismember the nation. There is no middle ground for half-way men to stand upon. It is liberty or treason, liberty or bondage, democracy or despotism. They tender to President Lincoln and his administration their confidence and admiration for stemming the tide of treason and allaying dissension at home, and holding at bay the friends of treason abroad, and striking at slavery, which is the mainstay of rebellion—acts deserving the considerate judgment of mankind and the gracious favor of Almighty God. Declaring that they will sustain our brothers in arms by sea and land; that they will never despair of the American Union and Constitution.

Alderman Sargent offered an additional resolution, to the effect that there are two classes of persons in this city—loyal and disloyal; those who are determined to put down the rebellion at any cost, and those who give the enemy all the aid and comfort in their power. It is due to ourselves and the country that those disloyalists should be sent to their friends in Richmond, and for vigorously enforcing this policy in Baltimore, we tender our thanks to Maj. Gen. Schenck.

The reading of the resolutions was repeatedly interrupted by applause, and they were unanimously adopted amid the wildest enthusiasm.

### Arrival of the Steamship Harsa.

NEW YORK, March 31.—The steamship Harsa, from Liverpool on the 18th, arrived at this port this evening.

The Royal mail steamer Canada arrived at Liverpool on the 15th.

The ship Gil Blas, which arrived at Havre on the 14th, reported she spoke the pirate Alabama on February 23d. She put on board the Gil Blas, two Frenchmen from the ship Olive Jane, from Bordeaux for New York, which the Alabama had burnt on the 21st. She burnt on the same day a very large vessel, bound from California to Queenstown.

The ship Plata, which arrived at Southampton from the West Indies, reports the Alabama off St. Lucia, where she had captured two vessels.

The Sumter has been thoroughly repaired in England, and is ready for sea.

The Southerner, a screw gunboat, has been launched. She is to be used for the Confederate service.

The ratification of the Confederate 7 per cent cotton loan of three million pounds sterling has arrived. It will be introduced on the London change on the 19th. The bonds are issued of 90 dividends in sterling, and a sinking fund for their redemption at par in 20 years.

It is rumored that an important dispatch has arrived from Vienna.

Intelligence has been received that a great battle was expected to be fought between the Poles under Lazrzewiski and eighteen thousand Russians.

A debate on the affairs of Poland was commenced in the British Parliament on the 17th ult., but there were no important developments made. The Parliament closes on the 1st of March, but will re-open immediately.

The views of the Emperor of Austria on Poland are said to coincide with those of Napoleon.

In the Paris bourse rentes are quoted at 68f 90c.

Garibaldi's wound shows symptoms of aggravation.

POLAND.—The Russians are being everywhere reinforced.

The insurgents are in force at Keafh.

Eight of the Warsaw councilors have resigned. The municipal officers have followed their example.

An insurrection has broken out in Podolia. Several thousand of the insurgents are posted at Bar.

The Duke of Constantine has quitted Warsaw.

Dictator Langiewitz has ordered the issue of national bank notes.

The Russians have searched and plundered the town of Michalonice, and committed massacres at Gorska and Globulkow.

A thousand of the insurgents have organized at Lutchen and proclaimed the national government in several places.

AUSTRIA.—At the first sitting of the Venetian delegates a scheme was deliberated granting a provincial constitution to Venetia.

*Liverpool Cotton Market, March 17.*—The market is buoyant and prices have advanced ⅛ higher for American qualities.

The advices from Manchester are favorable, reporting an advance of ⅛@1d.

### From Fortress Monroe.

FORTRESS MONROE, March 31.—Yesterday's Richmond *Dispatch* says: On the morning of the 25th four Federal boats were advancing toward our upper batteries at Vicksburg. A vigorous fire was opened upon them. Two were driven back, and two passed under a raking fire. One received a shot, from which she sunk. Part of her crew escaped to the opposite shore. The Benton was disabled, and the Albatross towed her out of danger of our gunboats. The enemy has appeared again in front of Fort Pemberton. On Monday afternoon firing was heard, but the result is unknown.

The report of the capture of Gen. Carter's brigade by Humphrey Marshall is not confirmed.

Gen. Morgan had a fight on the 20th inst., lasting five hours, at Milton, driving the enemy two miles, when they were reinforced. Morgan says his loss of officers was heavy.

Refugees from rebelsom and deserters from the rebel army are almost daily coming into our lines at Suffolk and Yorktown and give themselves up. Generally the deserters bring their arms and equipments with them.

*Chattanooga, March 27.*—Gen. Forest captured yesterday at Brentwood, nine miles in the rear of Franklin, eight hundred prisoners. He destroyed a house of commissary stores, burnt the railroad bridge, tore up the track and captured seventeen loaded wagons.

They report that Bragg's army is rapidly evacuating the early evacuation of Richmond, though it is intended to be accomplished by a slow and sure process. One entire division of the rebels arrived in Richmond last Tuesday, as is supposed, to protect the insurgents from any attack that may be made, while the evacuation is taking place. The rebels have already commenced to remove their large guns and also their machine shops to Chattanooga.

### From Vicksburg.

CHICAGO, March 31.—A Cairo special dispatch says: Last Wednesday evening the rams Lancaster and Switzerland undertook to run the batteries at Vicksburg. As soon as they came within range the rebels opened a tremendous fire. The Lancaster was struck thirty times. Her entire bow was shot away, causing her to sink immediately, turning a complete somersault as she went down. All her crew, except two, escaped.

The Switzerland was disabled by a 64 pound ball penetrating her steam drum. She floated down, the batteries still firing and striking her repeatedly, until finally the Albatross ran along side and towed her to the lower mouth of the canal. The loss of life on her is not ascertained.

On their way up the river the Hartford and Albatross encountered obstacles at Grand Gulf more formidable than those at Port Hudson. The Hartford was struck fourteen times, and had three men killed. Both vessels returned the fire vigorously, and both were more or less injured.

It is stated that the expedition under Gen. Sherman, to the rear of Haine's Bluff by way of Steele's bayou and the Sun Flower, had returned to Young's Point.

Nothing definite is received from the Yazoo Pass expedition under Generals Ross and Quimby.

A train between Memphis and Grand Junction was captured by guerrillas, on Saturday, and ninety persons were taken prisoners and paroled. A Federal force started from Moscow in pursuit.

### From Williamsburg.

YORKTOWN, March 30.—Yesterday morning about one hundred rebel infantry stole past our pickets, in front of Williamsburg, and quickly occupied the place before daylight. At dawn their cavalry in front attacked our picket, who fell back upon the town. Here the infantry fired upon them, killing two and wounding five. They finally cut their way through and decamped to fort Magruder, except eight nine, who were made prisoners.

Our force numbered about forty, that of the enemy 300. Before our reinforcements came up the enemy seized whatever they could and made good their escape.

### Conversion of Legal Tenders into 5-20's.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—The conversion of legal tenders into 5 20's continue without diminution, yesterday they amounting to $1,259,000 and to-day $1,000,000. Jay Cooke, subscription agent, announces increased subscriptions from the west and local agricultural districts and orders from new localities daily.

### Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, March 31.—Cotton advancing; sales of 100 bales at 70@71c. Flour advancing; sales of 8,000 bbls at $6 60@6 50 for State, $7,10@7,20 for Ohio, and $7,60@7,75 for Southern. Wheat has an advancing tendency, but the quotations are nominal; Chicago spring, $1,39@1,40; Red, $1,40@1,42. Corn advancing; sales of 25,000 bush at 88@89c. Pork steady. Lard unsettled at 10¾@11½. Whisky dull at 40c.

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—Flour dull to-day; superfine, $6@6 25, with no demand for export. Rye flour firm, and corn meal dull. Wheat scarce and advancing; sales 3,000 bush. red at $1 65, and white at $1 70. Corn comes forward slowly; sales 2,000 bush. at 88c. Provisions firm and inactive. Whisky dull at 40c.

CINCINNATI, March 31.—Flour unchanged and held at $6,50@6 60 for supe fine. Wheat $1,32@1,35. Corn declined to 68c. Oats dull at 70c. Whisky 41¾@