Pittsburgh Gazette.

MONDAY MORNING, JUNE 1.

CITY AFFAIRS.

OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

Christian Commission.

The Army Committee, representing the United States Christian Commission in Western Pennsylvania respectfully reports:

That commissions have been issued to seven delegates during the month of May, viz: Rev. James Allison and John K. Finlay, M. D., of Sewickley, Rev. George Clark, Rev. J. D. Norton, Rev. J. S. Ginness, William A. Furgeson, of New Castle, Pa., Rev. A. H. D. McLean, D. D., of Beaver, Pa. These gentlemen left this city immediately after the late battle on the Rappahannock, arriving there in time to be of great service to the wounded. They were abundantly furnished with stores, from the large depots of the Commission established in the vicinity of the different armies. The Government officials, as well as the military officers, have granted to our delegates all possible facilities for the thorough prosecution of their work.

The Union Relief Association of Western Pennsylvania and Northwestern Virginia, working in connection with the Army Committee, have sent two delegates to the army on the Rappahannock—Rev. R. S. Morton and John McCarrell, M. D.,—who have been laboring in the field for two months.

This Association has contributed to the Christian Commission about eight hundred dollars, and have forwarded twenty-five boxes of stores, distributed by their delegates.

Rev. L. Marks, of Palmersville, Alleghany county, now stationed at Fort Donelson, Tenn., writes that he has been most cordially welcomed by chaplains, officers and men. He preaches three times every Sabbath, and holds a prayer meeting, every evening, occasionally holding services with the rebel prisoners in the guard house. He reports that, in connection with a number of soldiers of the 83d Illinois Regiment, he has established a Sabbath school in a camp of contrabands, and fully supplied them with testaments.

Messrs. Linn and Patterson, of this city, are now stationed at Franklin, Tenn., eighteen miles from Nashville, where the right wing of Rosecrans' army, under command of General Granger, is encamped. They have found the soldiers eager for all kinds of reading matter, and have received from them the most hearty greetings.

At Nashville, and Murfreesboro, the Commission has opened library and reading rooms for the use of convalescent soldiers. Efforts are making to get daily papers from all the cities. These rooms are filled with soldiers at all times, each one anxious to read the paper published nearest his own home.

The delegates in connection with the army chaplains, have established a daily Union prayer meeting at Nashville, which is very largely attended by soldiers and citizens. The Government having taken all but one of the churches at Nashville for hospitals, the citizens are in a great measure dependent on our delegates and the army chaplains, for any religious services.

The greatest harmony and good feeling exist between our delegates and the efficient chaplains of the army. At their weekly conference at Murfreesboro, a resolution of thanks to the Christian Commission for supplies furnished, and an assurance of a hearty co-operation, was unanimously adopted.

Gen. Rosecrans has granted the delegates all needful facilities for carrying on their work in the Army of the Cumberland. The Pittsburgh delegates, have also received much kindness and many privileges from their fellow-citizen, General J. S. Negley. There are now about thirty delegates in that army, but the field is so vast that many more good men are needed. For this important work, earnest Christian men are wanted—men who can not only distribute good reading matter, but also lead a religious service, wash or dress a wound, prepare food and drink for the sick, write their letters, comfort the dying, and bury the dead, if necessary—in short, we want men who *can do anything that will add to the comfort of a soldier.* When such men offer, we will find a place for them. We do not want, and cannot accept those who would go from motives of curiosity, or a desire to visit their friends in the army. We want those who will be friends and brothers to every man wearing the national uniform.

The Treasurer would thankfully acknowledge the following cash receipts:

Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny	$11 90		
Fourth do. do Pittsburgh	28 00		
Second do do Zanesville, O.	20 75		
North do do Allegheny	12 85		
Bethel Presbyterian Church, per Dr. Carothers	40 00		
Presbyterian Church, Miller's Run	3 00		
do do New Alexandria	23 00		
do do Sharpsburg	33 34		
do do Long Island	7 66		
do do Burgettstown	21 55		
do do Enon Valley	6 15		
do do Coal spring	16 00		
Presbyterian Church, Bethel, Upper St. Clair, (additional)	2 00		
Christ Ch., Christ Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh	11 02		
Methodist Episcopal Church, Blairsville	50 00		
do do do Birmingham	10 00		
do do do Tarentum	6 00		
First United Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh	20 00		
Second do do do Allegheny	21 68		
First do do do Murrar	17 19		
Second U. P. Church, New Wilmington	8 00		
United Presbyterian Church, Deer Creek	25 00		
do do do do Canonsburg	19 70		
do do do do Elizabeth	23 10		
do do do do Rocky spring	16 00		
do do do do Bethel	15 00		
do do do do Peter's Creek	9 19		
Lecture by Col. J. B. Clark	113 00		
Soldiers' Aid Society, Mt. Pleasant	90 00		
do do Pleasant Unity	36 50		
do do Sheakleyville	10 00		
Friends in Connonsburg	35		
Union Relief Association of West Pennsylvania and North Western Virginia, (additional)	60 00		
Rev. I. G. Peasling	5 00		
A. J. K. Moore, Carrollton, Ohio	5 00		
G. F. Reynolds, soldier in S. W. Army	5 00		
Soldier in Fort Negley	4 00		
Guthrie & Son	2 00		
Soldiers' Aid Society, Adams tp., Butler Co.	2 50		
do do Circleville	5 55		

Cash contributions may be sent to the Treasurer, Joseph Albree, No. 71 Wood street.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Col. J. B. Clark for an interesting lecture, which yielded a considerable sum to our treasury.

We are also under great obligations to the Railroad companies and captains of different steamboats for free transportation.

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1 box hospital stores from Chartiers church.
1 bbl. do. from vicinity of Canonsburg.
2 boxes, Ladies' Soldiers Aid Society of Beaver, Pa.
1 box, ladies of Smithfield M. E. Church, Pittsburgh.
1 box, ladies of Harrisville, Butler county.
Union Relief Society of Shaler township—1 box of clothing, 1 do. of fruits, 1 keg of pickles, 1 basket of eggs, 1 do. of butter, 1 do. beets, 1 do. asparagus.
Army Committee of Beaver—2 bbls. of potatoes, 1 box of eggs, 1 box of butter, 1 do. of fruits, 1 do. onions, 1 large box of clothing, and 3 pairs chickens.
Ladies of Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh—1 box of clothing, containing 57 articles of clothing, and 5 cans of fruit.
1 box of fruit from ladies of Latrobe, Pa.
3 boxes from Union Relief Association of Western Virginia and Northwestern Pennsylvania.
1 box from ladies of Latrobe, clothing and fruit.
3 boxes from unknown persons, per Connellsville Railroad.
Ladies' Aid Society of Rochester—2 boxes of fruit, lint, clothing and bandages.
1 box from J. Wallace, Jr., Brownsville.
1 box of bread from Mrs. Shaw, of Shaler township.
Ladies of Ligonier, Westmoreland County, 2 boxes containing 84 articles of clothing, 25 gallons of dried fruit, 18 cans of fruit, 2 kegs of apple butter.
1 box of fruit from the Ladies of Brownsville.
1 box sundries from the Ladies of Cannonsburg.
1 barrel of potatoes from J. Murdock.
Ladies of Red Bank Furnace, Clarion County, 27 cans of fruit, 1 bushel dried fruit, and 92 articles of clothing.
1 box of sundries from the Ladies' Aid Society of Jefferson, Greene County.
1 box of fruit from Mrs. J. M. D. Crossan.
Ladies' Aid Society of Uniontown, 1 box of stores containing 133 articles of clothing, 55 do of fruit.
Soldiers' Aid Society of Rochester, 2 barrels potatoes, 1 box containing 76 articles of clothing and 18 cans of fruit, 1 box of clothing and 1 do canned fruit, 4 crocks of butter, and 2 baskets of sundries from Beulah Presbyterian Congregation of Wilkins Township.
Ladies' Aid Society of New Castle, Lawrence County, ½ barrel of eggs, 81 cans of fruit, 1 box of clothing.
1 box of fruit, Mrs. H Metz.
1 box of stores from the Ladies of Craigsville, Armstrong County.
1 box of stores from the Soldiers' Relief Association of Harlington, Washington Co.
1 box from the Ladies of Unity Congregation, Latrobe.
2 boxes from the Ladies of Bridgewater, Beaver county.
2 boxes from the Soldiers' Aid Society of Freedom, Beaver County.
1 box of fruit from the Soldiers' Aid Society of Mount Pleasant, Westmoreland County.
Soldiers' Aid Society of Glade Mills, Butler county—1 box of clothing and 1 keg of butter.
Soldiers' Aid Society of Adams township, Butler county—2 boxes of clothing and fruit.
One box of sundries from Mrs. Capt. Birmingham.
Third Ward Knitting Circle—28 pairs socks, 1 flannel shirt.
Three barrels fruit from Chartiers' Church, Canonsburg, Rev. W. Ewing.
Also contributions of clothing and fruit from the following persons: Miss J. Sheply, Mrs. M. R. Mechlin, Miss P. Baird, Mrs. M. A. Kenney, Mr. J. G. Backofen, Mrs. I. C. Pershing, Miss Lizzie Pershing, Miss Mollie Pershing, Miss S. Lemon, Mrs. Thaw, Miss M. Robinson, Mrs. S. Neeper, Mrs. Clark, Mrs. Rodes, Mrs. M. Harkness, Miss A. C. Snyder, Mrs. W. Bryant, Mrs. Collins, Miss S. Atkinson, Mrs. B. Clark, Mrs. Capt. Tomelson, Mrs. Low, Miss M. S. Coply, Mr. John Hill, Mrs. Robert Gibson, Mrs. J. Coply, Miss M. Lathrop, Mr. A. M. Marshall, Mrs. J. B. Semple, $25 worth of books from the Presbyterian Church of East Liberty, Miss Burchfield, Miss Burns, Mrs. Poindexter, Soldiers' Aid Society of Circleville, Mrs. McGrew, Mrs. Isaac Jones, scholars of Miss Pike's Seminary, of Buena Vista, Mrs. Faber.

The following articles have been forwarded to the hospitals of our armies, and distributed by our delegates:

Comforts	24	Fruit, cans	828
Sheets	33	Dried fruit, lbs	1250
Pillows	145	Oranges and lemons	600
Pillow Cases	36	Butter, lbs	450
Shirts	869	Eggs, doz	150
Drawers, prs	671	Wine, gals	24
Towels	191	Potatoes, bu	67
Feds and rags	123	Onions, bu	20
Bundles of lint	290	Farina, lbs	35
Rolls of bandages	469	Chocolate, lbs	40
Socks, pairs	234	Envelopes	3300
Slippers, pairs	43	Books and tracts	9073
Dressing gown	1	Corn starch, lbs	65
Handkerchiefs	129	Farina, lbs	35
Writing paper, reams	28	Chocolate, lbs	40
Pillows	41		
Sugar, lbs	120		

And a large lot of papers and magazines.

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ABOUT TO LEAVE.—On Wednesday next Dr. Rendall, who has firmly established his reputation for effecting the instantaneous and efficacious cure of corns and bunions, will leave the city. He desires us to state that his visit to this city will positively conclude with Wednesday next, June 3d, inclusive, and in leaving he most sincerely thanks his numerous patients for the confidence they have reposed in him, and should he at any time, (as he hopes at no very distant day he shall) revisit the city, he trusts that equal success will attend his labors. The Doctor has certainly relieved the understandings of many citizens, and as his visit terminates as above stated, we expect that he will have a full attendance of cripples at his rooms on Diamond street, opposite the court house, for the next few days. As a proof of his skill we append the following certificates:

Dr. Rendall has this day erased corns for me which have been troublesome. I have seen the operation before, but never anything so perfectly to my satisfaction.

THOS. M. MARSHALL.

Pittsburgh, April 11, 1863.

Pittsburgh, April 18, 1863.—We certify that Dr. Rendall has operated on our feet, removing corns therefrom, doing so without pain, and entirely to our satisfaction.

W. PHILLIPS, F. BOYLE.

Dr. Rendall has this day removed eight corns from my feet. The operation was a painless one, and the relief is such that I advise those afflicted with Corns and Bunions to give the Doctor a call. ELI YOUNG,
April 10, 1863. Smithfield street.

GREAT CLOTHING AND WHERE 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 reduced prices. They will sell their goods by the yard if desired, and as they keep constantly on hand a large supply of ready made clothing, customers can be accommodated on demand, or have a neatly fitted suit to order. The work is all done under their supervision, and always warranted to purchasers.

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OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

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TREATMENT OF REBEL DESERTERS.

Forty rebel deserters were sent to Philadelphia yesterday, and thirty more will follow to-morrow. By the new policy just inaugurated by the government, all rebel deserters hereafter coming within our lines must, in addition to the oath of allegiance, take an oath to remain in or north of Philadelphia during the war. If found south of Philadelphia they will be treated as spies, the Government having discovered that large numbers of rebels who arrive here under the garb of desertion have, after gaining valuable information, rebel mails, &c., returned south.

ELECTION DAY.

Gen. Martindale has issued a special order prohibiting the sale of liquors to-morrow, election day. A large cavalry guard has been detached to execute order and preserve quietness.

COMPLIMENTED FOR BRAVERY.

Gen. Stahl telegraphs a complimentary report of the bravery displayed by Lieut Baker, of Col. Mann's command, in the recent affair with Mosby's guerrillas. After receiving a grape shot in his thigh, he gallantly pushed forward, crossed sabres with the rebel, and forced him to surrender.

FOUND GUILTY.

The General Court-martial of the Potomac Army finds Capt. Almon D. Borden, Co. K, Third Michigan, guilty of absence without leave, and sentences him to dismissal from the service. Lieut. James D. Bennett, Co. B, Third Michigan, guilty of the same offence, was sentenced to forfeit all pay and allowances, and be cashiered. Gen. Hooker approves the sentences.

FINANCIAL.

For the first time, the Treasury statement of Friday showed a positive decrease in the volume of legal tender notes out. The deposits yesterday foot up over three millions.

EXEMPTION FROM CONFISCATION.

It is said that persons from Georgia are here, representing large landed and cotton interests, designed to be exempted from confiscation, on the ground that the owners are loyal.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

Col. Ludlow, now Commissioner of Exchange, reports that the rebels now refuse to give up sixty or eighty of Col. Straight's officers, on the ground that negroes were found with the command. Pending the consideration of this question, the government has refused to make any further exchange.

LATEST FROM VICKSBURG.

The following is the latest from Vicksburg:

HEADQUARTERS, ARMY OF THE POTOMAC,
To His Excellency Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States:

Our officers who crossed under a flag of truce to-day brought no papers, but says that the latest news he saw in the dispatch from Gen. Johnston, of the 27th, to the effect that at that time the Federals had been repulsed with great slaughter. The dead were yet unburied and becoming very offensive.

[Signed,] BUTTERFIELD.

A dispatch, however, from a trustworthy source near the scene of Gen. Grant's operations, dated the 26th, states that Pemberton had proposed, under a flag of truce, the burial of the dead; that Gen. Grant had acceded, and that it had been done.

INTERVIEW WITH THE PRESIDENT.

The President had an interview with the gentlemen representing Dr. Cheever's church, and the leaders of the Republican party. He said he would gladly accept the service of every colored man who wanted to shoulder a musket, and would protect him, and would give a command to Gen. Fremont if he would accept it, adding that he relied upon the colored troops as a valuable assistance in the work of putting down the rebellion. The Committee will have another interview tomorrow morning.

WM. M. EVERTS

Sent abroad as legal adviser to Mr. Adams, writes here that he is well received and has good reason to believe that the British Government is determined to put a stop to the sailing of rebel privateers.

THE PETERHOFF CASE WAIVED, ETC.

Private letters from England state that Lord Russell has determined to send no more sealed mail bags by routes where a vessel is in danger of being interrupted by our cruisers, thus waiving the Peterhoff question. The writer of one of these letters, a man whose name is of great weight, says that to his personal knowledge, during the last war the British were in the habit of taking letters from neutral vessels, even where the vessels themselves were not adjudicated upon, and that they refused to give up mercantile letters which were identified.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—A telegram from Gen. Stahl, dated Fairfax, C. H., to-day, says that Mosby, with 200 men and one howitzer, attacked our train of cars near Catlet's station yesterday, and the guard having escaped, he burnt the train. Capt. Mann, who commanded, when hearing the firing, took a position of his force and followed in search of the rebels. He encountered them two miles from Greenwich, where they had taken a strong position. Capt. Mann charged upon the rebels, and took their guns. Col. Mann returned at dark to his camp in front, bringing in artillery, and all our dead and wounded. He also brought in four of the former and fifteen of the latter. The enemy lost heavy. Lieutenant Barker, of our forces, was struck by a grapeshot in the thigh. He crossed sabres with the rebels, and fought desperately after he was wounded.

Unofficial dispatches received here to-day from the army of Gen. Grant, dated the 26th, represent no material change in affairs since the 25th. On the eve of that day, Gen. Pemberton asked for two and half hours truce to bury the dead, which was granted.

There is no truth in the rumored death of Gen. Steele.

Important from New York.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The Washington letter of the *Commercial*, of this city, contains the following from the front of the Army of the Potomac: The rebel army is very active, and the position at the river fords is decidedly offensive. The main picket line on the Rappahannock is as strong as ever, but the troops behind Fredericksburg appear to have moved elsewhere.

A letter also says that no further exchange of prisoners will be allowed for the present. The rebel authorities have taken the initiative step and the War Department has promptly followed it up. All the rebel officers on parole have been ordered under arrest for imprisonment. It is probable that negotiations will soon be commenced for a continuance of exchanges under the late cartel.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher sailed to-day for England, in the steamer City of Baltimore. A large party of his friends accompanied him in the passage down the bay, among whom were Admiral Stringham, Rev. Messrs. Storrs, Cuylers, Hatfield, and others.

The steamship City of Baltimore, which sailed to-day for Liverpool, took sixty-six cabin passengers and $57,000 in specie. The steamer Bremen took one hundred and seventeen cabin passengers, including Ex-Governor Wright, of Indiana. Commissioner to the Hamburg Exhibition, and Hon. Oliver Hoyt, of Connecticut.

Messrs. Thompson Brothers, independent loan agents, deposited to-day $1,400,000 for the United States 5-20 loan, being the amount the street subscription made at the Treasury here to-day.

Nine persons were arrested to-day by the Provost guard at house No. 44 Bowery, for using treasonable language.

FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SQUADRON.

CAPTURE OF FORTS AT HAINES' BLUFF.

REBEL STEAM RAMS DESTROYED.

GREAT DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—The following has been received at the Navy Department to-day:

FLAG-SHIP, BLACK HAWK,
MISSISSIPPI SQUADRON, NEAR VICKSBURG,
VIA CAIRO, May 30th, 1863.

To Hon. G. Welles, Secretary of the Navy:

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that the expedition I sent up the Yazoo, under Lt. Com. Walker, after taking the forts at Haines' Bluff was perfectly successful. Three powerful steam rams were destroyed at Yazoo City. One of them was a monster—310 feet long and 70 feet beam, to be covered with 4-inch iron plates. A fine navy yard, with machine shops of all kinds, saw mills, blacksmith shops, &c., were burned. The property destroyed and captured amounted to over $3,000,000. Had the monster iron ram been finished she would have given us some trouble. One battery was destroyed at Drury's Bluff. Our loss is one killed and seven wounded.

DAVID D. PORTER,
Acting Rear Admiral Commanding.

Interesting from Europe—Arrival of the Steamers Jura and Sidon.

CAPE RACE, May 29.—The steamer Jura, with Liverpool dates of the 21st, and Londonderry of the 22d, was boarded this afternoon.

A general feeling of suspense prevails in relation to American news.

The Derby race was won by Macaroni by a short head only. Lord Clifden was second.

Cotton—Sales for three days, 10,000 bales, the market closing dull and slightly lower.

Breadstuffs quiet and steady without change in prices.

Provisions dull and unchanged.

Consols 93⅝@93¾.

THE LATEST—*May* 21.—Cotton—Sales for the week 28,000. Prices are ¼@⅛ lower for American and Surats.

The Glasgow arrived out on the 21st.

THE VERY LATEST NEWS.

Liverpool, May 22.—The rumors of an armistice having been agreed upon between the belligerent parties in America, which were received by the steamer Glasgow, here today, created a buoyancy in the cotton market, and the week's decline was partially recovered. Breadstuffs closed firm and steady. The provision market is dull but steady.

London, May 22.—Consols for money closed at 93⅝.

The Cork *Examiner* contains correspondence from various points of Ireland, which leave scarcely any doubt that recruiting for the Northern army has been attempted to be carried on there on an extensive scale. It appears that Mitchelstown, Charleville and Fermoy have been visited by seven American gentlemen of military aspect, who publicly offered to give passage to any number of young men who were willing to accept it, to New York, for three pence each, with a certainty of continuous remuneration for work when they arrived there. The police were present on several occasions, which fact obviously discomposed the strangers, but as there was nothing illegal in their proposition, no proceedings could be taken. Several hundred young men, who beyond all doubt have engaged to go to America on the terms offered by the American agents, are awaiting the sailing of the early steamers.

The advices from Cherbourg report that considerable reinforcements are being dispatched from there to Mexico.

There is really nothing new as to the movements of the Polish insurgents.

The Bank of England has advanced its minimum rate of discount ½ per cent.

The political news is unimportant.

The arrival of the steamer Glasgow dispelled the rumors of an armistice in America.

The ship John Merrick is another war steamer. But even here been saved.

The steamer Saxonia did not leave Southampton for New York on the 20th, owing to damaged machinery.

The Hammonia is expected to arrive on the 22d inst., and will take her place.

NEW YORK, May 31.—The steamer Sidon, from Liverpool, with dates to the 19th and Queenstown of the 20th, arrived this afternoon. Her advices have been mainly anticipated.

GREAT BRITAIN.—News of the destruction of American vessels off Pernambuco, by pirates, had reached England.

Further advices of Hooker's battles on the Rappahannock are eagerly anticipated.

The *Times* looks upon Gen. Hooker's plans as frustrated, and thinks that his defeat will be the last chance of success in Virginia.

The reply of President Lincoln to the address of the Emancipation Society, has been received. He says the address is very gratifying, and expresses friendly feelings toward England.

There is beginning to be a general good feeling in England, especially in aristocratic circles, arising out of their late advices from America.

FRANCE.—The Bourse was flat at 69f. 45c.

POLAND.—The Polish telegrams report a continued spread of the insurrection.

From Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, May 31.—On Tuesday next, Gen. Burnside will remove the Headquarters of the Department of the Ohio, to Hickman, Bridge, Ky., about ten miles south of Nicholasville.

Brig. Gen. N. C. McLean has been appointed Provost Marshal General of the Department of the Ohio, with his headquarters at Cincinnati.

The *Commercial* has the following Southern news: The *Appeal* of the 29th, says two gunboats have been sunk at Vicksburg.

Col. Grierson's cavalry made another raid from Baton Rogue, capturing and destroying a large rebel camp.

Pemberton's Quartermaster succeeded in running seven hundred mules out of Vicksburg, thereby reducing the consumption of corn. The garrison has full rations for ninety days.

The Atlanta *Commonwealth*, of the 28th, notices the arrival of Breckinridge in that city.

A dispatch from Burnside to Bragg announcing his determination to hang all the rebel officers in his hands, in case retaliation for two men who were tried and executed in accordance with the usages of war should be resorted to, was yesterday conveyed from Murfreesboro under a flag of truce.

From the Rappahannock—The Enemy in Motion

WASHINGTON, May 30.—Gentlemen who arrived to-night from the Rappahannock say that a large column of the enemy in motion were traced yesterday by the lines of dust in the rear of their river front. While one considerable body was moving southward, the preponderance of the