LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette.

Attempt to Assassinate Capt. Geer.

A most cowardly attempt was recently made to take the life of Capt. J. J. Geer, in Delaware county, Ohio, by some Butternuts. It will be remembered that Capt. Geer was one of the gallant band who made the brilliant and hazardous raid into Alabama, by order of the lamented Gen. Mitchell, and after a long imprisonment he and others of the party managed to escape, and have been presented with medals of honor by the Government. Capt. Geer delivered a speech at Lafayette Hall, in this city, soon after his return from Washington, and his address will long be remembered by those who heard it. The Springfield (Ohio) *Republican* says:

On last Sabbath, at 3 o'clock p. m., Rev. Capt. J. J. Geer, of the M. P. Church, preached at the "Fulton Creek Meeting House," in the edge of Delaware county, for a brother minister of the same church, Rev. Mr. Graham. It was expected some disturbance would occur, as the Butternuts of the neighborhood had notified Mr. Graham by letter that he "could not preach at that place any more;" and to prevent violation, quite a number of Union men from the vicinity of Richwood accompanied the two ministers to their place of appointment. A large concourse of people were assembled, among whom were a number of persons wearing emblems of disloyalty.

After the services, as Captain Geer stepped from the door of the house, he met a man having on one of these emblems, and stopped to ask him what he meant by wearing it. Without answering the question, the Butternut withdrew in the crowd, and at this moment another advanced with a knife, and struck a blow at the Captain, which was evidently intended to enter his neck, but he parried it in part, and the knife entered his face within an inch of his eye. Captain Geer then knocked the fellow down, and proceeded forcibly to punish him, when a third Butternut stabbed the Captain badly with a bowie-knife. The blow was aimed at the heart, but the ruffian's stroke being misdirected by the jostling of the people, it took effect on the inside of the arm, immediately below the axilla, making a gash to the bone, and about three inches in length. The villain who inflicted this wound, immediately fled and got out of the crowd.

Wounded as he was, however, the Captain "saved" his first man, who, after being knocked down several times, was at length overpowered and taken to the Delaware Jail. The other assassin was captured next day.

Ratification Meeting in Lawrenceville Borough.

An open meeting of the Union League was held at their hall, in Lawrenceville, on Tuesday evening. The meeting was large and enthusiastic.

Thomas Howard, Esq., was called to the Chair, and Mr. J. Longstaff acted as secretary.

Col. J. B. Clark delivered an able, earnest and eloquent address, which was received with great applause.

At the conclusion of his address the following resolutions were read to the meeting by Mr. Howard, and were *unanimously* adopted:

Resolved, That we cordially endorse the action of the Union State Convention; and we pledge to Governor Curtin and Hon. Daniel Agnew our zealous and united support, firmly believing that, in this trying hour of our country's history, there is but one issue worthy the attention of loyal men, viz: The preservation of the Union by crushing the rebellion.

Resolved, That we will support Governor Curtin, because he recognizes him as an able and fearless defender of the honor and glory of his country—because he is the chosen leader of the loyal and true men of Pennsylvania—the selected standard bearer of the friends of the Union, and in whose hands the old flag has been gallantly and firmly borne from the first gun of the rebellion to the present hour.

Rules for the Preservation of Health.

A gentleman far advanced in life, and possessed of wonderfully good health for his years, furnishes an exchange with the following rules for the preservation of the health during warm weather:

1st. Be always occupied, and in the open air if possible, but not in the sun.

2d. Drink ice-water freely at meals, but rarely or never at other times. Many people destroy the tone of the stomach, and bring on all sorts of diseases, by drinking to excess of ice-water.

3d. Eat full and ample meals of light food, finishing with fruit deserts, melons included, but don't eat lunches.

4th. Don't sit down to lounge and sleep in the day time, unless you have a regular hour of sleep after dinner—a thing tolerable with old gentlemen, but not with young men.

5th. Be cheerful as well as active; stir your friends as well as yourself up with jokes and jibes.

6th. Keep a bottle of some one of the dozen good preparations of mixed astringents and tonics which any good apothecary or physician can name to you always at hand, using a very little of it to check stomach derangement at the very minute it begins.

Bank Note Quotations,

Corrected especially for the *Gazette* by Messrs. Feld & Lare, of the *National Bank Note Reporter*. Rates uncertain at present:

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	Discount.		Discount.
New England States	¾	Virginia, Interior	—
New-York States	¾	North Carolina	—
New-York City	par	South Carolina	—
New Jersey	¾	Georgia	—
Penna.: Philadelphia	par	Alabama	—
" Pittsburgh	par	Louisiana	—
Bk. of Pittsb'gh, premium	93	Kentucky	par
Bk's of Beaver Co., pr.	13	Tennessee	—
B'k of Fayette Co., "	10	Ohio	par
Monongahela Bank, Brownsville, prem.	10	Indiana, free	¾
Farmers' Banks, &c.	¾	Indiana, B'k state	par
Delaware	¾	Illinois	1¼@50
Dist. of Columbia	¾	Wisconsin	1¼@50
Maryland, Baltimore, par		Iowa	1
Maryland, Interior	¾	Michigan	1
Virginia: Wheeling	¾	Missouri	@30
Wheeling branches	1¼	Kansas	par. 15

EXCHANGE—Selling rates on New-York and Philadelphia ¾ @ ¾ cent. over bankable funds.

COIN—Gold, buying rates 21, and Silver at 18 over bankable funds.

The Flax Crop.

The flax crop of the United States this year will be larger than ever raised in this country, and inquiries are made as to the best mode of disposing of it. One of our exchanges advises the farmers, after threshing out the seed, to stack the straw carefully, protect the stacks with boards or a good thatch and wait the coming of customers, who will appear between this and the close of the year. It is important that the straw be kept dry, otherwise it will rot, and the fibre be destroyed. From present appearances there is no doubt that there will be a demand for every ton of flax raised, and farmers will do well to preserve all their straw in good condition. The preparation of fibre had better be left for those who make that their special business.

MAN SHOT.—On Saturday, August 1st, a man named Bartlett Egan was shot by a concealed scoundrel as he was passing along the road, a short distance from his residence in Kurtzman township, Clearfield county. Suspicion rests upon a certain desperado of the neighborhood, who it seems had fired several shots during the afternoon at three Messrs. White, whilst they were cutting grain in a field. It is supposed that Egan was mistook for one of the Whites, who had to pass along the road on his way home.

PENNSYLVANIANS AT THE HAMBURG INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION.—Among the list of premiums awarded to American exhibitors at the International Agricultural Exhibition, at Hamburg, we find the following: Thompson & Avery, of Pennsylvania, for an improved horse power, with a thrashing machine, a silver medal. John Kelsey, of Pennsylvania, for an improved harrow and other implements, a large bronze medal. Hall & Speer, for an improved new frame plow, a bronze medal.

REDUCTION OF RAILROAD FARE.—The Railroad Convention at Niagara Falls resulted in the breaking up of the combination under which fares have been arranged. The effect now is, every line for itself. A reduction in fares follows, as a matter of course. The rate from Buffalo to Chicago has already been cut down.

THE FUNERAL of Col. Wm. H. Whitney will take place on Thursday morning, at ten o'clock, from his late residence on Congress street.

PALMER RE-ARRESTED.—Robert Palmer, whose arrest on a charge of keeping a gambling house, and subsequent escape from the magistrate's office, we have already reported, was again taken into custody, at a late hour on Tuesday night. The officer took a room at the St. Clair hotel, directly opposite that occupied by Palmer, and when he came in about midnight he was again taken into custody. He was committed for trial in default of bail.

CORRECTION.—We were in error in stating that the oil refinery of Messrs. Reamer, Hays & Co., in Duquesne borough, had been destroyed by fire on Tuesday evening. It was in close proximity to the saw mill of Messrs. Harvey & Co., but was separated by a narrow sheet of water, and escaped without any injury whatever.

PROSECUTING THE DRAFT.—Mrs. Eliza Klein and Perine Klein, of Beaver county, were brought before Commissioner Bailey last night, on the charge of obstructing an officer in the delivery of a notice to Richard Perine of his having been drafted.

ALL persons standing in need of fine perfumery and toilet articles should call at the store of J. B. Millikin, 77 Federal street, Allegheny, where they will find a good chance of making selections at the lowest market rates.

DETENTION OF TRAINS.—The Philadelphia and Baltimore Express trains, due here at twelve and one o'clock, are detained near Johnstown, in consequence of a collision. They will arrive here about four hours behind time.

THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.—Freight and passenger trains are now running regularly over the entire length of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, between Washington and Wheeling and Baltimore.

WILKES' SPIRIT OF THE TIMES, *The New York Clipper*, *The New York Ledger*, and the Philadelphia *Saturday Evening Post*, are received, and may be procured at J. P. Hunt's, Masonic Hall, Fifth street.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION.]

LATEST FROM CHARLESTON.

Our Position Stronger and Safer than Ever.

A TERRIFIC ENGAGEMENT ON SUNDAY.

The Rebel Guns Silenced.

A BOAT RUN DOWN BY A REBEL STEAMER.

Six of the Crew Drowned and Eight Taken Prisoners.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The *Herald's* Morris Island correspondence, under date of August 5th and 7th, reports our position stronger and safer than ever.

The *morale* and confidence of our troops is unexampled. Although the rebels keep pouring in shells from Wagner, Sumter and other fortifications, the protection to our troops is so complete that our casualties are hardly worth noticing.

Capt. Paine, of the 100th New York, with nine of his men, was captured by the rebels on the night of the 4th, while on a scout near Light House Creek. They made a spirited but unsuccessful resistance to superior numbers.

Sunday week there was a terrific engagement between the gunboat Ottawa, a Monitor and the Ironsides, and our works on Morris Island and the rebel forts. The rebel guns were finally silenced.

A boat belonging to the Ironsides, while on picket duty, Wednesday night last, was run down by a steamer, and six of her crew drowned and thirty saved by another of her boats. Eight prisoners were taken by the rebels.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Meeting of Prominent Friends of the Administration.

SPECULATIONS AS TO ITS OBJECTS.

The French Policy in Mexico.

THE COMMAND OF THE POTOMAC ARMY.

Rebels Still in the Shenandoah Valley.

LEE'S HEADQUARTERS AT GORDONSVILLE.

Leave of Absence of Admiral Porter.

THE NEW FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

&c., &c., &c.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—The *Herald's* Washington dispatch reports that a meeting prominent friends of the administration will be held in Washington next week. Speculations are rife as to its object, but the most prevalent opinion is that terms has been received by Gen. Halleck and others, that the rebel leaders are willing to offer propositions for peace, believing their armies to be demoralized and broken up.

The same correspondent hints that several cabinet meetings have been held in relation to the French policy in Mexico, and it appears to have been decided that the permanent occupation by the French shall not be permitted, and that the entire abandonment of Napoleon's policy will be demanded, even at the hazard of war.

The same correspondent says that Generals G. K. Warren and Banks are talked of for the commander of the army of the Potomac, in case General Meade's resignation should be accepted.

The *Herald's* correspondent says that a recent reconnoissance demonstrates there is still a force of rebel infantry in the Shenandoah Valley, ready to fall upon our rear in case our army advances without due consideration.

The main force of Lee's army is on the line of the Rapidan, and Lee's headquarters are at Gordonsville.

Intelligent prisoners say his force is not as large now as when he crossed the Potomac, though he has received 15,000 reinforcements from the cotton States.

Admiral Porter has been granted two months' leave of absence, and will visit the North after making the necessary arrangements for the management of the fleet during his absence.

The new fractional currency is ready for issue, but will not be put in circulation for one or two months, as there is still on hand a large amount of postal currency to be issued.

Col. Chas. James, formerly of New York, has been appointed Collector of San Francisco, in place of F. F. Low, who resigned to accept the Republican nomination for Governor.

The *Tribune's* special, says Hon. John F. Hutchens' special agent of the Government has returned from New Orleans, and reports in favor of the United States Mint there.

Boards of Trade Visit to Boston.

BOSTON, Aug. 11.—Several delegates representing the Boards of Trade of the western cities, who have recently visited Portland, paid a visit to-day, by special invitation, to the rooms of the Boston Board of Trade, where they were welcomed by the President, J. G. Converse, Esq. Speeches were made by Lieutenant Governor May, of Michigan, Messrs. Hancock and Farnham, of Chicago, Hadley, of Milwaukee, Mayor Lincoln and others.

Gen. Warren Promoted--New Rebel Camp near Culpepper.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—It is stated that Brigadier General Warren, Chief of the Topographical Engineers, has been promoted to Major General.

A new rebel camp was discovered on Sunday, on Pony Mountain, near Culpepper.

Murder of a Family by Colored Soldiers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—A letter, published in the *World*, dated aboard the steamer Liberty, August 5th, reports the murder of the entire family of Benjamin Beckham, then present on the plantation, which is in Tennessee, twelve miles below Island No. 18, by a party of eighteen black United States soldiers from that Island. Six persons were killed, four of them were children. The most of the demons were apprehended by Federal cavalry.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE, WEDNESDAY, Aug. 12, 1863.

There is but little change to notice in the rates of coin with the exception, that Gold is about an ¼ of a cent higher in New York, being quoted to day at 120¾. Here, however, there is no change, and we continue to quote at 123@124 for Gold, buying, and 113@114 for Silver. Eastern Exchange and Government Certificates of Indebtedness, remain about as last quoted. There is so little doing in the produce market that it is almost impossible to make out a report.

GRAIN—Wheat is dull and $1,05 is the outside figure for Red from first hands. Oats may be quoted at 60c from first hands, and 65c from store. Corn—Sale from depot of 3 cars Shelled at 72c. There is no Rye offering.

GROCERIES—Sugar is steady with sales at 11¼ to 12¾c for Island, and 13 to 13¾ for prime to choice New Orleans. Coffee is quiet with small sales at from 29 to 31c. Molasses steady at 55 to 60c Rice 9@9¾c.

BACON.—Shoulders are in fair demand, and we note sales at 8¾@9c—holders generally asking the outside figure. There is but little inquiry for Sides, and prices remain about as last quoted. Hams may be quoted firm at 9¾ to 10¾c for Plain, and Plain Canvassed, and 12@13½c for Sugar Cured.

BUTTER & EGGS—Butter may be quoted at 15@16c for good to prime Roll. Eggs have declined to 8@9c ₩ doz.

HAY—The supply of old crop appears to be about exhausted, as none has been offered for several days. We note sales on Tuesday and Wednesday of 58 loads new at prices ranging all the way from $20 to 28 ₩ ton.

SALT.—Is firm with sales of 60 bbls No 1 Extra from store at $2,50 ₩ bbl.

CHEESE—Is quiet but steady with sales of W R at from 10 to 10½c for prime to choice.

GREEN FRUIT—Sale of 30 bush Peaches at $3,50 @4,00 ₩ bush, and 50 bbls Apples at from $3@3,25 ₩ bbl.

Pittsburgh Petroleum Market.

AUG. 12.—The market for Crude has been very unsettled to-day, and prices were irregular. As compared with yesterday there was a decline of fully ¼ cent per gallon, and it was with difficulty, that holders could effect sales, even at this concession. The stock is, by no means large, and the receipts are exceedingly light, and neither buyers nor sellers can assign a very satisfactory reason for the decline. We are assured that oil is firm at Oil City at from $6@6,25 ₩ bbl in bulk, and while it is now generally conceded that two or three small wells have lately been struck in Cornplanting on the other hand that some of the old wells have almost failed, so that there is really no material change in production. The "Farrell well," we are told, has dwindled down from 2,000 bbls per day to 800, and that it is now flowing rifey oil.

The sales of Crude reported were 500 bbls in bulk—measured in boat—at 22½; 500 bbls at 22c, packages returned, and 200 bbls at 22c packages included. The market for Refined is without material change, though less active. We note a sale of 1,000 bbls "Atlantic" in bond for immediate delivery, at 49c. Refined, free, may be quoted at 58@59c. Sale of 156 new Oil Barrels at $2,50 each.

Chicago Market.

AUG. 11.—There was scarcely any demand for Wheat, and the limited offerings were unable to establish a market Flour was dull and neglected. The demand for Corn was small, and the market ruled dull and nominal with light sales at 65¾@66½c for Mixed, and 66¾@67c for Rejected, closing quiet at the inside figures. Oats were in better demand and were active at a slight improvement. Old No 1 sold at 41¾@42c; new No 1 at 35@35c, and new No 2 at 30@32c. Rye ruled quiet and steady at 59c. Barley is dull. The trade of Chicago for the week ending to-day foots up 2,10. Highwines firm at 41½@42c. Provisions quiet. Live Stock dull. Wool quiet and unchanged—Journal.

Toledo Market.

AUG. 10.—Our market is very quiet to-day, with a slight downward tendency in prices. Flour—Very dull; no sales reported. Wheat—Fully is lower than the forenoon—2,000 bus No 1 Red at 105c. Corn—Sale 2,500 bus No 1 at 64c. Oats—Last sales at 56c. Other grains quiet, prices nominal—Blade.

The Harvest in Illinois.

A Chicago letter of the 1st says: "The heavier part of the harvest is over. Perhaps there has never been a harvest which has more entirely employed the labor of our whole State, to prevent. The farmers have not only been engaged, but it has been a matter of real solicitude as to whether the crop could be gathered with the lessened amount of labor. The weather has been favorable, and I think the result will prove that this harvest has been as well cared for and secured as any that have preceded it."

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

AUG. 10.—The arrivals and sales of Beef Cattle at Phimpe Avenue Drove Yard continue large, reaching about 1,900 head. The market owing to the warm weather and large receipts is very dull, and prices have declined fully 50c on the 100 lbs; 1st quality Western and Pennsylvania Steers are selling at 11@11½c; 2d do at 9@9½c, and common at from 7@7¾c ₩ lb, according to quality. The market closed very dull, and sales were reported at lower prices to-day than above.

The arrivals and sales of Sheep at the Avenue Drove Yard continue large, reaching about 5,000 head. There is a good demand, and prices are without change, 5@6 Sheep selling at from 6¾ to 6¾c ₩ lb gross. Stock Sheep are selling to day at from 3@4 ₩ head, and Lambs at $3@4,50 ₩ head, according to quality.

The arrivals and sales of Hogs at the Union and Avenue Drove Yards reach about 2,200 head; the market is dull and prices rather lower, ranging at from $6,50 up to $7,75 the 100 lbs, net.

1,941 sold at Cherry Union Drove Yard, at from $7@7,75 for corn fed, and $6,50@7,50 ₩ 100 lbs for still-fed Hogs.

430 head sold at the Avenue Drove Yard, by John Orome & Co., at from $7@7,75 ₩ 100 lbs, net.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD, Aug. 12—14 bxs soap, F Salem & co; 5 bbls whisky, S McCricker; 8 do; 40 bbls whisky, Lambert & Shipton, 1 car corn, Rea & Reil; 75 bbls flour; 50 bbls whisky, D & H Wallace; 50 bbls, J H Haltom; 8 bbls eggs, B B Voight & co; 10 bbls lard oil, W B Hays & co; 53 bbls whisky, J Dixsell; 250 hides, G S Hoffstatt; 60 bbls whisky, F F Lynch; 1 bbl eggs, S Hamlet; 71 dez brooms, 200 bdls paper, Maitland & Connor.

CLEVELAND & PITTSBURGH RAILROAD, August 11—4 bbls bacon, Knox & Parker; 23 bbls hides, Wm Harper; 12 bbls soap, 3 bbls soap, 1 bbl dry apples, B B Voight & co; 1 bbl eggs, Wm Cooper & co; 1 bbl tobacco, Jas Murphy; 20 bbls whisky, L Purcell; 25 bbls whisky, Richards & co; 2 do do, H H Collins; 2 do do, John B Canfield; 18 sks rags, S O Howard; 3 cars oil, J G Tilton; 46 bgs oats, Jas A Fetzer; 10 bbls apples, H B Voigt & co.

ALLEGHENY STATION—2 kegs butter, E & C Magin; 1 bbl eggs, Tiernan & Getty; 19 hides, 63 calf and sheep skins, B Merriman; 4 bbls apples H Myers; 2 chs cheese, G Meyers; 1 car slaves, A Taylor; 3 cars oil, J G Tilton; 46 bgs oats, Jas A Fetzer; 10 bbls apples, B