Pittsburgh Gazette.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUG. 29.

CITY AFFAIRS

OUR OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS for the Gazette, by G. R. Snow, Optician, No. 66 Fifth street—corrected daily:

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Extensive Forgery---A Baltimore Bank swindled out $50,000 by a Pittsburgher.

We learned yesterday that a most extensive and successful forgery was recently perpetrated upon the Citizens' Bank of Baltimore, by a tavern keeper of this city, named John L. Pichl. It appears that Pichl, who had obtained the confidence of several prominent business men of Baltimore, visited that city a few days ago, and represented himself as a horse contractor for the Government. He went to the Quartermaster at that place, and obtained from his clerk a receipt for a large lot of horses, valued at a certain price per head, together with an order upon the Paymaster for the sum total—amounting to between $48,000 and $50,000. After he succeeded in procuring this receipt and order, it is alleged that Pichl forged the endorsement of the Quartermaster, and immediately after obtained an order from the Paymaster, drawn upon the Citizens' Bank, and payable in twenty days. He then repaired to the bank, where he was introduced to the cashier by a well-known business man, and stated that his engagements were such that he must have $30,000 cash. The amount was counted out for him, when he pretended that he had forgotten an item in making his calculation, and asked for $5,000 more in cash. This was also paid him, making $35,000 in all. He then took checks for the balance, in $5,000 sums, and left the bank. On the following day the cashier became apprehensive that all was not right, and on inquiry he learned that the name of the Quartermaster had been forged. He at once took the cars for this city, reaching here on Thursday. On making inquiry, through an officer, he learned that Pichl had gone to Washington, on business. It was supposed, however, that he had gone to New York, preparatory to taking the steamer for Europe, which was to sale on Friday. This supposition was strengthened by the fact that Pichl's family had also left the city. The cashier telegraphed the matter to all the principal cities, and left on the next train for New York, hoping to succeed in apprehending the swindler.

The accused is well known in this city, and was formerly engaged as a salesman in a clothing store on Market street. He has for several years past been keeping the La Pierre House, a drinking saloon at No. 46 Market street, near Third. If all accounts be true, this is not the first or the second time that he has tried his hand at forgery, but he escaped exposure by lifting the forged notes at maturity. It is supposed that he sold the checks which he obtained from the Citizens Bank to parties in Baltimore, and thus pocketed the entire amount in cash; less the share which he would have to stand. The swindle is one of the boldest and most successful on record, and it is to be hoped that the scoundrel will be arrested and brought to punishment.

Fire on Smithfield Street.

About nine o'clock last night, a fire was discovered in the buildings Nos. 112 and 114 Smithfield street, near Fifth. The smoke was first seen issuing out of a closet in the second story by a young man who keeps Batchelor's hall. He immediately ran to the street and gave the alarm. The steam fire engines were promptly on the spot, and checked the flames. The fire is supposed to have originated from spontaneous combustion in the saleratus gallery of Mr. D. M. Coates, in the fourth story, or in the bookbinding of Mr. G. W. Mechlen, in the third story. The second story of the building was used as sleeping apartments. On the ground floor were the grocery stores of Dr. R. Wray and J. D. Williams. The fire fire did not gain much headway, as the building was flooded with water. The building is owned by the Messrs. Murdock, and is insured. The High School was not injured.

Dead Body Found.

On the 5th of May last, a boy named Charles, son of Francis Rotkof, residing in East Birmingham, was drowned in the Monongahela river, by falling between two log rafts. He had been playing on the rafts, and being only four years old he unwittingly stepped upon some driftwood which had lodged between the rafts, and disappeared from sight. His father spent five days in searching for the body, but without success. Yesterday afternoon the logs were removed from the water, and the remains of the child were found underneath them. It is supposed that the clothing had caught upon the raft in some way, which prevented the body from floating off. The head was entirely gone, as were also the legs and arms, leaving only the half decayed trunk. The body was recognized by the clothing.

Meeting of the Central Board.

The Central Board of Education met Friday evening, August 28.

Present, Messrs. Brush, Duncan, Harrison, Marshall, and Sergeant.

Mr. Marshall was appointed President pro tem.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The Principal presented a report of the result of the re-examination for admission to the High School.

On motion of Mr. Brush, candidates holding the following numbers were entitled to admission, viz:

Nos. 3, 4, 9, 13, 16, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 31, 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 44, 46, 51, 52, 53, 58, 59, 62, 64, 66, 67, 69, 72, 73, 74, 77, 79, 80, 81, 85, 87, 91, 94.

On motion, adjourned.

Pocket Book Stolen.

A gardner, while disposing of produce in the Allegheny market, yesterday morning, laid his pocket book down on his stall while he handed a dollar note over to his next friend for examination—the bill having just been tendered him in payment of some article purchased by a lady. When he turned round again his pocket book was missed, and seeing nobody else to accuse he pounced upon the lady who was waiting for her change. She denied the charge, and expressed a willingness to be searched, but the gardener declined to search her. He refused to give her any change out of the dollar, and she told him he might keep it—and walked off. The pocket book contained but ten dollars.

Arrest of a Deserter.

A German named Nicholas Biehl, a deserter from the 155th Pennsylvania Regiment, Col. Allen, was arrested on Friday at a house on Troy Hill, by officers Herman and McKain, of the Allegheny police. He deserted from his regiment about four weeks ago, and had been lodging about the two cities for some time. He is said to be a resident of Kittanning, but he was living in Allegheny when he enlisted. He was given into the custody of Captain Kirker, Provost Marshal of the 22d District, and will be returned to the officers of his regiment.

GAVE BAIL FOR TRIAL.—George Froelich and his wife, Elizabeth, who keep the Good Intent Saloon, on Ohio lane, Second ward, Allegheny, and who were charged with assault and battery with intent to kill an old man named Croker, and his son, yesterday entered bail for trial. Philip Heiler, who is accused of aiding and abetting the assault, also gave bail.

A BIG BILL.—To-night Manager Henderson offers a big bill at the theatre—"The Bag Pickers of Paris," and "Lady Audley's Secret." This will be a favorable opportunity for the audience to judge of the merits of the new company.

MAJOR I. M. PUNFERRY, a passenger on the ill-fated steamer Bath, and a resident of Wheeling, died at St. Louis, on Wednesday from dysentery.

LADIES', Misses' and Children's' Congress Gaiters cheap at McClelland's Auction.

Allegheny Aid Society.

The Ladies' Aid Society of Allegheny, thankfully acknowledge the receipt of the following donations, during the two weeks ending August 27th, 1863:

White Oak Springs congregation.....$8 50
Children's Fair, Nelle Stewart, and Sallie Johnston.....2 00
Mrs. A. Kramer, 1 package papers and magazines.
Miss Beeson, 2 large jars blackberry jam, 1 jar currant jelly.
Mrs. John Sampson, 4 shirts, package linen, 1 dozen handkerchiefs.
Miss Mary P. Semple, 5 pair socks, 5 cans fruit, 7 handkerchiefs, 6 packages rice flour, 5 packages cornstarch, papers, magazines, pillow-cases and ticking.
Mrs. James Gibson, 8 feather pillows.
Miss Mary T. Morrison, 1 night shirt, 1 can tomatoes.
Mrs. John Patterson, 2 cans blackberries, 2 pairs socks, bundle of papers.
A friend, 15 corn husk pillows.
Work done by ladies, 19 shirts, 10 pairs drawers, 1 pair socks.

Church Dedication.

The United Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville, located at the corner of Rwalt and Baker streets, will be opened for Divine service, on to-morrow, the 30th inst. Rev. W. Andrews, the pastor, will preach at 10½ o'clock, A. M.; Rev. John G. Brown at 3 o'clock, P. M., and Rev. James Prestley, D.D., at 7½ o'clock at night. A collection will be taken up at the end of each service, to assist the congregation in constructing and furnishing the church. All are cordially invited to attend. The Sabbath School will meet in Robinson's Hall, at 2 o'clock, P. M. The congregation hereby tenders its grateful acknowledgements to Mr. Hebron Robinson, who, for a mere nominal rent, has so long furnished it with a place of meeting.

IRVING COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—The seventh semi-annual session of the school for young ladies, under the charge of Mrs. C. A. Smith, commences Monday, September 7th. Mrs. S. has long been known in this community as a teacher of rare abilities, having filled several of the most important positions in these cities to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Her school is intended to be in all respects a model one, in which young ladies receive that careful and thorough training so essential to the development of those qualities that tend to adorn and dignify woman.

The school rooms are fitted up like a private parlor, and nothing that could tend to the health, comfort or advancement of the pupil has been neglected.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE, FOR AUGUST.—Mr. W. A. Gildenfenney, 45 Fifth street, has received from the publishers, Messrs. L. Scott & Co., New York, the August number of *Blackwood's Magazine*, containing:—A Visit to an Insurgent Camp—Letter from Poland, No. 3; Caxtoniana, Part 18; Novels; Translations of Horace; Indian Prosperity; George Cruikshank; The State and Prospects of the Church of England; In the Garden; Chronicles of Carlingford—The Perpetual Curate, Part 3; Captain Speke's Welcome.—Glancing over all which, we receive the impression that we could pass a few hours very pleasantly and profitably with "Old Ebony" this month.

GRADUATED.—At Duff's Mercantile College, Pittsburgh, George Raup, Shamokin, Pa.; Peter Kell, Shanpsburgh, Pa.; David M. Park, Allegheny city; Julian C. Fairman, Sheffield, Ill.; all of whom passed an honorable examination. Those who understand the long and searching nature of the examinations in this institution will readily award its graduates the distinction due to superior professional attainments. Each graduate was awarded the elegant Diploma of the College, and as a memorial of his industry and exemplary deportment was presented by the faculty with a copy of the College Gems of Penmanship.

BARNS BURNT.—On Sunday, Aug. 16th, the barn of Joseph Winslow, of Gaskill township, Jefferson county, was struck by lightning, and burnt to the ground, together with some grain, farming implements, and several head of young cattle. Mr. Winslow's loss is about $1,000.

On Friday evening the 21st inst., the barn of Amos Miller, in Middlesex township, Cumberland county, was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. All the contents of the barn were also destroyed. The loss is estimated at $4,500.

THE ILLUSTRATED WEEKLIES.—Full files of the New York Pictorial Weeklies will be found at the News and Periodical Depot of J. W. Pittock, opposite the Post-office. *Frank Leslie, Harper's Weekly*, and the *New York Illustrated News*, for next week, will be found close rivals in the race of competition—each seeming to deserve a prize for some special excellencies.

A NEW SENSATION DRAMA.—The great sensation play entitled "The Duke's Signal," which has been in rehearsal for some time, will be produced at the theatre on Monday evening, for the first time. The piece has been gotten up by Manager Henderson, at considerable expense, and it will no doubt have a profitable run. Owing to the length of the play, no other performance can be given with it.

A BOLD THIEF.—On Friday morning, during market hours, some daring rascal stole a coat from the stall of Mr. Charles Sanders, in the Allegheny market house, leaving another coat in its stead. Mr. S.'s coat contained his bank book, an account with his tanner, and other useful papers. The thief no doubt expected to find some money in the pockets of the garment, but in this he was mistaken.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—On Sunday, the 18th inst., Jacob Howar, of New Berlin, Ohio, died at the age of 92 years. Deceased, though born in Lancaster county, in this State, had lived 52 years in Stark county. He leaves something of a family, being not less than 6 children, 51 grand-children and 103 great grand-children!

FIVE THOUSAND Cartes de Visite! Call and make a selection. Almost given away—at only one dollar per dozen—ten cents each. Generals, prominent men and women, actors and actresses, copies of engravings and statuary are comprised in the large collection, at Pittock's opposite the Postoffice.

LATTER DAY SAINTS (new organization) have removed their place of meeting from the Mozart Hall to the hall over the Neptune engine house, Seventh street. Preaching on next Sabbath, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The public are respectfully invited. Seats free.

WILKES' SPIRIT.—This week's number of *Wilkes' Spirit* contains some articles of considerable interest to the general reader. It will be found at J. W. Pittock's News and Periodical Depot, opposite the Post-office.

EXCELSIOR INSTITUTE.—The sixth session commences Monday, September 7th. Send for circular, or call at the Institute, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets.

ALL the Eastern daily and weekly papers, magazines, &c., on the counter—the latest copies out, at Pittock's, opposite the Post-office.

THE place to get an Album is at Pittock's, opposite the Postoffice, where the finest and cheapest can be found.

CALL and leave your address for New York daily papers at Pittock's, opposite the Post-office.

THE Public School of the First Ward Allegheny, will open on Monday, August 31st.

GENTS' fine Calf Boots and Shoes at McClelland's, 55 Fifth street.

HOOP SKIRTS, all sizes and makes, at McClelland's Auction House.

ALL Summer Goods are being closed out at reduced prices at McClelland's.

DIED:

GUMBERT.—On Friday morning, August 28th, WILLIAM, youngest son of Henry and Mary Gumbert, aged 15 years.

The funeral will take place on SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 1½ o'clock, from the residence of Thomas Jones, No. 67 Decatur street, Sixth Ward, to proceed to Allegheny Cemetery. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

CHILDS.—On Friday morning, Aug. 28th, EMILY CHILDS, aged 4 yrs 9 mos.

Funeral SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2½ o'clock, from her late residence, Allen street, Lawrenceville. The friends of the family are invited to attend.

SPECIAL LOCAL NOTICES.

IMPROVED BLAKE'S SEWING MACHINES, for family and manufacturing purposes, are the best in use.

A. F. GRATONY, General Agent.
No. 18, Fifth street.

THOMAS PARRY, Plain and Ornamental Slate Roofer, and dealer in Pennsylvania and Vermont slate of the best quality at low rates. Office at Alex. Laughlin's, near the Water Works, Pittsburgh, Pa. ap8:6m

CLOSING OUT HIS ENTIRE STOCK AT COST.—Sam'l Graham, merchant tailor, is selling off his Spring and Summer stock of goods at cost. They consist of all the latest styles of cloths, cassimeres and vestings, of which he is prepared to make up in the most fashionable manner, and at cost prices. The public should not neglect to avail themselves of this rare chance and save money by giving him an early call.

Also, a large assortment of plain and fancy cassimeres, well adapted for boys' wear, which he will sell by the piece far below cost. Mothers should not neglect to call early.

SAM'L. GRAHAM, Merchant Tailor,
No. 54 Market street.

ATTENTION, RETURNED VOLUNTEERS!—The attention of our country's brave defenders recently returned from the seat of war, and of the public in general, is again directed to the very extensive and handsome assortment of the latest styles of French, English and American piece goods, for pants, coats and vests, lately received by Messrs. John Weier & Co., Merchant Tailors, No. 128 Federal street, Allegheny. A splendid selection of gentlemen's furnishing goods will also always be found on the shelves of the establishment, together with a lot of ready-made clothing, got up in the best manner.

NEW ARRIVAL OF SUMMER CLOTHING.—Often we are asked, where can we buy a neat and comfortable summer suit, made to order, thus having the chance of selecting our own goods? To all these inquiries we can answer, go to Messrs. W. H. McGee & Co., corner of Federal street and Diamond Square, Allegheny, and you will be suited according to your taste. They have just received their summer goods, and for elegance of styles they cannot be surpassed, and for fitness they are the very persons, as their work is all done under their own supervision. Give them a call, and you cannot fail to be satisfied.

BETTER THAN ANY OTHER.—REV. MRS. E. C. ANDRUS, *for many years Missionary to Hayti, now of Martinsburgh, N. Y.*, (the ultimate having seriously affected her hair and scalp, writes, "I have derived much benefit from the use of Mrs. S. A. Allen's World's Hair Restorer and Zylobalsamum. I have tried various other remedies, but never anything that so *materially and permanently benefitted me.*"

Sold by druggists everywhere. Depot, 193 Greenwich street, New York. dow

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, LANGUAGES AND COMMERCE, No. 110, Federal street, Allegheny. This Institution, conducted by Rev. J. Davis, who is assisted by experienced and successful instructors, will commence its Fall session on the 1st of September. Number of pupils limited. The English and Commercial Night School will commence on the 1st of October. au28 4t

IRVING COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE—A select classical school for ladies, corner of Beaver street and Stockton avenue, Allegheny city, Pa. The seventh semi-annual session commences on Monday, September 7th. For circulars or other information, as to tuition or board, call upon or address the Principal.

au31:2wme MRS. E. A. SMITH.

WHAT AN AMOUNT OF SUFFERING AND DISEASE among the volunteers would be prevented by the free use of HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT. For Wounds, Sores and Scurvy, the Ointment is a certain cure, and for Bowel complaints, Fevers, Small Pox, &c., the Pills are the best medicine in the world. Only 25 cents per box or pot. 221

NOTICE TO PROPERTY HOLDERS, AGENTS AND ALL OTHERS INTERESTED.—For repairs or alterations to stores or dwellings, new roofs, or anything else in the Carpenter line, call at Quigley's Carpenter Shop, Virgin alley, above Smithfield street. All orders promptly attended to

FOUR DOLLARS, four dollars.
Four dollars, four dollars.
Dental Institute, Dental Institute.
Best cheap Dentistry, best cheap Dentistry.
No machine work, no machine work.

WESTERN UNIVERSITY.—The fall term of this institution will commence on Tuesday, the 1st day of September next. For particulars see catalogue, to be had at any of the bookstores in the city.

AUG. 18th, 1863. sod:2w

OMNIBUS AND CARRIAGE CALLS will be taken at the Omnibus office, No. 405 Liberty street, day or night. All orders left at the above place will be promptly attended to. All calls must be paid in advance. 6m.

C. SILL, Dentist, 246 Penn street, attends to all business of his profession

POLITICAL NOTICES.

THE UNION COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet at the Office of Marshall & Brown, corner of Fifth and Grant streets, on EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 2 o'clock p. m. au24

POLITICAL NOTICE.—Persons desiring to hold meetings in the various election Districts throughout the county, can procure HAND-BILLS AND POSTERS, ready printed, free of charge, by applying to D. R. FERGUSON, No. 84 Fifth street, Pittsburgh. au15

UNION CONVENTION.—Pursuant to the order of the Union Executive Committee, of Allegheny county, the undersigned hereby request the Delegates who represented the loyal citizens of said county in Convention on June 20, 1861, to RE-ASSEMBLE IN CONVENTION at the COURT HOUSE, in Pittsburgh, on THURSDAY, September 3d, 1863, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the office of Sheriff.

A. M. BROWN, Chairman.
JOHN H. STEWART, Secretary. au26:dawto

FREEMEN RALLY!

GRAND UNION MASS MEETING!

The freemen of Allegheny County, lovers of the Union and opponents of Copperheadism, will meet in

MASS CONVENTION,

ON

Thursday, September 3, 1863,

ON THE

WEST COMMONS, Allegheny,

AT 7½ O'CLOCK P. M.

Eloquent speakers have been secured and will be in attendance. Let us have a GRAND RALLY FOR THE UNION.

By order of the Union Executive Committee.
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THE UNION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

CASPAR GANO, Third Ward, Allegheny;
RICHARD PERRY, Monongahela Borough;
D. B. FERGUSON, Lower St. Clair tp;
JOHN K. BROWN, Second Ward, Allegheny;
D. O'NEILL, Second Ward, Pittsburgh;
SOL. SCHUSTER, Jr., Esq., Fourth Ward, Allegheny;
SAMUEL BARCLAY, Seventh Ward, Pittsburgh;
JOSHUA RHODES, Fourth Ward, do;
M. B. MITCHELL, Penn township;
SAMUEL F. BAER, Lawrenceville;
R. H. PALMER, Jr., Peebles township;
F. G. NEGLEY, Fifth Ward, Pittsburgh;
JOHN F. DRAVO, Millin township;
JAMES BAXTER, Ross township;
FRANK MCCLELLAND, Crescent township;
JAMES DICKSON, Neville township;
JOHN M. FOSTER, Tarentum;
WILLIAM FRAZER, Richland township;
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A. MCTIER, Third Ward, Pittsburgh;
ARTHUR HOBSON, Fourth Ward, Allegheny;
Capt. JAMES MILLER, Manchester;
GEO. W. BACKOFEN, Third Ward, Pittsburgh.
A. M. BROWN, of Pittsburgh, Chairman.
J. H. STEWART, Collins tp., Secretary.

SUB-COMMITTEES:

Finance—A. M. BROWN, D. O'NEILL and J. H. STEWART.

Printing—D. R. FERGUSON, D. O'NEILL and SAMUEL BARCLAY.

On Meetings and Speakers—H. G. MACKRELL, 114 Fifth street; JAMES BAXTER, 117 Third St.; SOL. SCHUSTER, Jr., 139 Fourth street; R. H. PALMER, Jr., Pitt tp.; JOHN K. BROWN, 125 Federal street, Allegheny; D. R. FERGUSON, 84 Fifth street.

Persons desiring to hold Union Meetings in the various election districts throughout the county, will be furnished with Speakers by calling on any of the above named Committee. au25

THE LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

OUR SPECIAL DISPATCHES.

FROM WASHINGTON.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28, 1863.

FORTS SUMTER AND WAGNER OCCUPIED BY OUR FORCES.

News was received from Fortress Monroe at noon to-day that the gunboat Western World, Capt. Gregory, arrived there this morning from off Wilmington, and reports the arrival there of the U. S. steamer Florida from Charleston, with the intelligence that our forces occupied Forts Sumter and Wagner on Monday last.

RICHMOND EXAMINER ON ITS "LONG SHOOTING."

A late number of the Richmond *Examiner* says in relation to the attack on Charleston: "But what startles us is the distance from which the shells were thrown. The battery is in a marsh, five miles from the city. It has long been claimed by inventors of modern ordnance that new artillery was available for such purposes at that distance; but this is the first practical test of their pretensions on record, and must necessarily attract attention.

Not a doubt now remains that the spirit of Charleston is about to be tried in the terrible ordeal of bombardment. It is well that that place is prepared. Gov. Bonham has just issued a proclamation informing the citizens that the plan of defense admitted of that contingency, and recommending all non-combatants to withdraw, after the conformation thereof furnished by Gillmore. There is little fear that his advice will not be attended to by families who have not deep cellars and firm nerves.

Charleston will be shelled, but that will be a circumstance of minor importance to a successful defence of its fortifications and harbor. If we can retain them and foil the enemy that glorious victory will amply compensate for all the injury which bombs can do to empty houses.

INSPECTION OF HOSPITALS.

Surgeon General Hammond is about to undertake a tour of inspection among the hospitals on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS.

Gen. Meredith, who has charge of the exchange of prisoners at Fortress Monroe, informs the Department here that Col. Straight and his officers will be placed on the same footing as other prisoners of war.

SURGEONS FOR CHARLESTON.

A number of Surgeons have been sent to Charleston in anticipation of coming events.

IMPORTANT DECISION.

The town site of Council Grove, in Kansas, has been claimed by Col. Hall, of Missouri, and the matter has been in legislation for some years. To-day the case was finally decided by the Interior Department, in favor of the town.

On yesterday, White's guerrillas attacked a squad of scouts, nine hundred in number, near Leesburg, killing and wounding seventeen, and, it is supposed, captured the most of the rest, about a hundred in number. The officers have been warned repeatedly of the danger of such an attack.

FROM PHILADELPHIA.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug 28, 1863.

At last we have received an official dispatch from Gen. Gillmore that our troops occupy Sumter and Wagner. The news has been so long expected that it hardly awakens any manifestation of joy in our city. Other accounts say that Sumter is a huge mass of ruins. The shelling of Charleston with Greek fire is not credited in Philadelphia.

A letter from Richmond, of the 24th inst., says that Col. Straight and his party will be restored to the status of prisoners of war. In this event it is expected that Morgan and his men, now in the Ohio penitentiary, will be regarded as the same.

The establishment of a Bureau for the apprehension of deserters, and the prompt and severe punishment to be inflicted, has decreased desertions seventy-five per cent. In June 4,000 deserters, and in July 6,000 were arrested.

The remaining old people in Eastern Virginia are fleeing from the "wrath to come."

The wholesale conscription by the rebels is frightening the old men away. The refugees are numerous.

I had a talk this morning with a man 73 years old, who fled from his native State to avoid the conscription. He says: When the war broke out he had five sons, and two entered the rebel army, volunteered. Three were conscripted, and all of them are dead, and the old man is broken hearted. He further says it is not the fault of the United States Government.

The 3d Pa. negro troops have safely arrived at Morris Island. There is another regiment of negroes at Camp Wm. Penn that will be ready to start in a few days.

The census of the Philadelphia military hospitals foot up to about 10,000 sick and wounded soldiers.

There is a dull, cold rain to-day—thermometer 73°. H. A. W.

From Nassau and Havana.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The steamer Corsica, from Nassau on the 24th, has arrived.

Quite a riot occurred at Grant Town between the inhabitants and soldiers. Two or three were killed on both sides.

Several blockade runners had returned to Nassau.

An arrival from Havana states that the old walls of Havana have been demolished.

The gunboat Juniata sailed from Havana on the 12th in pursuit of the rebel steamer Nita, which had sailed the same day for Mobile.

Two Vessels Captured by the Rebels.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 28.—The gunboat Meigs arrived at Point Lookout at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, and reports the gunboat Currituck in the Chesapeake bay. Her Captain reported that the gunboat Satellite and tug Reliance, Capt. Dungan, with the crews of both vessels, were captured on Tuesday by the rebels, near the mouth of the Rappahannock. The Captain the of Satellite was reported killed, and the Captain of the Reliance wounded.

Affairs at Pensacola.

PENSACOLA MONROE, Aug. 27.—The Mobile *Daily Tribune*, of Aug. 18th, says: There are sixteen vessels in the harbor of Pensacola, ten of which are vessels-of-war and six transports.

The Yankees are building two immense hospitals at the Navy Yard.

All the negroes are being sent to New Orleans to be placed in the Yankee armies there.

Probable Evacuation of East Tennessee by the Rebels.

STEVENSON, Ala., Aug. 28.—It is probable that the rebels are evacuating Chattanooga, and all Eastern Tennessee. Deserters who came into Reynolds' lines report that they are moving guns and useful and important machinery of foundries at Chattanooga and Atlanta. Rebel cavalry are reported concentrating at Rome.

Money Voted for the Relief of Drafted Men in New York---Rebel Steamer Captured.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The Board of Supervisors, to-day, voted $3,600,000 to exempt firemen, militia and police, and to provide for the families of drafted men in indigent circumstances.

Nassau advices of the 22d inst. state that the rebel steamer Ornatadi was captured by the gunboat Rhode Island, off Abaco. She was from Wilmington.

LATEST FROM CHARLESTON.

Dispatch from General Gillmore.

PRACTICAL DEMOLITION OF FT. SUMTER.

The Shelling of Charleston.

HEADQUARTERS DEPART'T OF THE SOUTH,
MORRIS ISLAND, S. C., Aug 24

To Maj. Gen. Halleck, Washington:

I have the honor to report the practical demolition of Fort Sumter as the result of our seven days' bombardment of that work, including two days of which a powerful N. E. storm most seriously diminished the accuracy and effect of our fire. Fort Sumter is to-day a helpless and harmless mass of ruins. My Chief of Artillery, Col. J. Turner, reports its destruction so far complete that it is no longer of any avail in the defence of Charleston. He also says that by a longer fire it could be made more completely a ruin and a mass of broken masonry, but it could scarcely be more powerless for the defense of the harbor. Breaching batteries were located at distances varying between 1,330 and 4,240 yards from the work, and now remain as efficient as ever. I deem it unnecessary at present to continue their fire upon the ruins of Fort Sumter.

I have also, at great labor and under heavy fire from James Island, established batteries on my left within effective range of the heart of Charleston, and have opened with them, after giving General Beauregard notice of my intention to do so. My notification to Gen. Beauregard, his reply thereto, with the threat of retaliation, and my rejoinder, have been transmitted to the Army Headquarters. The projectiles from my batteries entered the city, and General Beauregard, himself, designates them as the most destructive missiles ever used in war. The report of my chief of artillery and an accurate sketch of the ruin of Fort Sumter, taken at 12 m. yesterday, six hours before we ceased firing, are herewith transmitted.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
Q. A. GILLMORE,
Brigadier General Commanding.

Capture of an English Steamer---The White River Expedition.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The Navy Department has received a communication from Commander Trenchard, of the steamer Rhode Island, reporting the capture of the English screw steamer Cronstadt, for a violation of the blockade, off Wilmington, N. C. Her cargo consisted of cotton, turpentine and tobacco.

Rear Admiral Porter has forwarded the report of Lieut Bache, relative to the late White river expedition. He first proceed to Des Arc, on White river, and burnt Confederate stores, destroyed the telegraph wires, &c. He then sent the Cricket after the steamers Tom Gregg and Ossioca, which he had reason to believe were hid up the river, while he and the Marmora proceeded to Augusta, 30 miles further up. There he obtained valuable information of the enemy, which was subsequently confirmed, namely, that the grand Southern army was concentrating at Brownville, to make their line of defenses on the bayou Meto. Gen. Price was there, and Gen. Kirby Smith was at Little Rock.

Gen. Marmaduke had crossed the river a few days before, and was then crossing the Little Red River.

Leaving the Marmora off the mouth, Lieut Bache went up Little Red with the Lexington. When about twenty-five miles distant, he met the Cricket with two prizes, which she had captured at Zarcy, fifteen miles further on. She also destroyed Marmaduke's pontoon bridge, leaving a portion of the latter's brigade on the other side of the river. The Cricket was fired into by Marmaduke's men and had about twenty soldiers wounded out of 150. Both vessels were attacked coming down the river. Some cotton and a few prisoners were captured with the prizes.

The Tom Gregg is a fine side-wheel steamer, as is also the Kaskaskia, though somewhat older. They are now manned, and are now retained to co-operate with the army along the river.

The farmers were glad at our presence, and many Union demonstrations were made.

The captured boats were the only means of transportation the rebels had on the river; therefore our taking them is a heavy blow inflicted upon them.

Lieut Dannington, who was formerly captured while in command of Arkansas Post, is now sitting at Little Rock, the Ponchartrain, the last ram the rebels have in these waters. If she ventures outside the shoals Admiral Porter says she will be captured.

Admiral Porter, communicating the results of the last expedition up the Yazoo river to recover the Baron De Kalb, says the vessel cost the rebels more than was at first supposed. Capt. Walker has received information to be relied on, that five steamers, at or near the city of Yazoo, Isaac Brown, late in the U. S. A., in a panic, and for fear that they would fall into our hands, set fire to and destroyed fourteen others, among them nine large ones, the machinery of which was intended to be sent to Selma, Ala., for the gunboats building there. There are no more steamers on the Yazoo. All the vessels which sought refuge there, as the safest place in rebeldom, have been destroyed.

Further by the Steamer Hibernia.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F.—The following is a continuation of the Hibernian's news:

The London *Times*, in its city article, in referring to Mexico, says:

It is in vain to deny that the feeling is, that the Emperor Napoleon has done a great service, both political and commercial, to the world. Political, in conforming to the previous action of Spain, in extinguishing the Monroe doctrine and commercial, in restoring intercourse with a nation of such importance of territory.

A British war-ship from Rio De Janiero, reports as follows:

Passed a ship, name not given, burnt to the water's edge, on the 22 of July, in lat. 26, south long. 38 west. Shortly afterwards spoke the steamer Alabama, which had captured and burnt this ship.

The Polish question remained unchanged. The Poles had defeated the Russians at Zarzays, and captured 200,000 roubles.

The Emperor Napoleon's fete at Paris had passed off quietly, and without any political significance.

The Congress of the German Princes was in session at Frankfort. It was headed by the Emperor of Austria, and was largely attended.

The agents of the Confederate loan announced that the September dividend will be paid in due course.

London, Aug. 18.—The French government has revoked the measure of confiscation in Mexico, and has withdrawn the proposition in regard to specie exports.

Liverpool, Aug. 18.—The City of New York, from New York, has arrived.

A heavy decline in the London Breadstuff Market will doubtless cause a fall here.

From New Orleans.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 25.—The New Orleans advices of the 20th, received to-day contain but little news.

The ship C. C. Duncan, from Boston, with 75,000 bushels of oats has arrived. Eighty bales low middling cotton sold at 55½c, very little on sales.

The Steamer Courier, with the 49th Illinois regiment on board, collided with the steamer Des Arc, about 30 miles below Memphis. The Courier was sunk, and some lives were lost, but not yet known how many.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Cotton dull, heavy and lower at 66@68 for middling and Uplands. Flour dull and heavy and 5@10c lower at $4.55@$4.80 for Extra State, $5@5.30 for Extra R. H. O., $5.25@$7.00 for Trade Brands. The Market closing dull and heavy. Whisky active, and firmer at 46@46½. Wheat heavy and 1@2c lower; the decline is chiefly on common and inferior kinds, at 75@$1.05 for Chicago Spring, 86@$1.12 for Milwaukee Club, $1.13@$1.18 for Winter Red Western, $1.02½ for Common Winter Red, and $1.34 for White Ohio. Corn heavy and 1@2cent lower at 70@71c for Spring mixed Western. Oats 1c better, with a moderate business doing at 50@54 for Western. Wool quite and unchanged. Sugar firm, with a demand. Pork quiet and unchanged. Bacon sides dull. Lard dull at 9½@10½. Cheese dull and heavy, at 8@12½.

The Money Market is easy at 6 per cent. Sterling irregular and unsettled, first class bills at 158½@157. Gold a little higher, opening at 23¾ advancing to 24¼. Government stocks are steady. U. S. 6's, 81, Coupons, 107; 7-30's, 107.

Stocks better—Chicago and Rhode Island 119¼; M. S. & P. D. 74; P. F. W. & C. 94¼; C. & R. 118; C. & C. 118; C. & P. 103; Michigan Southern, 100¾; M. S. & N. I. 102¾; Erie, 118; Harlem 161; Reading 152; Illinois Central Scrip, 135¾; Delaware and Hudson Canal, 2 M. W. 87; Quicksilver, 67; U. S. 1 year certificates, 101¾.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 28.—Flour quiet; Howard Street Superfine at $5.37½@5.50. Wheat active; Southern White at $1.17@1.20; Kentucky White at $1.15@1.20. Corn dull; Yellow 82. Whisky dull.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28.—Flour dull. Wheat steady. Corn active. Oats unchanged. Petroleum excited, and sales of 1,000 barrels Crude at 35. Refined at 67@70.

MILITARY NOTICES.

PROVOST MARSHAL'S OFFICE,
22D DISTRICT OF PENN'A
98 Fourth St., Pittsburgh, Aug. 28, 1863.

EXEMPTED FROM DRAFT.—In accordance with orders, I publish the following list of persons exempted from draft by the Board of Enrollment in this District, to this date, with the reasons which it exempition:

BY REASON OF FURNISHING ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTES.

Name	Residence.	Substitute
Arch'd Gardner,	E Birmingham,	Peter Hanson.
John Mayer,	do	Fred Schmidt.
Wm Garrison,	do	And Hassi.

PAID THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

John Allebrand, M'Keesport
Thos D Turner, do
John Thomas, East Birmingham.
Christian Sud s, Pitt township.
J W Milligan, Wilkins township.
Jos Fancourt, Elizabeth borough.
John S Bradley, Collins township.

ALIENS WHO HAVE NOT DECLARED INTENTION.

James Lamont, Pitt tp Witnesses Jno M Gredie,
J Carson.
Daniel Winsler, Pitt tp. Witnesses, J. o Keany,
Peter Dungan.
Christ Rastner, Pitt tp Witnesses, C Skinner, F
Lind.
Cumming Bates, Collins tp With ss, M Sullivan, M Fitzpatrick.
John F Gamler, Collins tp. Witness s, A Schnell,
A Jungbern.
August Suckert, Birmingham. Witness s J Sussner, S Bohler.
Thos Williams, Pitt tp. Witnesses, H J Thomas,
JR Jones, J Howells.

EXAMINED BY BOARD AND EXEMPTED.

Charles P Duff, Pitt township; di ability.
John A Curry, do do
Wm Maguire, do do
John Karchgessner, Pitt township; disability, discharged from Company A, 1024 Penn's Vols., 16th of January, 1863.
Henry Burland, jr., Fifth Ward; disability.
Adam Siemon, Pitt township, disability.
Philip Rees, Collins township, disability.
J W Brock do
Andrew Henderson, Pitt township, discharged from 7th P V, and from the three months service.
Martin Kepler, Collins township, disability.
Wm Hockaden do do
Wm L Donnliston do do
Marcus A Jones do do
Martin Kirkpecker do do
Wm McIntire do do
Daniel Coyle, Pitt township, do do
John Lantner, do do

UNSUITABLENESS OF AGE.

Andrew Henderson, Pitt township, over 35 and married. Witnesses,