

THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Although much that comes to us in the shape of news from Washington City, is mere rumor and guess-work, still there is enough of startling facts to cause the most serious apprehension and pain in the minds of all true lovers of the Union.

It appears to have been decided to show supplies into this fortress at all risk. It is reported in the morning that Major Anderson has been directed to open his batteries. The report that supplies from the city of Charleston had been cut off is generally confirmed.

At Charleston, every preparation has been made to repel the Federal forces, and it is probable that an attempt to reinforce the garrison at Fort Sumter, will be regarded as an act of aggression, and that hostilities will commence there.

All good men must deprecate the commencement of this dread fratricidal conflict. The world will regard it with horror and dismay. May he who holds the fate of nations and the lives of men in his hands, spare us this great trial punishment of our national sin.

It is interesting to note, we have already noticed, has been decided in Philadelphia, in which a jury gave a verdict that Gas Meters were not infallible and could make mistakes. The frequent disputes, and the general grumbling which arises about gas bills and the accuracy of meters seems to require that a different system of inspection should be established.

The first thing that the Legislature should do, which monopoly exists for the supply of gas, is to establish a commission to regulate the price of it. The next thing to be done is to inspect the quality of gas supplied, to see that customers are not defrauded by being furnished with gas of only half the proper illuminating power.

It is worth while to have a meter of their own, properly tested and inspected, and have the gas used while that also. But there ought to be a law passed for inspecting those meters, and the customer should be allowed to call for a trifling price, and if at any time a meter or stand be found to be defective, fine and damages, proportioned to the error, be paid by the company to the consumer.

A PUBLIC MEETING. We observe that a call is being circulated by Republican circles, asking the Mayor to call a meeting "irrespective of party" to sustain the State and General Administration, and to maintain the integrity of the government.

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THE CONGRESSIONAL APPOINTMENT BILL.

Pennsylvania loses two Congressmen under the recent count. The following are the Districts as reported in the new apportionment bill, to divide the State into Congressional Districts, for the election of representatives in the Congress of the United States. The districts are twenty-three, composed as follows:

1st. Second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh wards in the city of Philadelphia. 2d. First, seventh, eighth and ninth wards in the city of Philadelphia.

13th. Bradford, Montour, Columbia, Sullivan and Wyoming counties, and the balance of Northumberland county not included in the third district.

14th. Union, Snyder, Juniata, Perry and Cumberland counties. 15th. Somerset, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin and Adams counties.

16th. Cambria, Blair, Huntington and Mifflin counties. 17th. Tioga, Potter, Lycoming, Clinton and Berks counties.

18th. Lawrence, Haver, Washington and Greene counties. 19th. Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

20th. Allegheny county South of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers. 21st. Allegheny county North of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, and Butler and Armstrong counties.

22nd. Lawrence, Haver, Washington and Greene counties. 23rd. Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

24th. Allegheny county South of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers. 25th. Allegheny county North of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, and Butler and Armstrong counties.

26th. Lawrence, Haver, Washington and Greene counties. 27th. Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

28th. Allegheny county South of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers. 29th. Allegheny county North of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, and Butler and Armstrong counties.

30th. Lawrence, Haver, Washington and Greene counties. 31st. Indiana, Westmoreland and Fayette counties.

32nd. Allegheny county South of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers. 33rd. Allegheny county North of the Ohio and Allegheny rivers, and Butler and Armstrong counties.

HARRISBURG LETTER.

Tuesday, April 9. The Chronicle is in error in stating that the small issue was defeated. The bill under consideration was the Free Banking bill, and not the Bank chartered under the act of 1850, and based on specie in place of State bonds.

The feeling here at this time is rather favorable to the bill, and in all probability, gentlemen here will vote for it. The bill was voted against the small note proposal as stated above. But I learn from that distinguished gentleman that he will cast his vote for the issue of one, two, or three by the banks.

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CONSEQUENCES.

If a war once becomes fully initiated between the North and the South, the question will at once arise as to the commerce between the two sections, and this is a vital interest in which we of Pittsburgh have a vital interest. We have a large trade with the South which must certainly be cut off in case of a war.

The proposition made in Gov. Curtin's special message to arm the State has focused the military ardor of large numbers of men, well-washed young men, who in one have set about seeking for equities preparatory to seeking for glory at the front. But the rank and file—the food for powder—have not yet got their military ardor up to boiling point. We sincerely hope the country may not need the services of these men, but we have some Pennsylvania men to fight against their brethren of other States.

UNRELIABLE. We again warn our readers not to place too much reliance upon the statements which come to us by telegraph. That which is sent over the wires is a fact one day, is very generally reported the next, and sometimes two dispatches contradicting each other, are received on the same evening. The truth is, that those who send the dispatches are like the rest of mankind, "at sea," and most of that which they send as news, is more rumor and guess-work, than the New York Herald's "facts," and the "solid public opinion."

ARMING THE STATE. The interesting topic of discussion at Harrisburg for the next four days will be the proposition to arm the State. The general question is, the people to whom the money is to come from. Some of the ultra-States already have found their State arms a grievous pecuniary burden, and we may find the same.

ALLEGHENY POSTMASTER. Mr. Samuel Kiddle, of the Gazette, has been appointed Postmaster in Allegheny City. His office is taking up.

BEER, ROBBY and the other three are about to be tried. They have had a long trial, and it is a long time since they have been here.

THE GREAT EASTERN has just announced that it is going to America. This is a great step for the transportation of the great East.

THE DEATH OF PRICE ALBERT will be a great loss to the community. He was a man of great ability and high character.

HOLLAND BITTERS. This is a very good medicine for all kinds of ailments. It is made from the finest ingredients and is of great value.

INDIGESTION, SORE STOMACH, COLIC, HEART-BURN, HEADACHE & ALL DYSPEPTIC COMPLAINTS. This medicine is of great value for all these ailments.

BENJAMIN PAGE, JR. & CO. This is a very good firm for all kinds of business. They are of great value and are of great service.

REDFIN MAGNETIC OIL STILL. This is a very good oil for all kinds of ailments. It is made from the finest ingredients and is of great value.

OUR PAPER. This is a very good paper for all kinds of business. It is made from the finest ingredients and is of great value.

New Advertisements.

Young Men's Mercantile Library Lectures. REV. HENRY WARD BEECHER, OF BROOKLYN, will deliver a lecture at CITY HALL, TUESDAY EVENING, APRIL 16, 1861.

NEW GOODS. HAS JUST RECEIVED AND OPENED A large stock of Boots and Shoes, comprising all the latest styles, and of the best quality.

JAMES ROBB, No. 89 Market Street. HAS JUST RECEIVED AND OPENED A large stock of Boots and Shoes, comprising all the latest styles, and of the best quality.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE Pittsburgh and Allegheny Branch of the Pennsylvania State Bank, have the honor to announce that they have elected a new Board of Directors.

FOR SALE. A Brick dwelling house with a lot of 10,000 sq. ft. in the city of Pittsburgh. The house is of the best quality and is in a desirable location.

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WINE, BRANDIES, & C. ALSO DEALERS IN Fine Old Whiskies, No. 10 North Front Street, PHILADELPHIA.

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ONE DOLLAR.

ALL KINDS OF JEWELRY, FROM A SMALL TRINKET, UP TO A SILVER PLATED WATER, ONE DOLLAR.

GLASGOW'S AMBROSE GALLERY, LAFAYETTE HALL, FOURTH STREET ENTRANCE.

HAIRING RE-ARRANGED BY GALLERIES. HAS JUST RECEIVED AND OPENED A large stock of Boots and Shoes, comprising all the latest styles, and of the best quality.

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Steamboats.

FOR WASHINGTON DIRECT. Wm. Lewis Taylor, Agent, 117 N. 3rd St. THE NEW PASSENGER STEAMBOAT, FOR WASHINGTON DIRECT, will leave on Monday, April 16, 1861.

DRS. STEEDING & MUNSON, OPERATIVE AND MECHANICAL DENTISTS, 100 N. 3rd St. A NEW DOOR MOVING APPARATUS.

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