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JAS. P. BARR,
Editor and Proprietor.

MEDICAL.

HERNIA OR RUPTURE.

Hernia or Rupture cured.
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Marsh's Radical Cure Truss.
Ritter's Patent Truss.
Fitch's Supporter Truss.
Self-Adjusting Truss.

Dr. Banning's Lace or Body Brace, for the cure of Prolapsus Uteri, Piles, Abdominal and Spinal Weaknesses.

Dr. S. S. Fitch's Silver Plated Supporter.

Piles Drops, for the support and cure of Piles.

Elastic Stockings, for weak and varicose veins.

Elastic Knee Caps, for weak knee joints.

Ankle Supporters, for weak knee joints.

Suspensory Bandages.

Self-Injecting Syringes; also every kind of Syringes.

Dr. KEYSER has also a Truss which will adically cure **Hernia or Rupture.**

☞Office at his DRUG STORE, No. 140 WOOD STREET; sign of the Golden Mortar. Persons writing for Trusses should send the number of inches around the body immediately over the rupture.

DR. KEYSER will give his personal attention to the aplication of Trusses in adults and children, and he is satisfied that, with an experience of twenty years, he will be enabled to give satisfaction.

Self-Injecting Syringes.
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Of every kind.
Sold at DR. KEYSER'S, 140 Wood street.

Suspensory Bandages,
Suspensory Bandages,
Suspensory Bandages,
Suspensory Bandages,
A dozen different kinds,
A dozen different kinds,
A dozen different kinds,
A dozen different kinds,
At DR. KEYSER'S, 140 Wood street.
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PILES OF

TWENTY YEARS STANDING

CURED.

Below will be found a certificate from one of the most respectable citizens of Wilkins township in regard to Dr. Keyser's Lindsay' Blood Searcher. The Doctor's certificates are within reach, and no one need be deceived in regard to his preparations.

DR. GEO. H. KEYSER:—I became affected with Piles about twenty years ago, and every year they were growing worse, so as to trouble me very much, so much so at times as to unfit me for work. Sometimes I was so bad that I could not do anything on account of them, they came out on me as large as a hickory nut. I had tried a great deal of medicine for them. I used to buy and take whatever I could hear of or read of in circulars and pamphlets that fell in my way, but I could not get cured, sometimes they would do me some good for a little while, but afterwards they would return again as bad as ever. I also applied to two Doctors who visited me at my house and gave me some medicine but it would not do, I could not get well. Over a year ago I got an advertisement of *your* Lindsay's Blood-Searcher, made by yourself—when you sold it to me you told me one bottle would not cure me, and that my whole system would have to be renewed by the medicine before I got well. I bought one bottle and took it home with me and used it according to your directions. I then called to see you again, when you said I could no expect much benefit from one bottle. I bought it on, one bottle at a time, until I had used five bottles. After this quantity had been used, I was entirely well of the Piles, which had tortured me for twenty years. In other respects my health is improved, and I am as well as could be expected for one of my age, being sixty years past. I have been well now for six months, and there is nosppearance of a return of the disease. I can do any kind of farming work now without the Piles coming down and hurting me. I can pitch hay, chop wood, lift, or do any kind of work which before used to hurt me. When I found out your Blood-Searcher I kept on taking it until I got entirely well. I consider it my duty to make my case known to the country for the benefit of others who may be suffering as I was and do not know the value of your medicine. You may publish this if you like—I live in *Wilkins Township*, and will be pleased to satisfy any one of the truth of this certificate if they wish to call on me.

ELLIOTT DAVIS.

December 24th, 1863.

☞*Look out for the name of DR. GEORGE H. KEYSER on the cover of the bottle and pasted over the cork; also for his stamp on the United States stamp on the top of the bottle to prevent being impos d upon by a spurious article which is in the market.*
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MEDICAL.

KUNKEL'S CELEBRATED

Bitter Wine of Iron,
Bitter Wine of Iron,
Bitter Wine of Iron,
Bitter Wine of Iron,
The Great Tonic,
The Great Tonic,
The Great Tonic,
The Great Tonic,
For Dyspepsia and Indigestion,
For Dyspepsia and Indigestion,
For Dyspepsia and Indigestion,
For Dyspepsia and Indigestion,
For Weak Stomachs and General Debility,
For Weak Stomachs and General Debility,
For Weak Stomachs and General Debility,
For Weak Stomachs and General Debility,
Reliable and Sure to do Good,
Reliable and Sure to do Good,
Reliable and Sure to do Good,
Reliable and Sure to do Good,
And Cannot do Harm,
And Cannot do Harm,
And Cannot do Harm,
And Cannot do Harm,
It Costs but little and Purifies the Blood,
It Costs but little and Purifies the Blood,
It Costs but little and Purifies the Blood,
It Costs but little and Purifies the Blood,
We only ask a Trial,
We only ask a Trial,
We only ask a Trial,
We only ask a Trial,
Of this Valuable Tonic,
Of this Valuable Tonic,
Of this Valuable Tonic,
Of this Valuable Tonic,
Only 75 Cts. and One Dollar per Bottle,
Only 75 Cts. and One Dollar per Bottle,
Only 75 Cts. and One Dollar per Bottle,
Only 75 Cts. and One Dollar per Bottle,

Manufactured solely by S. A. KUNKEL & BRO. General Depot, 118 Market street, Harrisburg, Pa. For sale in PITTSBURGH by all respectable dealers.

For sale in Pittsburgh by R. E. SELLERS & CO., and B. L. FAHNESTOCK & CO.
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IMPORTANT TO LADIES.

"Great American Remedy."

Harvey's Chrono Thermal

FEMALE PILLS

HAVE NEVER YET FAILED (WHEN the directions have been strictly followed,) in removing difficulties arising from

OBSTRUCTIONS, OR STOPPAGE OF NATURE.

Or in restoring the system to perfect health when suffering from Spinal Affections, Prolapsus Uteri, the Whites, or other weaknesses of the Uterine Organs. The Pills are perfectly harmless on the constitution, and may be taken by the most delicate females without causing distress, at the same time

THEY ACT AS A CHARM,

By strengthening, invigorating, and restoring the system to a healthy condition, and by bringing on the monthly period with regularity. No matter from what cause the obstruction may arise. They should, however, NOT be taken the first three or four months of pregnancy, though safe at any other time, as miscarriage would be the result.

Each box contains 60 Pills. PRICE, ONE DOLLAR.

DR. HARVEY'S TREATISE

on Diseases of Females, Pregnancy, Miscarriage, Barrenness, Sterility, Reproduction, and Abuses of Nature, and emphatically the LADIES' PRIVATE MEDICAL ADVISER, a pamphlet of 70 pages, sent free to any address. Six cents required to pay postage.

☞The pills and Book will be sent by mail, confidentially, when desired, SECURELY SEALED, and pre-paid on receipt of money by

J. BRYAN, M. D., General Agent,
No. 76 Cedar street, New York.

☞Joseph Fleming, Druggist, corner of the Diamond and Market street, agent for Pittsburgh.
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PRIVATE DISEASES.

DR. BROWN'S OFFICE,

No. 50 Smithfield Street.

CITIZENS AND STRANGERS IN need of medical advice should not fail to give him a call.

Dr. Brown's remedies never fail to cure impurities, scrofulous and venereal affections. Also, hereditary taint, such as tetter, psoriasis and other skin diseases, the origin of which the patient is ignorant.

SEMINAL WEAKNESS.

Dr. B's remedies for this affliction, brought on by solitary habits, are the only medicines known in this country which are safe and will speedily restore to health.

RHEUMATISM.

Dr. Brown's remedies cure in a few days this painful affliction.

He also treats Piles, Gleet, Gonnorrhoe, Urethal Discharges, Female Diseases, Pains in the Back and Kidneys, Irritation of the Bladder, Strictures, etc.

A letter to be answered must contain at least ONE DOLLAR.

Medicines sent to any address safely packed.

Office and private rooms No 50. Smithfield STREET, Pittsburgh, Pa. no15d&w.

NOTICE TO ALL CONCERNED.—Among a certain class of self-important people there is a peculiar feeling of contempt attached to all physicians that advertise and treat the diseases named in this card, (PRIVATE DISEASES,) why this should be, they nor no one else can tell. Are they not aware that all physicians treat diseases of every denomination, in fact solicit just the very diseases that are so obnoxious to these very refined parties. I suppose they would not let one of their family go to a party that has devoted years for their benefit, because he advertises the fact, and their family physician says he is a humbug so he can get the case. Often he has almost deprived the party of his life. He comes at last to the physician that advertises—how else are they to know? Are they not aware that Sir Astley Cooper, Sir Benjamin Brodie, Sir Charles Bell and M. Paul Ricord devoted years in the treatment of these diseases? These men are held up as shining lights in the medical world; I don't assert that all men are worthy that publish, still there are a great number of them that are. I have devoted myself to the study and treatment of PRIVATE DISEASES upwards of 40 years, and without egotism can say I have saved hundreds from years of misery and untimely death. My treatment is confined to the vegetable altogether, as I think it is the best and most certain. It is in my power to bring hundreds of certificates if I thought it necessary to certify to my general success; but my long residence in this city is sufficient proof without adding more. Spermatorrhea and all diseases arising from it are cured in a much shorter time than heretofore. It behooves every young man and woman to be careful in selecting a physician. The different advertisements that are seen in our papers are of no worth, and no benefit will arise from answers than only loss of health and money. Hundreds are cured annually by my new remedies. Address BOX 800.
jan-1yd Pittsburgh Postoffice.

NEW CASTLE AND FRANKLIN RAILROAD.

BOOKS OF SUBSCRIPTION TO THE Capital Stock of the NEW CASTLE and FRANKLIN RAILROAD COMPANY will be opened on WEDNESDAY, the 27th of April, prox. tmo.,

In the City of Pittsburgh, at the Rooms of the Board of Trade

In New Castle, Lawrence county, at the Office of the New Castle and Beaver Valley Railroad Company.

In Mercer, Mercer county, at the Office of William Stewart, esq.

In Franklin, Venango county, at the Office of First National Bank.

BY ORDER OF COMMISSIONERS:

A. L. Crawford,	Samuel M. Kier,
S. Q. Brown,	J. Zeigler,
Wm. Dilworth, jr.,	G. W. Cass,
Wm. Stewart,	J. O. Murray,
J. C. Shaw,	George C. Reis,
Robert Ashworth,	Josiah King,
James Bleakley,	Springer Harbaugh,
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James K. Kerr,	J. H. Smith,
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Pittsburgh, March 31, 1864. mh31-ddd

Wall Paper! Wall Paper!

WINDOW SHADES,

AND

OIL CLOTHS.

LATEST STYLES DIRECT FROM the manufacturers, for sale at the lowest prices, at

Foerster & Schwarz's,

NO. 164 SMITHFIELD ST.
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DRY GOODS, HOSIERY, &C.

WE WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, APRIL 25th,

A HANDSOME STOCK OF

Shawls, Cloaks, Sacks and Dress Goods,
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Shawls, Cloaks, Sacks and Dress Goods,
Shawls, Cloaks, Sacks and Dress Goods.

Call and examine our stock before purchasing, as they are all of the very latest designs and will be sold cheap.

C. HANSON LOVE & CO.,
74 AND 76 MARKET STREET.
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OPENING AT

HUGUS & HACKE'S,

Spring Cloaks,

Spring Shawls,

Spring Balmorals,

Spring Delaines,

Spring Dress Goods,

Of the latest styles.

Light Chintzes.

Light and Dark Prints.

Cor. 5th and Market Sts.
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PLAIN BLACK SILKS,

AT

$1,00, 1,12 1-2, 1,25, 1,37, 1,50, 1,75, 2,00.

Cheapest goods in the city.

BROKER PLAID FOULARDS,

At $1,12 1-2 per Yard.

Solid Colors & Double Face,

From $1,50 to 2,00 per Yard.

SPRING DRESS GOODS,

At 18 3-4c, 25, 31, 37, 50, 62, 75, $1,00.

Comprising some decided bargains,

GOOD SHIRTING MUSLINS,

At 18 3-4 and 25c per Yard.

FAST COLORED PRINTS,

At 16c per Yard,

AT

GARDNER & SCHLEITER'S,

92

MARKET STREET.
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New Goods	New Goods
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AT BARKER & CO.'S,

69 MARKET ST.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE HIGH RATE OF GOLD, and the advance in all kinds of goods, we are still selling our very

LARGE STOCK

OF

Shawls,
Cloaks,
Dress Goods
AND
Balmorals,

Together with

Bleached and Unbleached Muslins

At lower prices than we could replace them today. To wholesale and retail buyers we can offer inducements in our line.

C. Hanson Love & Co.,
ap16 74 and 76 Market street.

JUST WHAT

EVERYBODY WANTS,

A POCKET ALBUM!

Holding from 12 to 24 Pictures,

FOR SOLDIERS!
FOR SOLDIERS!

Can be sent to all parts of the

United States for Twenty Cts

ALSO,

Albums for Centre Tables,

Albums for Centre Tables,

AT PRICES
BELOW ALL,
AT PRICES
BELOW ALL,

AT PITTOCK'S,

OPPOSITE THE POSTOFFICE.
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NATIONAL BANKS.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF PITTSBURGH.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
Washington City, Aug. 5th, 1863.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February 25th, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the said FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 5th day of August, 1863.

HUGH McCULLOCH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF PITTSBURGH, PA.,
Late Pittsburgh Trust Company.

Capital $400,000, with privilege to increase to $1,000,000.

The Pittsburgh Trust Company having organized under the act to provide a National Currency, under the title of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, would respectfully offer its services for the collection of Notes, Drafts, Bills of Exchange, &c., receive money on deposit and buy and sell Exchange on all parts of the country.

The success which has attended the Pittsburgh Trust Company since its organization in 1852, will we believe be a sufficient guarantee that business entrusted to the new organization will receive the same prompt attention.

Having a very extensive correspondence with Banks and Bankers, throughout the country, we believe we can offer unusual facilities to those who do business with us.

The business will be conducted by the same officers and directors.

DIRECTORS

JAMES LAUGHLIN	WM. K. NIMICK,
ROBERT S. HAYS,	ALEXANDER SPEER,
THOMAS BELL,	FRANCIS G. BAILEY,
THOS. WHIGHTMAN,	ALEX. BRADLEY,

SAMUEL REA.
JAMES LAUGHLIN, President.
JOHN D. SCULLY, Cashier.
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SECOND NATIONAL BANK
OF PITTSBURGH.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
Washington City, Feb. 13th, 1864.

WHEREAS, By satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, in the County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide a National Currency, secured by a pledge of United States Stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof," approved February 25th, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking.

Now, therefore, I, HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the said SECOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, County of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof witness my hand and seal of office, this 13th day of February, 1864. HUGH McCULLOCH,
Comptroller of the Currency.

THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK
OF PITTSBURGH, PA.,
(Formerly IRON CITY TRUST COMPANY.)

Capital, $300,000, with privilege to increase to $1,000,000.

The IRON CITY TRUST COMPANY having organized under the National Currency Act, offers its services for the transaction of a General Banking Business. Drafts bought and sold. Money received on Deposit, and Collections made on all parts of the country.

DIRECTORS:

JACOB PAINTER,	ROBT. ROBINSON,
JAKE HILL,	K. BOUGHMAN,
C. F. KLOPFER,	W. M. GORMLY.
WM. COOPER,	

O. E. WARNER, President.
JNO. E. PATTERSON, Cashier.
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MEDICAL CARD.

W. BODENHAMER, M. D.,
854 Broadway NEW YORK

W. H. BODENHAMER, M. D.,
Office, No. 146 Third street. Office hours from 9 to 4 p. m.

DEVOTE THEIR ATTENTION TO the Medical and Surgical treatment of

Chronic Diseases,

Especially those of the LOWER BOWEL, such as Piles, Constipation, Fistula, Fissure, Falling of the Bowel, Ulceration of the Bowel, Stricture of the Bowel, &c. Also, the various Chronic Diseases of the Womb, the Kidneys, the Bladder, etc. mhl-tff

REMOVAL.

KANE & DUFFY.

KANE & DUFFY WOULD INFORM their friends and the public that they have removed their Tailoring Establishment from the old stand to No. 14 ST. CLAIR STREET, Biddell's new block, near the St. Clair at Allegheny bridge. Those desiring the latest patterns of

Spring and Summer Clothing

Of the rarest and most fashionable styles, are invited to call and examine their extensive stock of CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c.

KANE & DUFFY,
ap9-1md No. 14 St. Clair st.

TEMPORARY REMOVAL.

WILKINS HALL.

Our friends and the public at large will not, we trust, forget that we are at present and for a few weeks to be found at Wilkins Hall, over the Mayor's Office, Fourth street, where we have on exhibition and for sale as fine a stock of

PIANOS,

HARMONIUMS, MELODEONS, ETC.,

As were ever brought to this city, and at strictly EASTERN FACTORY PRICES.

H. KLEBER & BRO.,
ap4 Wilkins Hall, Fourth street.

To Railroad Contractors.

PROPOSALS ARE INVITED FOR the GRADATION, MASONRY, BRIDGE SUPERSTURCTURE, BALLAST, CROSS TIES, and TRACK LYING of the Pittsburgh and Connellsville R. R. between Connellsville and Cumberland, embracing a distance of eighty-seven (87) miles, in sections of about one mile each.

Specifications and profiles are now ready at the Company's Office, in Pittsburgh, and proposals will be received to the 30th of April.

BENJ. H. LATROBE,
President.
Office P. & C. R. R. Co., Pittsburgh. ap11

OFFICE OF THE
PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RY. CO.,
Pittsburgh, April 8th, 1864.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE BOARD of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of TWO AND ONE-HALF (2½) per cent. on the Capital Stock of the Company, out of the net earning for the quarter ending March 31st ult., payable (free of government tax,) on and after the 16TH OF MAY prox., at the general office of the Company in Pittsburgh to the stockholders whose stock is registered there, and at the agency of the Company, (Messrs. Winslow, Lanier & Co.,) No. 52 Wall street, New York, to the stockholders whose stock is registered there.

The transfer books of the Company will close at 3 o'clock p. m., on the 2d day of May prox., and will remain closed till 10 o'clock a. m. on the 17th of May thereafter.

By order of the Board of Directors.

W. H. BARNES, Sec'y.
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The Daily Post.

Schedule of Advertising Rates.

STANDING MATTER.

	Daily. 1 Sqr.	8 times a week, 1 Sqr.	Once a week, 1 Sqr.
One time	$ 75	$	$
Two times	1 25		
Three times	1 60		
Four times	1 90		
Five times	2 20		
One week	2 50	1 70	85
Two weeks	4 35	2 90	1 45
Three weeks	6 00	4 00	2 00
One month	7 50	5 00	2 50
Two months	11 25	7 50	3 75
Three months	13 75	9 15	4 55
Six months	20 75	13 85	6 90
Nine months	27 00	18 00	9 00
One year	32 00	21 33	10 70

CHANGEABLE ADVERTISEMENTS.

For one square, changeable one time each week, confined to the immediate business of the advertiser. All larger advertisements in exact proportion.

	Daily.	3 times a week	2 times a week	1 time a week
1 month	$ 9 35	$ 6 00	$ 4 70	$ 3 00
3 months	17 20	11 45	8 60	6 00
6 months	24 00	19 00	15 75	10 50
1 year	40 00	28 00	24 00	14 00

☞First notices double the above rates.
Death notices, each insertion $ 50 cents
Marriage notices, each insertion 75 "
Steamboat advertisements, per trip $2 00
Executors' and Administrator's notices 2 75

The above are the revised rates of advertising as established at a late meeting of the newspaper proprietors of this city. These are but a slight advance over the old rates, and in reality are still under the figure that the stringency of the times demand. Both eastern and western publishers are much in advance of this schedule, and it is yet possible that Pittsburgh publishers may be compelled to advance the schedule still farther. The continually advancing cost of labor, paper, ink, and every essential to printing and publishing makes this action of publishers necessary and obligatory. As nothing is now made upon the subscription of newspapers, for the reasons above stated, it is required that the deficiency be made up from advertising or not at all. We hope this plain statement of the case will be reason and apology enough for our liberal and enterprising business men. They have heretofore accorded a generous patronage, and when a vital question like the present arises, they will not, we know, be found holding back.

THE RED RIVER BATTLES.

Three Days' Severe Fighting by the Advance.

Bloody Engagemet at Pleasant Hill.

The Expedition Abandoned for the Present.

RAPID FALL IN THE RIVER.

Losses and Incidents of the Three Days' Fighting.

From the World's Correspondent.

NEW ORLEANS, April 15.

I have been able to gather the following facts in relation to the recent operations of our army on the Red River and vicinity. On the morning of the 6th General Bank's column, with General Lee's cavalry in the advance, moved out on the Shreveport road from Nachitoches, and rested that night at Bayou de Paul. During the movement the enemy fell back from before the cavalry, after light skirmishing. Early on the 7th the march was continued, and the rebels were driven by the cavalry until about two miles from Pleasant Hill, when the enemy was discovered drawn up in line of battle. His force consisted of about two thousand five hundred infantry, strongly posted. Detachments of the cavalry were sent forward, and soon became engaged. Supports were thrown forward; but, after a sanguinary contest, it was discovered that the ammunition was falling short. A charge was made, and the enemy was driven into the woods, which ended the contest for the day.

On the morning of the 8th the cavalry advanced and discovered the rebels masked and occupying position from which a heavy fire was poured into our ranks. Our artillery was put in action and the engagement was kept up until about noon, when General Ransom's brigade came up. General Banks also arrived on the field, and immediately sent for General Franklin's division, which was some distance in the rear. About 8 o'clock the rebels commenced moving in heavy columns on the right, and heavy skirmishing was renewed. About 4 o'clock the engagement was at its height, and the rebels deployed to the left, which was then made the real point of attack. The enemy greatly outnumbered us, and slowly pushed our lines back. General Franklin came up, but his division was yet in the rear almost momentarily expected. Under these circumstances the troops fought bravely but unsuccessfully, and finally gave way in confusion, losing twenty guns, all the official papers of the adjutant-general, and leaving the dead and wounded on the field. General Ransom, while endeavoring to remove the guns of the First Indiana Battery, was wounded in the knee and narrowly escaped capture. This engagement took place at a place known as Sabine's Cross Roads.

The battle closed with night fall, and our troops rested in the woods into which they had been driven by the enemy; he pursuing no further than the battle-field where he buried our dead and removed the wounded to the rear at Mansfield. Four brigade-commanders were killed and wounded in this fight. Our defeat is attributed to the cavalry division pushing too far in advance of the main column and the panic and loss of guns to the large cavalry trains which blocked up the road and rendered orderly retreat impossible. The estimated loss in this battle is fifteen hundred killed, wounded, and missing. At the close of the engagement a council of war was called by General Banks when it was decided to withdraw the army to Pleasant Hill, which place General A. J. Smith had reached. The retrograde movement was at once commenced. While it was in progress the enemy pressed the pickets in but failed to discover the movement. In the morning further concealment was impossible and the rebels sent forward their cavalry but failed to come up with our forces until they had reached Pleasant Hill. Here General Emory's division of Franklin's corps proved serviceable in acting as a rear guard and covering the retreat of the Union army. As soon as our forces had gained the shelter of Pleasant Hill, and arrangements could be made for receiving the attack with the supports which had then arrived, a cavalry force of General Emory's division was sent out and engaged the advancing enemy. The rebels appearing however in force, the cavalry fell back after brief skirmishing.

Gen. Emory's division was drawn up in line of battle, also Gen. A. J. Smith's command of the Sixteenth army corps, which was placed in the rear of Emory's. While these dispositions were in progress, skirmishing continued, but the enemy did not manifest an intention of coming to a close engagement; about 5 o'clock, however, he advanced in force in three lines of battle; he was received with a storm of artillery and the battle soon became desperate. General Smith got his division into position to receive the advancing columns and reserved his fire until the rebels came almost up to the muzzle of his guns when a terrible hail of lead and iron was poured into their ranks followed by a charge of the whole column. General Emory's division supported this charge and the rebels were driven from the field to the woods, where they broke and scattered in all directions. The pursuit was continued until night put an end to the conflict and the day was considered won. In the charge, Taylor's battery, which had been lost in the earliest part of the action, was retaken; also two guns of Nims's battery which were lost at Sabine's crossroads. The ten-pounder Parrot gun, which was lost at Carrion Crow, was also retaken.

Early the next morning the army embarked to Grand Ecore, unmolested by the enemy, to recruit and rest from their severe labors. It is ascertained that the rebels were commanded by Kirby Smith, and that the rebel General Mouton was killed. The entire losses during the three days' fight were twenty pieces of artillery and thirty-one hundred men killed, wounded and prisoners. General Banks and staff were on the ground during the entire action, as were also General Franklin and staff, both officers being in the thickest of the fight. The rebels made seven distinct charges upon the extreme right, held by General Dwight, and were repulsed in each of their efforts.

The retrograde movement to Grand Ecore was necessary, because of the exhausted condition in which our troops were left after the engagement. The advance had made a forced march, in retreat, from Sabine Cross Roads, and Generals Smith's and Emory's divisions had been on the march for two days previous to going into battle, so that at the close of the fight at Pleasant Hill a pursuit of the advantage gained would have been impracticable, and a prolonged retention of the battle-field impolitic, when the comparative losses are considered, and a calm view is taken of the whole field. From Sabine's Cross Roads to Grand Ecore there is not much of comfort to be gleaned, until the battle of Pleasant Hill, there was a series of defeats with heavy losses. The last day's engagement must be considered in the light of a drawn battle for the sole advantage we acquired, possession of the field, was speedily relinquished and our forces continued a retreat, commenced two days previously, which was interrupted only by a successful check of the pursuit by the enemy.

Colonel Gooding, of General Lee's cavalry, had a narrow escape at Pleasant hill, a ball passing through and tearing off the crown of his hat. The scene preceding the charge of General Simter at this engagement was grand. Each gun was loaded almost to the muzzle with grape and canister, each musket was poised with unerring aim as the enemy advanced in solid mass. Simultaneously these engines of death belched forth leaden and iron missiles and the ranks of the rebels appeared as if mowed down as grass before a scythe. Fully one thousand men were placed *hors du combat* by this terrific fire.

There is a probability that the operations of General Banks' column will be seriously delayed by the result of this movement. The army must wait at Grand Ecore in order to organize and refit. The river is understood to be falling, and until it rises again the gunboats cannot succesfully co-operate. Besides the low stage of water renders the passage of transports above Alexandria exceedingly difficult, and therefore the supply for the army will be very slow. The river above Grand Ecore is infested with guerrillas, who omit no opportunity to molest transports and even gunboats passing by the river. About a week ago the guerrillas attacked two transports, when a gunboat coming up poured a volley of shot and shell into the enemy and drove him off, with the loss of the rebel General Green and a large number killed and wounded.

From parties who have just come down in charge of wounded I learn that Dick Taylor, Morton, Price, and Green were in command of the rebels, and that their forces numbered not less than 18,000 men. It was General Banks' design at Sabine's cross-roads, to remain on the defensive entirely until his supports came up, but Kirby Smith took advantage of his weakness and hurried the attack. Soon after the engagement opened General Stone, chief of General Banks' staff, ordered the withdrawal of Nim's battery; and it was while General Lee was endeavoring to execute the order that the enemy made a furious charge and captured it. This is the third time that General Ransom has been wounded. He is now at the St. Charles hotel in this city suffering great pain from his wound. When he was hurt, he was directing the firing of the Chicago mercantile battery.

SOUTHERN NEWS.

Rebel Defenses of the Mississippi.

From the Savannah News, April, 9.

Senator Mitchell, Confederate States Senator from Arkansas, left Selma, Alabama, recently for General Leonida Polk's headquarters. This gentleman, the Selma *Dispatch* learns, is direct from Richmond, charged by the Government with important special business relating to the trans-Mississippi department. Congress having adjourned, and his important functions in that body temporarily suspended, the worthy Senator entered upon another field of exertion where his services are still at the command of his Government and country. He is now engaged, we understand, in the careful preparation of a plan for the defense of the Mississippi river, and the protection of our valuable interests in that vicinity, which will doubtless be developed and acted upon during the approaching session of Congress.

Beyond the Mississippi.

From the Selma Mississippian.

We are indebted to a gentleman from Texas, who crossed the Mississippi river one day last week, for some interesting items of information from the trans-mississippi department. He represents the condition of affairs in that region as more cheering than our most sanguine friends suppose. The prospect of our grain crop was never more promising, and the outfit of our army has never been so complete, or the spirit of our troops more buoyant and confident than at present. The famous guerrilla chief, Quantrell, has been playing sad havoc of late with the Yankee farmers who have appropriated the land and negroes of the refugee citizens along the Mississippi river. There is already a plantation occupied by the Yankees on the western side of that river that has not received a cent from some of the forces, and such is the celerity of their movements, and the summary manner in which they dispose of captives, that the greatest terror prevails among the negroes and their self-styled masters in relation to them.

The opinion is that the chief profit will be derived from the products of these farms the coming season, and it is suggested to furloughed soldiers and others who may contemplate crossing the river that the utmost caution should be observed as to their movements after reaching the west bank, where are Yankee spies who mislead them and afterward turn them over to the negroes, who invariably murder them. Several of our men were massacred in this manner a short time since, but a party of Quantrell's scouts fell upon the butchering party just as they had concluded the fiendish tragedy, and not one was left to tell the tale. The gunboats which patrol the river afford but poor protection to the lighter craft, and but little is doing in a commercial way. Indeed, a trading boat seldom passes without receiving a volley, and commanders have wholesome fear of our sharpshooters, who line the banks.

Attempt to Blow Up the Minnesota.

From the Richmond Examiner, 13th.

There was a report yesterday that the Yankee frigate Minnesota, lying off Newport News, had been badly injured by the explosion of a torpedo. The facts are that an attempt was made to blow up this Yankee vessel by Captain Hunter Davidson; but the results of the experiment are not exactly known. It appears that Captain Davidson managed to approach the Minnesota in his small steamer under cover of the night, and answered her hail that he was a dispatch boat from Roanoke Island. On approaching her he exploded a torpedo under her quarter on the starboard side, and immediately backed, making all possible haste to get away from the enemy's guns. It was impossible for him to know the effect of the explosion.

The charge of the torpedo was sixty pounds of powder. Captain Davidson reports that on the explosion great confusion ensued on the Minnesota, orders, oaths and execrations following in rapid succession. One account says that the vessel was so much injured that she was keeled over and taken off by three steamers; but as the darkness of the night and the rapid retirement of the torpedo boat afforded but little opportunity for observation, we are inclined to doubt these particular details.

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