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The old year has now been away in gloom and sadness, and the New Year seems to come without offering the slightest ray of light in regard to the future. There seems to be a determination on the part of many to break up the Government. The Congressmen from S.C. are still here, and there is a strong feeling in the city about what is taking place between them and the President and Cabinet. The "reception," today, as well as the "vote," were few and rather solemn affairs, pleasant day, but nothing big.

WEDNESDAY 2

Matters look more hopeful for the Country today. It is now known that the President refused to acknowledge the Congressmen as being anything more than distinguished citizens from the States. One of their last communications to him yesterday was: "We have been considering the action of the President, and we are in complete disagreement with him. We wish to be treated with respect. They and their decision gives us more in great consternation. The "Confederate" left for home immediately, and now that the South has taken a stand, every brave feels better about things ahead. The weather is cool and unpleasant to-day.

THURSDAY 3

The affairs of the Country appear to be grave. The subject engrosses the attention of all men in all places. Public questions are discussed in my room at the Patent Office with as much as application for patents. It is frequently asked what patents will be valid if the Union is dissolved? But application continues to be made from both north and south, as there is something to falling off tomorrow to the Post Office, recommending the Post Office of the U.S. Office closed.
Friday, January 4, 1861.

A mild and pleasant day but I think people find much like wearing ridiculous. And observing the day as recommended. There was serious at A.F. at Fort of the Plains, where were crossed. Washington D.C. to the Capitol to hear Mr. Stockton the Chaplin of the House. The Hall of Congress was crowded to cap, and the screech men Tony Potter. The "Parade" and the "Porter's Paradise" were ordered to be in connection with the "Eagle" and the "Glorious Star and Stripes," songs in all chief.

Saturday 5

People were starting to say to hear that the U.S. Forts and arsenals at Savannah and Mobile had been taken possession of by the Revolutionists. Where this is all to live God only knows. It looks as if for our Country at present. But there is still a strong feeling that the Government will be upheld. The City is threatened and the citizens do fear that a Mutiny will have happened. It is truly impossible can there to defend it, incendiary fires are seen every night and a fort very unsafe.

Sunday 6

It has been said that "there are no Sundays in Revolutionary time." And this year been an affair and auspicious day. The Members of Congress have been together in small companies trying to agree upon some plan that will satisfy all sides. The news from the South is bad as it seem well be. It looks as if the North must furnish for a fight. If not, but a fight will satisfy the South. They can have one, but if it comes to draft our girls...
MARCH 1, 1861.

The weather is soft, and rather foggy and some rain. I went to the Bank of the Metropolis today and lost a bag of money. I sent to Mrs. E. and called a man in the street to get the money. But a few minutes later I was in the hotel. People much excited and everything talking about public matters. Let's today we lose more bonds of Georgia, and the city will be arrested for high treason. The Telegraphic to Savannah it is said. We set the fuses.

The weather has been moderate today. All streets swelled. Men and the-going back. Statements that troops have been sent to reinforce Maj. Anderson at Fort Sumter, created much excitement. A column is expected. It is reported tonight that the body of Capt. W. H. Thompson has arrived. And also that a column has arrived at Charleston. U.S. troops have been ordered to the city to defend it if necessary, and Scott is here and will remain until after March 4. A man was here today in information of a meeting in New Orleans. I have at the National Theatre, called with Hope at Mrs. Reamickon at 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 9

Mr. Thompson has resigned and another day has passed in the greatest anxious of all classes to hear from Charleston. But there is no news from there today. The city is coming for self-protection and some Commandos of U.S. troops are expected tomorrow. Fine and gentlemen occur very night. I slept with a hundred others in the bed and then an hour at Milles to-night everything quiet, but the men lost a few. Mr. Butterfield and the Governor of other gentlemen all looking for news.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1861.

The weather is a little colder to-night, yet freezing. Expecting news from Charleston. The steamer "Star of the West" with troops to reinforce Maj. Anderson was sent south to-day, and the troops of Gen. Maj. Anderson threatened the city with Borden. If the order again mutinies, we hear that she is in the harbor landing her horses and stores at Fort Sumpter. It has been announced this afternoon that the Gov. of Virginia had ordered two Regiments to Charleston to take possession of the U.S. Arsenal and arrest the preparation of the city will be supervised by the Gov. I have not been out today, and have not been out of the house since dinner.

FRIDAY 11

Yesterday Hepzibah miss arrived since last to Maj. Anderson. The "Intelligencer" this morning publishes a letter from an Ep. Consolments from the South opposing the reckless proclamations at transient meetings of the Senator from the Cotton States now here. Yulee brother of the Senator from Fl. in my room to-day said they were acting from patriotic motives. I denounced them as Conspirators and Processors. Of the"clappery" but was silent. From Charleston. He is our assistant and is emphatically a "literary brown-bottling" no particular crisis today. Reason is safe in the city and we know what a very small number, a few miles to-day. PM about 30°

SATURDAY 12

Mr. Stevens Speech in the great court of the day did not hear it. The Senate Chamber was occupied by 9 o'clock. Left letter for Julia through that wrote to-day hardly knew how to got her home or the fact whether it is best to come home to Washington at this crisis. Went around to the hotels this evening. Came back home. B. from Wly. Ann of Capt. in N. Y. who got pay in castrum and the second R. R. Shepp's wife, Mrs. B. Hughes, Hugh McConnel, etc. Undergoer. The indication now on that Virginia and Maryland are both Decidedly, Colon and Virginian to-day, termination about the casual meeting.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1861.

It has been a fine winter day all the morning, stood at 12. Went to church with my wife and boy, heard in Mrs. Black's, at Mr. Black. He has evidently shifted his occupation. Wrote a letter this evening to Col. Raine and took it to the C.O. Walks fast down and back without stopping. It took 28 Minutes. Spent the Col. to help in cleaning for Julia as he is coming to Washington. Wife has been reading "Parton's Life of Jackson" alone and it is now 11 o'clock. And time to go to bed — so the late hours come.

MONDAY 14

Something of a snow-storm to day to night it was more tolerable freezing as the falls. The cold is on aemas of ice. They appear to be a more helpless figure around to-day in reference to the affairs of the country. The great excitement note the hands of Union men. The Cabinet is now composed entirely of that chief. God be taking the place of Thomas, his first assistant. clayton has also resigned. To save himself from being turned out. It is rumored today that all "southerners" are to be turned out, if they do not resign their post in the different duties. Spent the evening next over Mr. Barlow's place in his study.

TUESDAY, 15

Himself. Windy, jolly, dry, very good shooting for the boys this morning in the forest. A general impression seems to prevail that that the trouble of the country are going to be hidden some way, no body can tell how. But there is an determination manifestly abroad, that this government shall not be broken up and that it will be defended and maintained at all hazards and all cost. This determination on the part of the Administration and the whole Union North as far as it is felt by all. In particular, there to-day. Went this evening at home reading, and President. See this season. Take little interest in these papers.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1861.

Another wet, misty day. Sleeky. Sidewalks and messenger's letter from friend to pass through Col. Albert S. Hays. HD attached to the U.S. Army, acting as Com. Clerk, etc. weer. They were. The decision here seems to me to be rather misleading. The Sec. of War means to me to be another ordering. The Sec. of War clicks in the Census Bureau more justified today that they could resign, otherwise they would be dismissed. The same thing should be done in all the departments of the Gov., next to the Treasury. Church tonight to hear. Miss Collier lecture on Japan, but the lecture was on S. America, it was not interesting. There was also a lecture at the Smithsonian on the Polarization of Light, but it is too far off and the washing was too hard for me.

THURSDAY 17

There has been no startling News today, but the right of Seccession is contested by all northern men who with the president consider it. Resolution. I have not hesitated to call it treason. I was at Willard's this evening, people generally are as excited as they were a week ago, and since the Cabinet has been formed I see no signs and the President has taken a stand for the Union and the Constitution. we all feel much better. It is now thought that Secession will be at a discount soon now in the South. became acquainted with Mr. Otisman (Sigma). Mr. Slebehok

FRIDAY 18

The discussion in Congress are now the point and interesting. an attack upon Fort Sumter is expected since the Pres. flatly refuses to meet with Col. Hayne the last Com. from S.C. for its possible surrender. If the attack is made it will be no holiday job for the fire-eater. The weather today has been wet, foggy, nearly cold enough to freeze. A letter from Juliathest Friday to come of the her a good opportunity, but seem to accept himself to circumstances with much latitude and will not complain if she stays there during the vacation. She seems contented and happy.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1861.

This has been a warm and pleasant day, but the streets and enfilping my roadway. The particular news is active, but all eyes are looking toward Charleston with much anxiety, as an act of war is expected on Sunday.

I went with the boys after dinner hours to the Florida, to see the new steamer Pensacola, we got permission to go on board and the boys were much interested. She is to be the Engine to which we built out this yard. She is expected to reach any port in the Navy in speed. The engine could not be exceeded.

This at the Hotel in evening saw old Commissary Stuart at dinner.

SUNDAY 20

The weather was nice and quite warm, but did not freeze the night. We did not go to church to pray. The care of the house while the rest of the family went, read the "Firebelle" and Batman's "Life of Jackson." There are so many Fellows looking fellows staring about the city. That it seems necessary for someone to be on the watch all the time. Incendiary fires occur every night. I slept with a loaded "cassile" within reach every night, both on walk with the boys and Lafayette Square this evening. And did not go out again. The air was cool and blustering. As usual tonight.

MONDAY 21

Mr. Yulee was at my room to day and asked some of my thoughts about the secession. I told him that I thought it best to oppose the seceding States. I told him that I thought it best to protect the public property. But say he might as soon be killed in the opinion of the seceding States. I told him that it mattered little about the opinions of the people and the States were who now controlled the government. I also said that the secession was imminent, but it was hard to say. I cannot restrain myself when talking with these fire-eaters and brutes. I am not an admirer of Clay, nor do I wish to obey
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1861.

The fact that somepoints are coming to break up the Government on a question growing more apparent every day. The election of Virginia and Maryland is a part of the program. All the scenes of this day accomplish the desired end. Nothing but conclusions on the part of the North will prevent the secession of these States. If no compromise is made, then nothing but a large force will ensure the secession of Mr. Lincoln on the 4th. The next month must settle a great question for this country.

WEDNESDAY 23

United States troops are quietly being brought here and are now quartered in different parts of the city. The President is undoubtedly informed of all the movements of the traitors and preparation are being made for the reception of any such visit. The conspiracy has its ramifications throughout all the Departments, without a doubt. Measuring pay from the coast, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c., &c,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1861.

The weather has been moderate today without rain, or sunshine. Political excitement appears to be subsiding in a measure. The conservative feeling in the border states is now relied upon to save the Union, or Civil War. Many prominent names are here from different sections of the U.S. Kentucky has refused to call a convention as required by the decisions, it is a good omen for the future. I was alone at the "National" and at "Wellman's" tonight, could hardly learn any news of importance. The condition of the country is still the absorbing topic of conversation.

SATURDAY 26

A regular snow storm today, froze four or five inches deep. Nothing important occurs from day to day here. But the Government is sending troops in different parts of the city for its protection. The news just started by having the city streets and a few of water cisterns on Franklin Square near our house. Did not go down to the Avenue till evening on account of the snow. Generally dropped over to the Hotel and got the "Harper's" or "Times"—sometimes the "Independent." Took the city paper (Two) for the East "Sun"—Home! Why, Lyon Paper, Scientific American! I read daily a number of other papers and a good deal in books. Mostly relating to Steam. Began in the Post office in my well this winter, and might be expected.

SUNDAY 27

The snow is about 6 or 7 inches deep, and some attempts at sleighing were made, but there seems to be a rapid deficiency in vehicles of that kind. But the going of sleigh-bells has been quite common today. It has thinned in the sun all day. Dinner at Wellman's. The house seems to be quite full. Called at bremer's, and spent the hour. Mr. Russell from Senator, then took tea there. The moon is let its full and it is almost as light as day out, very nice, you must looks grave and anxious.
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1861.

It has thinned only in the sun today but it has been bright and pleasant over head. The day has passed without any troubling news. The Committee on Congress resolved to investigate the Company and to report to seize the company or at least as far as good officials are concerned, some persons in our office are said to be implicated. Many officials from States that have seceded are employed in all the State I was at the National Hotel this evening. The hotel and the streets within a few miles are crowded at present. A collision at Mount Vernon (not African) may be worsted daily. No blood has yet been shed.

TUESDAY 29

There are indications today that the Republicans are coming down from the Chicago Platform and that something like the extension proposition will be accepted by them. Secession seems to be now a fixed fact and we have to look it in the face while a submission of the Government is threatened. This city is still considered in danger. There is a thousand U.S. soldiers now quartered here. The Army guards the streets and troops through the whole of the Patent Office every night. And all other public buildings are guarded in the same way. There is no pleasant to stay.

WEDNESDAY 30

A pleasant cold day. Freezing in the shade, but sunny. Another Company of Flying Artillery arrived last night. General Jones, who is quartered in the old Mrs. Worth Home where Mr. Smith had her young ladies debut school or "Institute," something of a change on those premises. The southerners here are greatly offended and pretend nonchalance. But in truth they are preparing. There is supposed to be some Compromise seems more likely to be made now than herefore, but not go down to the last tonight.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1861.

Having this morning to address, cold and pleasant all day,Interesting debates in Congress now. Chief Statesmen took a high conservative ground today in the House. There seems to be a disposition in Congress to do something. Attended the meeting of the "Recon Club" this evening. Gen. J.F. Whistler on 11th St. J.W. Wilson delivered an address. The ideas of the 1st and 2d Napoleon, endorsed by paying a fine tribute to the founders of our Coast and the value of the Union. Mr. Yule followed in a few very eloquent remarks. No particular News.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

This cold morning, 10°. Warmer, a little. Misty the last part of the day. Started for New York with some friends. It is much warmer now. The day has been quite mild. Came home from the Office at 11h. No much letter tonight. The day has been off. Much as yesterday. Two new companies of U.S. Soldiers came in today. Have a quartered on 8 St. New Post Office. The other are in the west part of the City. There are many "draftees" or "dissertants." Among the citizens here. It is my opinion that the District Militia would prove of service, a poor defense for the Post to rely on. Have spent the evening at home, with the boy in various amusements.

SATURDAY 2

Foggy and Misty Day, with dense fogs coming from west all the time. A Salute of 34 guns was fired to day at noon at the Armory, on account of the Coronation of the Kaiser with the Union. Many of the Citizens who did not know the cause of the firing came with much alarm. Thinking that the "fighting" had commenced. No particular News to-day. None talk now of an attack upon Fort Sumter. The same now held by U.S. Troops. In Congress the Republicans are giving ground for the sake of peace. The Peace Convention invited by Virginia Meet Monday that 4th. And not go down to the 4th night.
in little frozen rain morning but warm the rest of the day with plenty of wind.

I went out till evening. I was in at "Willard" Hotel, quite full of Senator and Northern men.

The "Peace Congress" meets tomorrow. Most of the delegates are here. It is said that Virginia will demand a preliminary. Meet the U.S. troops now in the city be immediately withdrawn and that no State that secedes shall be ever recognized. If such be the case it will make trouble. Virginia really will be ignored. The first call for an invasion.

MONDAY 4

No sound from peace.

The Peace Convention met to-day but all the delegates had not arrived and that little was done.

The ground was covered with snow again this morning but nearly melted off during the day. Bryant Col. was at my table in the office attending to a case. At Willard's tonight I met J. O. Stetson of Massachusetts. My new wife spent an hour in the room in the hotel. We were both in the Constitutional Convention. July 1466. Willard's Hotel is now about full. And the Senate much crowded among the delegations. The election for delegates to state conventions to plan for Virginia to stay.

TUESDAY 5

The Unionists carried the state yesterday by a large majority and everyone has felt better today. I think the secession movement has reached its climax and a reaction will now take place, but perhaps the watch is better than the thought. The Chief Engineer of U.S. Navy was with me an hour or two today in the office. He had long conversations with steam and steam engines.

It is a knowingly warm. Mr. *wife's* suit of clothes tonight was in at Willard's and came numerous friends and almost immemorial strangers death pleasant.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1861.

A pleasant day over head but Monday under foot.

Mon. 7 Arrival of Breckinridge. This with us.

Adieu, tell Abe, Public affairs look brighter than they aid before the Virginia election. The peace convention now in session here sit with close doors, but as far as known, everything with regard to it looks favorable to an adjustment. Had letter today from Brother E. R. He will start for Washington 1st day of March. Aieust go down to the Fine Temple.

Walter was learning from Mr. Bow to write his name and his address in figures. The O’Hare boys are amusing.

THURSDAY 7

The Morning was bright with a fine cool atmosphere, just freezing, but tonight, the wind blows almost like summer. I like almost anything of sensation better than a cold wind. Consequently, I have not source out tonight. Nothing of importance has occurred today. More US news to come. And the idea of leaving Washington still I think the abomination by all who have been affected herebefore. Had letter today from Julia and from S. A. Deere. Sent off ten copies of Agricultural Report of Office to farmers in different States with a request a copy which our people could keep.

FRIDAY 8

Morning Rose to 8. This morning the coldest so far. 18° to right but no snow on the ground. The winds last night were terrific. At one minute damage, quite a fire occurred on 7th Street.

Went down to the 20th but Sunday School is finishing. The Newgate before. Heard no particular news since came home. Found our next door neighbors in Baltimore.

We shall live in town. In this State. The and a Virginia, Col. Hayne, S.C. (Court) has got his reply from the Post to his demand for surrender of unionist. Our attitude on it is now hopeless.
SUNDAY 10

Went in this morning and was pleasant in the street. Went to Ch. with Mrs. This morning Dr. Smith is something of a fessor in Theology, but in eloquent and earnest and in his calmness, man has died and in the same church 4 years. Went one year. Both in church with the boys around Lafayette Square the evening. The boys were much interested in the 10 soldiers which we frequently met on the street. Now considerable at the inauguration of Lincoln. That time, the one-fourth batteries of firing Artillery here.

MONDAY 11

It has been warm and pleasant. To-day, but it is a little rainy to-night. Business in the Post Office goes on as usual, and it now increases. Went down to the Adams' since that my old friend J. S. Smith who is a member of the Peace Convention from WJ. The hotel is quite pleasant to the greater part. It is said that the people are at least 1100. Today I went from the Adams' to the Adams' office (reading the bank of clothing & to Julia), called at the National came home and read papers, and sat there at 12.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1861.

Have had rather a busy day of it, and it has been quite warm.

Rode about town and then went to the Post Office.

Went up to the War Department by request of Chief Engineer Bank.

Archibald to inspect some drawings and Models of Engines. Then, went to supply office and purchased

March 3100 and then back to the office. Have not done

Much Office work today, a great many in the room

talking of the affairs of the Nation. Supper this evening to

the Peace. The mast of Polk Buchanan, is a great event now.

Many Army & Navy Officers in Uniform. Mrs. Southworth with me,

and was introduced to the Prentiss Shock hands with him.

WEDNESDAY 13

The Presidential Vote now counted in Congress today

without any disturbance which had been

hitherto expected. But I I think Scott has all things

good. The troops and flying Artillerymen now standing

by the houses, all accoutred ready to move at a

moment's warning. The Post Express in now on its way to

the Capitol. I was at the Hotel this evening. Writing of particular

things, saw Mr. Lighthall and Mr. Sonne of Phil. At dinner,

Mrs. Douglas called at my office to lay and intimate myself

and invite to a Musical Entertainment at her School Room.

Tonight. Have read the WJ Times and hor. Not at 12.

THURSDAY 14

This day has been off much as other here of late. Nothing very

startling having occurred. I O Wright a Member of the Peace

Convention from Ohio, died yesterday the funeral took

place in the Hall of the Convention this day.

We attended the Musical by one of Mrs. Douglass. The

being a great crowd there and some of the

Notables of the city. Some Member of the Cabinet. Some

Mr. & Mrs. Some Artists & Music was fine, refreshment

very nice. The crowd was great, but quite too large.

got home at 11 & took but left the crowd there.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1861.

This has been a peculiar day as regards the weather; sunshine and rain alternating all day with high winds and threatening storms occasionally. No particular news. The Peace Convention will not amount to much in the end, as it regards the question of Slavery. I think it will Longfellow agree on terms of settlement. But as regards what the South claims, viz., the right of Secession, the North will never agree with the South. King McRostie, the negro who was killed, had a daughter, an only child. The evening was very pleasant, tea and apple cake.

SATURDAY 16

A delightful and bright warm day, but muddy in the streets, walked partly bound in the office to-day. Prof. Rogers has in, with a working model of his steam and air engine operating upon the principle of the "Afrord Injektor" for steam boilers. He Rogers engines the steam back in a current of air into the steam chest. He claims a saving of nearly 100% over the Cornish engine. A boy brought a box of excellent cigars, present from Mr. E. Smith, all the way at Hilliard. The evening saw Mr. VanMeter from you, then at home.

SUNDAY 17

A very pleasant morning. Mr. McRostie, the middle of the day and quite a snow storm in the afternoon. Went to Church in the morning with wife & boys. Heard Prof. Smith preach, Sunday school performance in the afternoon. Wife & boys went myself & Willie stayed at home. Took a walk with the boys in evening. Tea at 7 o'clock. Went to town at home reading and explaining portions of Revolutionary History of U.S. Link has played on the piano some and the boys have read aloud and written some...
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1861.

The fore part of the day was bright but the air cold, and chilly; the latter part cloudy, and cold, freezing a little. For both of Missouri men in our room.

This morning the U.S. Sec. of War returned to him. Mr. and Mrs. Butterfield were also at the part of the morning. Mr. & Mrs. left them with the others I attended them in the building. Just store up in our third story after dinner, had some store for the stolen from the latter the past week. Went down to the "National" and met Mrs. but she was quite full conversation with her expected. Then without again.

TUESDAY 19

Rather a cold day, Mr. just below freezing with cold wind. Nothing in particular new at this public attention. Mr. Lincoln is slowly moving towards the capital and is reported here on Saturday next, the inaugural speeches of Jefferson Davis, President of the "Confederate States," was published here to day. The Peace Convention got one but hourly and not very harmoniously. I was at the office all day had a good many calls, one down at "Willaars" Sec. H. Stanton, Mr. Butterfield & others, lost a "time" and read above our hour to write.

WEDNESDAY 20

It has been a pleasant bright day. 16° at night, and the streets, but not. Dr. & Col. & Stanton was called upon me this morning. The former I was glad to see him. My old friend J. B. Smith, my second of Lyon. Spent the evening with the once very family at my home, the member of the Peace Convention now in session here. I was down at Willard's after dinner, great crowd the Col. Mrs. Sally Woodford called this evening some spent the evening. Mrs. Creel, don't in a gold fish for our aquarium it is a whale among the minnows." But at 11 p.m.
Thursday, February 21, 1861.

Nice, bright, cool weather, a bracing air, and I have felt unusually well, but I attribute it partly at least to a good cold bath this morning. I cannot get along well without a good wash all over in cold water and a thorough scrubbing with the flesh brush—a coarse old towel in a bucket of water—"Wills," and the "National," since Eighthall's. So on I boldly ventured forth with Albany to and from home before 9 o'clock. Tomorrow is a Holyday; throughout the city, and a great Military Feature is expected. The city seems to be very quiet, but getting well filled up.

Friday 22

This has been a delightful day, rather cool, but pleasant. The celebration of Washington Day was called out again, and the Military of the District in the morning. The U.S. troops paraded afterwards by themselves in the order for their appearance in the morning with the Militia for some reason not understood countermanded. Myself and family went to the A.E.C. at 10 o'clock and witnessed the display from 8 Woodlawn Balcony. I went by invitation at the National with some Gentlemen from N.Y. City, a salute of 34 guns was fired, and the Stars and Stripes were flying from every point today. Spent the evening at home.

Saturday 23

Another pleasant morning, but arising towards midday, I had numerous calls to stay in the office from my friends and ten or three letters requesting me to attend to business for the Union. Mr. S. arrived to stay by the morning train direct from Pennsylvania without stopping in Baltimore. It is said that a dispatch has come from him to come immediately. He is here at Wills's and seeing his friends at his room. The hotel became famed full tonight. I went to Market with the "Black Hatte" behind me, the dogs barefoot, which seems to satisfy her craving entirely.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1861.

Very rainy day and rather cool but not freezing. The wind is blowing cold in the streets. The Lincoln car is all there and it is understood that satisfactory terms have been agreed upon for a settlement of the difficulties as far as the North and the border Slave States are concerned. There is a crowd (at least 500) assembled at the house of Mr. Lincoln but not visible from the street. The Cabinet who returned to their offices at Willmer, there is a full moon and it is very pleasant out tonight.

MONDAY 25

It has been a delightful day and the streets are nearly dry. Nothing in particular has occurred in the city. Everything moves along as usual. Only today it is getting to be a greater crowd than usual. Called to-night with my wife on Mrs. and Mrs. Bixby. Called to-night with my wife on Mrs. and Mrs. Bixby. At the Willmer Hotel. Mrs. and Mrs. Lincoln attended a dinner in their parlors and we went up into her own parlor room. We had a charming dinner. They are little quiet ordinary looking people. I hope the is equal to the warm to my mind appearance do not form the conclusion that the is a brilliant assembly at the Willmer Hotel and the two hours.

TUESDAY 26

Another fine day. Air soft and warm as may. The "State Convention" adjourned to-day having passed resolutions which are said to be satisfactory to all except the extreme right. Both parties strangers are pouring into the City and the Patent Office is through from morning till night. Write to Sophia to day to come home if she can get good company. Missite to Mr. Bixby to provide for my care. I at some breakfast after dinner, got pretty tired and did not go out this evening as usual. People are indignant at the conduct of Gov. Douglass in Texas.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1861.

The weather warm and air light as may. The Senate Convention did not adjourn yesterday, but adj. to day late after voting for committee appointments which were announced by the Secretary to all parties. Lt. Gen. Porter called today. Most of the Post employees paid their respects to Maj. Buchanan at the White House. He was it by the President in the East Room. The Post announced to those assembled there the peace. Then came to an agreement and adjournment that the country was saved. At 12 p.m. with Col. Pain at Kirkwood House went there to meet with him to see the exhibition of Harey, the famous horse trainer.

THURSDAY 28

Another spring day rather too warm in the view, 1 took the shady side in coming from the office. The President's guns were fired at noon on account of the request of the Peace Committee by order of Gen. Scott, but nothing a good cord to day in the office could not be much less. Went one or two after dinner and made some preparations for looking. About a dozen of us went home. Have been at home this evening watching a moon and also a deacon at the concert. No letter came for Steam Ships, none of my own. I think I could get them postmaster of 1 box out of the office cannot dictate. Have often arrangements relating to the steam engines.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

The weather has today been warmer still. No fire in the room except to cook with, and before we left the office, the Post Office has been covered with writers. With the same may be said of the city generally. I was down at the U.S. this evening, all crowded and still they come. Spent one hour with Col. Pain at the Kirkwood House, and another with Col. Smollett at Windham. He thinks that Mr. Lincoln is the man equal to his position and the crisis. It seems beautiful now whether anything will be done in Congress with the peace communications.
SUNDAY 3

Warmer than ever to keep quite off from walking. Went white the depot at 6 o'clock for the baggage, arrived there about 10 o'clock, went to the Capitol with Brother and Judge D., but there was no ceremony this day as we expected to hear Mr. Stebbins the Chaplain. Went with Julia to hear Mr. Dallas in the afternoon, but heard Mr. Collins. Went with Julia in the evening to call on Mrs. Butterfield at her Mornin' and we then went to St. Peter's Church and heard Mr. Haskell of Boston, get home by 9 o'clock.

MONDAY 4

This has been an eventful day in Washington. Lincoln has been inauguration President of the U.S. Fig. chains seems to give general satisfaction. I tried to hear him and heard it distinctly. The crowd was very great at the Capitol, probably thirty thousand people stood before him and all were very orderly. Nothing was heard during the day to intrude the proceedings. Went at 7 P.M. today to the White House.
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1861.

This has been one of the disagreeable days I have had. Very rainy and the atmosphere bad with dust. It has not frozen but warm clothing necessary. Bro. the C. R. tried to go to Maryland but there was such a crowd on the boat that he had to stay for the day. The Post office has been crowded all day with letters. Judge McDonald returns tomorrow morning home called at the Hotel at 9. This evening great crowds there yet Cabinet appointment just out. Simpson is called in the lambs he can now go to work to get the Ne Cuba read at home till 11. E C. left.

WEDNESDAY 6

Worked briefly in the office all day but had numerous calls. Called myself on Mr. Illing the Acting Secy. of Int. The Secy. has taken his position yet but expected to day. United States called at the office for me just before 3 o'clock. I went home with them. C. R. along. In the evening went to Williams with them all stayed two or three hours with our friends in the country ate ice cream. Talked a bit longer about 11 o'clock and went about 12.

THURSDAY 7

Somewhat frosty this morning but a bright day in the office all day. M. Van Matre of Lyon called again went with him to the Seed store and purchased a variety of garden seeds. Grapes erecting large plant for Mr. Bro. C. R. and also fruit tree at the office to-day. went with Mr. after three o'clock to "Romano" and got some syrup and ale. Intending to go to the Mary yard but concluded that it was too late came home about 11 o'clock. Not go out this evening. Bro. stayed in ladies.
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1861.

Rather a cool day, but overcast, cloudy with indication of rain at night. Shepherd Patrick of New York this evening upon one to stay. I notified him when the office. This evening was the first time of Mr. Lincoln at the "White House." Myself, Patrick and Julia went. The crowd was great in the room. The houses left without seeing the Pres. It was a perfect fare. Elegant ladies and gentlemen, service had in the crowd, got home about 10 or 12; stayed there quiet as long as was convenient to us.

SATURDAY 9

A raining morning but most of the day near rather pleasant. Was expected a Mrs. Sherman. Went an hour after dinner with Mr. at the office of Dr. John M. Byrnes and his partner Solomon Fish. Talking of Williamstown people. Went down to Williamsburg with Mr. from thence to the National to see Philip D. Schuyler. We then left on the 3:30 train. We got the evening papers. Called at the house and came home about 9 o'clock. Read the paper till 11 o'clock and then went to bed.

SUNDAY 10

Rather a calm day, but no frost. A cold wind, went to Trinity (Dr. Miller). This morning called my old friend, Patrick. Mr. C. M. S. B. in Brooklyn, I looked cold there in afternoon all about to do nothing. Heard a Mr. Peck from Paoli. Farmer. He is trying to learn farming. The Protestant came in from New York. He did not speak any good English but was still very interesting. And could be easily understood by close attention.

And went at Willamsburg with Mr. in the evening. Mrs. Brown writing to Hon. O'meara. Dr. H. C. Hall writing of Mary's.
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1861.

It has been a pleasant cool day, comfortable
out door with an overcoat on. A great many
people in the office today. Office workers are
hanging on here in great numbers.

Next after I get back to the Hotel, I will
return to New York. Though the north and
the broad
we will send
from here. May 13 came
home and arrived with us, the train was
down to Williams. From here I called at Barnes,
came back here to Williams. Senator V. J. Smith was
then with a crowd round him but not talking.

TUESDAY 12

This day was quite warm to-night. The streets
are quite dry. The city is quite full of strangers,
from the office and scientist. Many
souls have not been made in any
of the streets. It is understood that Fort Sumter is
to be evacuated. It may be going to be
if it is not a matter of necessity. Went with Mr. D. Stewart
to the Armory. Visited the Aqueduct Bridge, The High
Bridge, and the Oak Hill Cemetery. Went with
Julia this evening to the National to see one of her friends
came from them to Williams to Meet Mr. H. R. Hall came back.

WEDNESDAY 13

A little rain this morning, but it cleared off
and it has been rather a pleasant day. Put on some
or went with Sturgen and the number of
applications for patents is increasing. No Convis
of
Patents yet approached. We are training to-day
but the arrival at the Hotel continues to be
full of scenes. Some have been
over to Williams with Mr. C. and saw numerous
friends. For various points of the country came home
before four o'clock, took tea and ready to retire at 11 o'clock.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1861.

A little snow this morning, but the sun turned it into snow about noon and it has now ceased. Melting as it came until night when it covered the ground. It is not cold enough to freeze. Melting now tapering in the office. No demands or appointments there as yet. The Rev. W. D. Morgan, Episcopal in Chief, Archbishop and others, there. The prepared for office in very great, especially from the Nature state. Dinner staying at Mr. Woodruffe tonight. It is after 11. I will retire.

FRIDAY 15

A cool day, chilly wind, but not freezing. It is colder to-night, freer so. No contrast in our office yet, and no particular news about town. The great James Landseer was arrived yesterday at the Supreme Court, which is the end of the season, over two Million of people into town. Games by this decision about the course of the Hotel with Brother this evening. Villari's National. Brown and Harlows. A good crowd in all, taken home before 12 o'clock. People still after 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY 16

A cool pleasant day. Brother C.D. went to Mt. Vernon this morning with Mr. Bulkeley and Mr. H. About 4 o'clock I wrote to the help of Children in Mt. Vernon to Mr. Bull. I am under the impression that Mr. H. of Indiana is a prominent Com. of Patent of Allen of Brothers in the office to-day. He is a singular man. I should almost think them half insane. Did not go down even Mission today, and Mr. Woodruffe spent the evening with them. The officers very little accomplished and it is a very beautiful girl. Bro. went to Market with me this at 12 o'clock.
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1861.

It threatened rain all day, but none fell. Holly has been rather sick today, his throat, color, etc., is rather weak. Uncle CR went to Uncle CR canoe the rest of the day. I am not to leave tonight. We have been visited by the Governor of the town, but the weather is too cold for them to stay. Holly has been visited by some from the town. Holly has been visited by some from the town.

MONDAY 18

Worse came to worse this morning with quite a cold wind. The day closing with a snow storm. It has been about as cold and windy a day as we have had. Brother CR started for home on the 3. 10 train this afternoon. We have had a good plenient visit from him, and he is in my ablest company. I went to the depot with him and caught him off. He is to be Port Morris at Thomas. The officers are learning some statistics and other grueling. Holly is nearly well to day. I am not as much better. He is ready to go.

TUESDAY 19

Another cold day. M 70. Early this morning, but the sun took the snow off before Night. There are but seem to be any news in particular about but that he still has one in the selection paper. The Cabinet does not seem to be a unit upon all questions, and it may not hold together long. Maj.Packages of seeds from the Army. The President, the President at Syden, Edy, and Hancock, went down to the AR with President. Call to ask Mr. Douglas on 3 do. The commissary opened with Mrs. Tommern. 1 10 clock
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1861.

Cold again today but not freezing. Busy in the office for two or three hours yesterday, and in the office increasing this morning. Do not take much time now to read in office hours, am interested in much by frequent odd duties at various schools with Mrs. Douglas to-day. The boys go to their classes for two or three hours to-day. Hart went down to the Ark with my wife to make some purchases. I called at Williams, quite an event there yet. Saw some that I knew. Came home about 8, with the "times" been reading all the evening. If part 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY 21

It has been a cold wintry day. It snowed some last night, and we are now hearing about a大户 visit as we have here. The indications are now that Fort Sumter will be evacuated, and perhaps the other forts in the lower states. And that there will be no more. But in my opinion a peaceful separation will ultimately be brought about (probably with all the slave states) and not confederate the form. Went with Jedediah (after calling on overights) to the Reuner hotel. Mr. Hodes, Mrs. Hodes, and Miss Mary were there. Miss Mary is Miss Lee and brother, Miss Edith and Mrs. Lee.

FRIDAY 22

A cold wind. Till late night. Met a few evening at night. The heads begin to and in our office. Three important telegrams have been received to-day, others will probably follow. Calm, with little at but looks after dinner. Then went on to the bed alone and round the hotel. They are pretty well crowded yet with anxious faces. Lose at the Red tonight. Crowds came to-morrow. That way to the Red came home before 9 and read "Williamson's" till 11, read last night till after 12 o'clock.
SUNDAY 24

We have had a "March Wind" today in good earnest with plenty of dust. I did not go to church in the Morning. The family went. I am not a great admirer of Unitarian Sermons. I write letters. Part of the Day, one to S. Patrick, one to Mrs. Van Camp, and one to Frank. In the evening I called with Holly at Mr. Brown's. We had a pleasant chat with them, did not get home till over 10 o'clock. Read awhile and went to bed about 11 o'clock.

MONDAY 25

This has been a delightful day. Night and warm. Have been very busy in the Office doing the work of two Decks or the Clerical Office of the Room in addition to my own from the removal of one year. Went down to the National Saw Cold Store, the famous Colton Orator, and also met my old friend O'Donohue, the Non-State Resident of NY. He is after the NY State Land Office, got the NY paper, & saw them. Here at 11
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1861.

Another warm pleasant day with some wind and rain last night. At work here in the office and very much fatigued to night. Called for tea from my school after calling on Mr. Alexander of the Post Office for some getting some garden & flower seeds. Read a letter with Julia. 14th St. after taking a short nap on the way, read the news here in the "Star" heard the boys read some. Then written through the Pianos some. Then nodded from am off to bed at half past 9.

WEDNESDAY 27

A rainy morning, but pleasant by noon. Came nearly all last night. The house at least got a coat of paint. Mr. Holloway of D.C. was confirmed by the Senate today. Went down to the Hotel. My evening, strange and unusual faces get around them. Called at the "National" where Judge [Harris] W. Y. Senator, head a pleasant talk. Coons on various subjects. He thinks the Secession Movement will die out if left alone, got the W. Y. "Wing" and came home the part 9. Read it. Put letter today from Aunt Coudes & Elizur Farnoe Lolley. Chick sent 8th with 11.

THURSDAY 28

A nice spring day bright & pleasant. We had a Coon in the office today, and a "great" Board of Appeals. The Post Office seems to be running into the ground beneath its leaders. Took walk after dinner with wife and on our return found Maj. M. Davidson who said till 5 o'clock. Maj. Davidson called and steed are born on that. U.S. Senate adjourned to day. Maj. Davidson and steed are born on that. U.S. Senate adjourned to day. Maj. Davidson and steed are born on that. U.S. Senate adjourned to day.
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1861.

A pleasant winter day. Work has kept us up much as others do when nothing particular occurs. The office is thrown off, except for official, and it puzzles the head to think how for even a small portion of the applicants, wanted earlier to the Express Office. This evening visited Joseph with me for a walk. He called me wherever else except for the Vi stand. We are all very well. My son health now even better. He read the program till I was left alone. I went to bed at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY 30

This has been rather a busy day in the office for me as I had to make out the monthly account. I report some remarks among the subordinates. To-day many are trembling expecting accomplishment. I think there the remarks so far have been generally favorable and such as out to have been made. The day has been windy and gray, and consequently very chilly. Went down to the cold once to get the W. paper. Came home with Julia from the round, and the papers till it in Hearst's evening till 11.45 P.M.

SUNDAY 31

Went out to church this morning. It was cold enough to cause my blood. Family most out but Julia who is ill. She went with Mrs. Sallee to "St. Matthews" this afternoon and Miss Sallee came in about eight from Tupper and spent the evening. Mrs. Sallee on the piano. Read the绡 to fire. Anything but Sunday music. Took a walk across 12 till the last house and then back. It took me twenty minutes.
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1861.

There has been rather a wet disagreeable day. Nothing new seems to be afloat. It all "ceaseless" woe. The great North and South will be United, and still be a Great Nation. If a Compromise is effected at last, it will be many long years before the North can have another conference in State. There have been several New Patents and Elections. Many in the Office are leaning the "air;" but I am quite indifferent about being removed. Am tempted to resign if my Salary is not awarded. I know I think.

TUESDAY 2

A fine day but a little cool, have gone to the Office. Nearly all decay. One of the principal Commissioners (B) little more removed to-day. Other removals are expected. This week will often dine with Mr. Newburn. To see Arothking the door callers when Gov. Secor and at his home, and upon Mrs. Beckwith and Mr. Threlfall at the Hotel. The Hotel is getting a little busy in Mr. Burn's but apparently more anxious. The time of their existing has proven long while their plans have proven short. And they look impatient.

WEDNESDAY 3

Another pleasant cool day. Fine in office during the forenoon. The work is pretty well "up" in our room. After we here we Bryant get. I am now performing the clerical duties in addition to my usual sorting of mail. Meeting with Juliet this evening, get her for Root to 7th St. And then we meet through the center front of the City. I and not go to the Ave. And I came and met the Mr. Cable. Send Williams on boat till 11. And came off to bed.
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1861.

This has been a cool pleasant day, just comfortable—such a fine all day. My health and spirits are good—I feel better than usual at this time of year. I take a little wine, which I enjoy morning about half a wine glass full. Took a walk after dinner with Mr. Reale, of the Patent Office, we are born at the National. Called at Borromini's when Mr. Henry Borromini of Phila. and invited Millard to the N.Y. bears and came home and read them. No particular news. Y.P.D. at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY

Went to Aley, but a white frost this morning. Gardens are looking dark now and the peach trees are blossoming. The grape is quite green in the public gardens and the trees are leaping out. And the city will soon show a gay and beautiful appearance. Did not go on to the Arboretum, but had a fine walk on the hill. Cleaned out the cellar (my usual time) and going tomorrow in the evening, got a basket of peaches. The moon is coming tomorrow. To speak of the little gardens I will speak of one much more on the first letter of Children. W. E. 

SATURDAY, 6

Went pleasant day. Much excitement again in the city in reference to the movement of Tubal and the leading of the body south. It looks as though there was trouble ahead. The city is again threatened and a "Coup d'Etat" may be attempted in a few day. Went up to the N.Y. bears and paid Mr. Smith $2500 for 2 years service of her slave girl Laron. Shee came to her residence. Yes in the "National" and "Willesden" got my predecessor there now 12th of the...
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1861.

It has been a wet, drizzly day, but I went to church with the boys in the morning, and went up to dinner. The papers are full of war news and there is now much excitement in the country, as much as there has been any time. When we know where the troops have gone from WY, the anxiety will be lessened.

It is past 9. We are at the table reading the boys, here gone to bed. J. is playing on the piano. Lenny (the little chatter) is standing behind the stove, helping comfortable. A basket of young chickens is in the room by her.

MONDAY, 8

Rain all day or another drizzly all day.

No New Astronomy today. No reports from the Post Office today. Got letter from B.M. C.P. went over to the Post Office and got his papers taken up. His appointment as Post Master at Monterey will be made out in a day or two.

Wrote to have tonight at home. Most of my private letters I write in the office, handed Green my revolver to accept the charge, it has been loaded two months. Hand out the entire evening, at home with one girl and three boys round the table with the writing.

TUESDAY, 9

Rain again all day, and a perfect tempest of wind and rain all last night, as well as today. Much anxiety is felt on account of the fleet, which is due in two or three days past New London leaving WY with the troopshipt for the fourth. E. Allen of Boston in our room today.

Singer-Memo. Many are fearing our attack on the city now; as it is thought that a letter is about coming here with all the Seizing, they are to be read, and cleansing my revolver after they went to bed, it rains yet at 11 o'clock, fine prospect for tomorrow.
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 1861.

Rain again until noon. It has rained all the time since Sunday Morning. And the water in the Potomac is higher than it has been before in some years. The District Militia were all out on parade, and eight companies entered the town of the City when acquisition of the Seat of War for the protection of the City. The guards are double at all the Public Buildings, and Military companies were on duty all last Night, looking out for the first report of any signal. You are the 1st, at the 9th and 11th Street.

THURSDAY 11

A delightful Morning, and a very pleasant day. City full of Military, and full of excitement. Nothing heard from Charleston unusual, but heavy expectation by tomorrow. It is now thought, is without doubt to be recalled in some way. The Cotton States are all up in arms. While Bollinger's is threatening Washington, he is steady and deliberate. End to the alumnos with us, and came off in the evening with Bollinger and Steele till 10. Don't young Mr. Lincoln at the end for the Way sesame, early in the morning. Return, at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY 12

It has been raining the entire part of the day and seems heavy to night. Went into the field once the boys to see the soldiers over to the Long Bridge. Nothing but the guard there. Visited the City Armory. A Company of U.S. Artillery stationed there. The Military Company are now divided and stationed at various points all over the City. December in our North. One hardly knows whom to trust. But I think my own sentiments safe as I have all the time and can now read the newspapers without difficulty as a reader as treating. Must come to the East yet the my day is so far as 6 in 8.
SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1861.

This has been the most exciting day yet. The last shot about the provosts' 13th Sumter was confirmed, and the news is that the Rebels have bombarded it and the whole island. It is said that Maj. Anderson has surrendered, but there is no one here to confirm it.

The last report is not generally believed, as it seems there is no evidence of it. The Rebels have ten thousand men and nineteen battleships. Anderson had 75 men and 300 women. I went on to the fort after 9 o'clock, a great crowd coming all the way from their homes to see the conflict. The cheering was enthusiastic, and it was apparent that the Rebels were determined to throw their weight against the Union.

SUNDAY 14

A fine, cool day. Went to church in the morning with all the children, wife, and some at home. Went in the afternoon. The excitement in the city increases all the time. Now the war has begun, but the reports from Charleston are mostly false. Maj. Anderson has probably not surrendered yet. He is fighting them. I met Wallace at about 10 o'clock. He is now a supporter of the Union. He is of the opinion that martial law will be proclaimed tomorrow. The people are determined to resist the government. They think of sending my family out of the city immediately.

MONDAY 15

It seems pretty probable that Sumter is taken. I think that we cannot rely entirely upon the men. More seems to be in a great hurry than isn't. Throughout the country, Washington will soon be a great military center. My wife is not in a hurry to go. She is in a great hurry to get the family off. She has heard some treachery, and it is threatening a storm tonight. Applicants for positions are left but a dozen, as many have left for their homes. I was down at Villards. The drama of war seems to be more real.
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1861

Cold and rainy day. Fire in the office and as much in the house as on a winter day. Soldiers are now met with at every turn and the din and battle are heard almost all the time from some quarter of the city. Went down to the Hotel after dinner (left dinner with us) the crowd not so great tonight and no excitement. All the papers from the North indicate that one feeling reiterates to the coming contest. Men and women to any extent are offered to sustain the government. Came home before 9. bed very quiet. Fell at 11.

THURSDAY 18

Cool, pleasant day. Fire comfortable. Business in the office goes on as usual and is increasing. This month business, there does not seem to be much affected by the excitement in the city. The rumor to day that Virginia had decreed and seized Forts Perry at Norfolk and Harpers Ferry, caused intense excitement. They seemed to be a great anxiety to fight. Manifestation all around. Soldiers are coming from the North tonight and an attack is expected upon the City, from Virginia. The City is apparently pretty well prepared. No to the invaders,
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1861.

Another cool, pleasant day, but one of great excitement. Reports from various quarters indicate that a配合磨灭
of an attack upon the city. Both the Army and the Arsenal were summoned this morning by Signal Corps.
The steam boat on the James River also been sign by the
Port arn. I went to the Depot to see the arrival
of the 5th Regiment. They came at last, after fighting their
way through Baltimore, burning the Virginia line. The
when the 5th Regiment on the way to the Capitol
and quarters. They were given a grand at all the hotels. Home at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY 20

A fine, pleasant, deep blue skies to day. No storms to day. All stuck beyond
the Bridge destroyed. Trenches torn up, and the Steam
Ferry Boat over the Susquehanna. The book and sent.
Baltimore the hands of the Troops. A critical time
for Washington. A large body of Rebels at Alexandria and
an attack upon the city may be expected any time.
I went to the Depot, and to the Capitol again tonight.
The 5th Regiment Marched out and through 1st Ave.
to 15th making a fine appearance and being cheered
frequently by the People. The Hotels were full and all
seem agreed that Baltimore is a demoral city. 12 M.

SUNDAY 21

This has been a pleasant but anxious day. All
seem to be surrounded by enemies, and mines
in our midst. No week since But times from
the Major. The 1st Virginia have been posted in
the 5th Regiment. Today, I left the National tonight at
11 o'clock but could get no reliable information.
We May be in the midst of bloodshed any hour,
and I am looking for an attack or attack all the
time. The people are in the face until the order
are kept them. What are the effective troops?
MONDAY, APRIL 22, 1861.

Another delightful day, but no troops yet. We are in a beleaguered city, with enemies on every side and end at our doors. The settling of magnificity and the booming of cannon may startle us any moment. Many have left the city, but all communication with the North is now cut off. My wife and family are here, resolved to stay and see it out for the present at least. The Post is now telling my crowded audience to protect the city, and absent the designs of the enemy. We are all busy, taking strong watches against our enemies.

TUESDAY 23

There has been a warm day. 66° in Shade, some 800 Marines were landed about noon at the Navy Yard. Nothing can be learned of the Northern troops yet. Some say they are coming by sea and some that they are fighting their way from Manassas. Went with Julius to the Capitol and to see the House. Refrained from the Senate Chamber. That seems to be the officers quarters. There have been officers all day long.

Another warm day, with some rain in the afternoon. The day has faded off much as yesterday. No troops from the North. The troops this Friday. A new in fact a new head at all from the North. It is thought that there are troops enough here now for the safety of the city, as Mr. Davis now looks. But large bodies of Virginians have gathered near Alexandria and also North of us. One of the recent ones being when we any time, but we are getting used to strange things now. I am alone in the room at the office now and have to do all the writing. Hardly dinner with us today.
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1861.

The 7th Regt. is at least here, came at 11 o'clock and erected much excitement. We broke a little free now. Self and wife attended the funeral of Mr. J. D. Douglas, at 4 o'clock, and then went to the Capitol. The 7th Regt. were parading on the East grounds. There were many spectators on foot and in carriages. The 7th Carriage with Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Seward in their carriages, etc. Some returnees saw the whole 7th Regt. on the last view the National, the 7th at Gettysburg, etc. took tea got home at 9.

FRIDAY 26

This has been a fine day and one of much excitement in the city. I was at the post office as usual when I heard Martial music and immediately the Rhode Island Regiment with five strangers at their head marched in at the end. There were about 2000 men arrived today, and a large number are expected tomorrow. They at Willard's Hotel. Tonight a great crowd saw the first raising of the American flag over the capitol at Arlington in Va. without any opposition. It is now near 11 o'clock.

SATURDAY 27

Another fine day, rather warm. News from the North has promising yet now. There is more here about eighteen thousand men under arms. All the public buildings are surcharged like before with soldiers. In fact the city is like a great camp, and not only are here yet, got letters from friends back. Missheeney, themt alone to the fort after having seen two thousand men. Miss Hill got in today. This Lincoln two boys came here to see the Mayor. Solicit teas at the 7th got fine Brown's. From the girls...
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1861.

Turing over the fore part of the day attended church with wife and the boys went and returned with the same. Mr. Harris of Lynn crossed accompanied with us. The ladies missus Liston and Miss little son here and our doctor. Miss and Mr. Little went out for a visit and again till evening went down to Willcox's with Wallie for a call. The Band at the Regt. were performing at Willcox's Hall. The National Airs. Many of them came to see us but entirely safe from attack from without. . . .

MONDAY 29

This has been a pleasant day and quite as exciting one. On account of the movements of the Military. The boys of the R.I. Regt. came to town. Once the whole town received by the R.I. Regt. and the Col. of the 3rd Musked. and Capt. of the 3rd Musked. were in the last room. The boys were with the two Lincoln boys riding until the time was nearly one. Self Julia was introduced to Gen. Sprague Col. Remsberg and other officers of the R.I. Regt. by Surgeon G. W. The amount of the money from Willcox some money.

TUESDAY 30

Post Lincoln was at the Post Office today to see the Troops in the Quarters Gen. Seer was with him. Julia presented a fine bouquet from the Gen. Sprague at his quarters in the Post Office. The officers in greater numbers than ever before but the soldiers are few orderly and intelligent. There is not much work done now by the Regt. There is so much confusion. Work continues coming in the city by the thousands every day. Regiments are constantly on parade. Write to Miss E. P. Today.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 1861.

A cold wintry day with some rain, as unpleasant as they may be. Have been in the office all day as usual thence by a crowd of soldiers when out of my room. Have a new 12th Assistant here to help us “breakers” finish the work.

The 12th WY Rgt are now building barracks on Franklin Square. Men housed where they are to be stationed. The works look coming along and will continue to come. I suppose it will all be half done in fifty thousand men.

There was a Meeting from the North Star morning. The first in 12 days, but not from home after dinner till early.

THURSDAY 2

Cold to day, fire comfortable. W. home to get fire flag down on the Pot office to keep it warm. The R.I. Rgt move with Gov. Sprague at the head on 7th St. The 7th WY Rgt went into Camp with 14th St. Men, Columbia College Regiment.

Now drilling. men parading in the streets early. I was at Williams to night where the WY Guards Col. Ellsworth Rgt, Mass state. The last to the WY Old department. Ellsworth armed. where and every man with a short rifle. on the muster. Signed a petition for the WY to the Court of Public Buildings. Converse in house with Col. Heidrick went “ Voting” with wife Julia after dinner.

FRIDAY 3

Rainy day, cold and chilly. in the Pot office the men have been drilling all the while. The R.I. Marine Battalion is formed of 500 common 15th Men go home to town arrive. They were not through at all to the rest with their guns and canteens. Much attention. Now is not much doing in the office at present. I have plenty of time to read and write letters. But there is no more rest for that it is almost impossible to fit ones Mince within any one subject long at a time.
Saturday, May 4, 1861.

Rain all the last part of the day so that we are still drilling in the halls. Our ears are constantly filled with the sound of commotion and some time change of arms on the Market. Last night on the 2nd after dinner with Mrs. and Mr. Fulbright, polling and citizens crowded that nearly about equally arrived in numbers in the streets. Regiments were formed. The rear 2200. March into the room at the Pat. Then the P.O. from parades and reviewed by General Van Dorn. The Louisiana Art. and the 3rd were paraded. Went down to Williams. The evening was very pleasant. Very dear.

Sunday 5.

Next to church this morning with the whole family. Some polling in the Congregations in uniform. One day more to go. I had been with the officers last night. Called in the afternoon with Mrs. Bruns. We went down to the City. Stood and some or two. Went down to Williams. Seen A. B. Williams. Mr. Bruns put us down. From our district and other Gentlemen at his own on my return home got challenged by the lintz at Franklin Square. Said not understand what he was talking to me as it was dark until he asked St. Louis and Arkansas. Mr. Bruns had met me coming near the part of his way. Put them back down and went out. Monday 6. May. Home.

Rain again most of the day. Many of the folks are in an uproarious condition and suffering for water. Very few cars in today. This morning over 800 in the rain and cold since no water for sometime. Drilling of P.O. soldiers in the halls of the Pat. At 6 in all day. Everything outside looks neat and gloomy. Did not go to the A.A. This evening but got a bare of flags and fruits in the? resolution. One was broken. Complained of a shower while after it. To bed early.
TUESDAY, MAY 7, 1861.

It has been a pleasant fine day and much enjoyed by all after the long cold rain. Some militia from WV are here now from those all on parade on the Cape C. Right. Went with the troops to the Capitol, smoke little cheroots. Need to stop right here. Went into the East Capitol grounds when the north part (Col Ellsworth) was on parade. They are a fine looking set. (My firemen) Called in the evening on Col Allen (Boston) at the national, sec'y Col of the VA 3rd Regt there, and other affairs. Got letter from a friend of the city. Began to take leave early next morning.

WEDNESDAY 8

Another fine bright day. Have been out there some with ladies at the Post Office building where I was. Might perhaps better say investigation. They all want to see the Vice President of R. I. Tore the fire and注视ed there. Then into the quarter on stairs. Then into the Surgeon General's quarter. Then into the Hospital. Began some of the Gov. Brought a house. Then after dinner to the President's grounds with Mr. E. Began went from there to Post Office to see the R. I. Regt parade. Many full of people. Wrote to Col. 4th Marching and parade all over the city. Fine bright sunny day pleased all over.

THURSDAY 9

Fine day and much enjoyed by everybody. But little seems to be attended to except Military Matters. Soldiers Marching, drumming, and Bugle sounding all the town and now and then hear the deep booming of a heavy cannon from Fort Washington or from the Navy Yard or perhaps from some gun put on the River. See the R.I. Regt Parade. Then went down to Williams St. with Williams again. Seen Mrs. Anderson and many other officers. Formed colored soldiers at the House.
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1861.

a bright morning, but rain all day after 12 o'clock. News continue to arrive, 2000 here now. They are now mostly going into camp in the suburbs of the city. Reports of large bodies of troops in Virginia, indicate more near here before long. I should not be much surprised to see them on Arlington Heights any morning. I hope our army will not attempt to march to Richmond, should one do so. I believe it would be destroyed if left there. Fifty thousand men cannot cross to “embark Andrews” Franklin. I guess after dinner there was no parade or account of the fleet. Fell the thermometer again to eight.

SATURDAY 11

This has been a fine day, and the Military have been all alive. Regiments Marching. Bands playing, and Drums beating. Pardon me and note the deep booming of cannon. I was in the Office all day, but was not attending the News having not received official business to transact. Attended the funeral of the 11th U.S. Life on Madison Square. Then went down to Market with Willie the black girl carrying the basket. That performance seems to be the height of her ambition, don’t be alarmed with a basket full of fruits.

SUNDAY 12

Pleasant warm day. Went to Church with wife & children. Boat Smith preached. In the afternoon the Church was half full of soldiers of the 9th Regt. Some 400 men have arrived during last night and to day. The Regiments now in quarters preceded this evening around the corner at 9th Square. I can not write during the hot weather and am half sick. Have not felt well in a week. While writing a letter to Brother to day. Did not go out this week.
MONDAY, MAY 13, 1861.

Rumor not to day. My son Col. 1st Regt. preparing to leave the city off and go into camp near3 Glouchester county. No sights of the Regt are now in camp. Nothing new now occurring from day to day. The office has attended our meeting in our room. And do what there is to do. But business as usual this month. Wrote quite a long letter to night. Wife and girls brought at the President's to see a review of the & Distinct Military. All the regiments here in camp here every evening about 6 o'clock. I hear the 12th to night. On 14 square.

TUESDAY 14.

Went to see the forces of the Northern ladies destined in the streets 1st Connecticut Regt. got up to obey. The 2nd Regt. came the Ladies on 1st at the Park about 9 o'clock. 8th of the 1st Regt. went into the dinner to see the Wy. 7th Regt. Camp and drill or dress parade. There was a great many spectators who came out Milord and on the street down to the town. Board store bought "Phillip" Washington, a dozen for five about two dollars. Officer & Boston. Came home at 6 & 8 o'clock. Meals the evening boys. Have felt quite well since they long with the boys.

WEDNESDAY 15.

This has been a fine day all. The 1st Regt is about all gone from the Post offices. North are coming into the City every day. It is so common now to see Regt. March through the streets. It is hardly known where they come from by the crowds. Went to hear the music at the Post this evening the Regt Band played quite a crowd there. Last song gave promise of the north amending on the 1st of the 13th, when the same coming. Went to all the Post by to night. Not much excitement. But there is something in the wind. New paper will be heard from soon.
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1861.

The weather has been fine to-day, and nothing of particular has occurred to-day, the best climate in the office.

My health is excellent this morning, I have made use of cherry-litter occasionally and perhaps it has kept off any recent bilious attack. At this season of the year attended the Parade on Franklin Square this morning, called down to Williams for an hour but the N.Y. paper and came home about 9. Read the Times bed at 11.

FRIDAY 17

Another fine day. The Michigan City got in last night at 12. Young lad staid in among them from Baltimore. He called upon me at the office this morning. The City is in the present hands of a Woodward Building, attended the parade of the R.C. with Wolf and don't believe Lady, afterwards I went over to the change and was at Williams Hotel full things are looking to an attack upon Norfolk but nothing is known to the public at present least 1/8 part of the soldiers must all be in quarters.

SATURDAY 18

Fine cool day, very pleasant for the soldiers to drill. Squad being done all over the city morning to and from under a Drill Officer, had letter today from Mother in C.R. wrote them in reply after going to the City B.O. was intro a man to Mr. Lewis (Syphene) at the City Police [illegible] Lewis's of the part officer who drove to see the city parade of the R.C. from there to Williams hotel and there to Richmond to see the officers of the judge City. We stop there, came home about 8 o'clock bed at 11.
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1861.

Look to day, fine in Boston in the Morning. Went with Sister to the Camp of the 11th Regt. in the Morning and heard Rev. Matthew Hale Smith, the Chaplain of the Regt. Deliver an Eulogium over the bodies of the Soldiers, got to Church in time form there and heard Rev. Smith, a good man, a Soldier in the War. First Millhands of the 12th Called in the Evening, he lives in Wny, an Englishman by birth, went down to the camp at 6 o’Ck. and saw the Whole Regt. Paraded their Band of Music in their line, back, before dinner, left it was with me.

MONDAY 20

Another cool day, a fine comfortable sit. day all day, Sukey has sneezed most of the day. Went or shortly gone from the Post Office, went down to the Parade of the 12th. Went this Evening. Afternoon went one to the Hotel at the National; one hour in the Hotel, are expecting great event will take place soon, a Battle at or near Norfolk. Must get the Wny paper and give some facts and read till Noon. 11 o’Ck. Accident among the Soldiers occur frequently. Three or four shots were fired.

TUESDAY 21

To day the weather has been fine quite still time in the Office. Matters, and business there are. More resembling their usual channel. but. Applications for Tickets have much fallen off, of late. Went with Sister to the Camp of the 9th Wny Regt. (Camp Cameron) in great crowd of Spectators. Then we went all around among the Tents after the Parade. The Soldiers had Gymnastic Exercises equal to a Circus, performed some cork at Cork, did not go down there.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1861.

No particular occurrence has marked this day. One exception was the raising of a large national flag on the roof of the post office. Mr. Lincoln handled the cords. Mr. Stevens, Mr. Blandin, Mr. Smith, Mr. Shank, and Mr. Smith the last of the Union men present on the occasion, were chosen to carry to the hall, and sang "And down to day we see black, and down to night we roam on the sea. Think they'll get up in a day or two. Spent an hour or so at Mr. Woodruff's in the evening with Julia.

THURSDAY 23

Nothing of particular going on today. The man seems to express greater indulgence than before. There is a content to be inevitable, a sum of coming all the time from the North, and generally going into camps. We had a letter to day from home, twice today, tonight with wife, had an hour with digging, and marching, the common doctrine through the streets. Quite an affair at Woodruff tonight. Got to the "home" and came home early.

FRIDAY 24

This has been a day of excitement. 10000 troops joined the Potomac this morning early, at different points near the city. Capt. Leesmith with his men went to Alexandria on the steamer. He was first to leave at the "Marshall Home" where he had taken some secession flags by a man named Jackson who kept the Home. There was one portion in the town Ellsmith's death excites intense excitement here. Our ladies and gentlemen. Arriving with entertainments. Writing I saw them to day with a glass from the post office.
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1861.

Another very exciting day, rumors of fighting on the other side of the river were not all false, and the city in the middle of the day, but some torrent foundation. The President of Col. Ellsworth took place from the White House. His remains were in the last room, where the sound passed through and discern there, among the rest (Judge, Mr. Justice, and the two boys blackened) were there in uniform. Willie will not be tempted to go into a career for anything during the middle of the day. Soldiers were seen running with music in Rome to form their companies. Many came without money.

SUNDAY 26

Home to day. Went to church with family. The next Dryden resident came and both were very calm. The great last night, and is somewhat sick, is getting better. B. R. is at Alexandria. The excitement of yesterday has passed off. But there are helping over the River to camp and the large Government are taking ever store, and uniforms, and the soldiers there are busy storing it. Small boat at Arlington. We wish B. H. the State all stuck for the entrenchment and would have had possession here as they or the Mosse.

MONDAY 27

Another hot morning, but a terrible tempest of din continued and then came on before noon an blast for one hour or two. After which it was cool and pleasant. Went down to the National after dinner with land's and called upon Judge Gay and Lady from Cold Water. Then went down to Willard's again in the evening quite a crowd there but not Many officers. All are anxiously waiting for news and believing what it will be. Came home at 9, and the paper, bed at 11.
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1861.

The weather continues very cool, a fire in the house to sit by is necessary. Morning. The Heights opposite here in Virginia are now thoroughly occupied by some 15,000 soldiers. Now are moving over every day, and more are coming from the North 3,000 came this day 1,000 from N. H. and 2,000 from Ohio. Ushers up to see the W. Y. 7th Parade after dinner. And at 9 o'clock went to the Post. Spoke with J. H. and L. A.

Not much of a crowd at evening, quite quiet.

The Officers of the Military were out in force. The Second was there, and some other notables got home about 10.

WEDNESDAY 30

It has been a fine cool and very calm day. Took a longer walk than I have for some time. Got a "joke" from Geo. Washfield and about 12 o'clock started with Mr. McCormick for Virginia, over the Long Bridge. Visited the encampments of some few men and their entrenchments. Was at Arlington Home. The Head Quarters of Genl. Sandford. Most delightful place, a view fine view of the City. The W. Y. 8th Regt. are there. The 25th. Including the Albany Zouaves. Corp about one mile below or south 3 miles from the River. Went to the 6th. Col. Corcoran, White Georgetown. Later in and strong in the going with them. Got the Agreement Board in Georgetown. Got home about 6 o'clock after about 5 miles.

THURSDAY 30

Felt very much more for exercise to-day for my long walk yesterday. Attended to business in the office as usual. Got my month's salary, came home about 4 o'clock and with wife and servant went to the Post to see some boys arrived by the 7th and Genl Scott. The 14th of 7th, the German Regt. and the Pennsylvania Guard 4000 men all. Went over to the line. After mass at the National. Sam Anderson joined his Regt. came home later with little boy side.
FRIDAY, MAY 31, 1861.

Weather very delightful. Day, Sunday, with light west breeze. Wind from, east last night. Much finer, best letter to wife. Writing of particular interest has occurred. The 7th Regt returned home to camp, June 1st. All going well. The Regt are returning every day. Went down to the yard after dinner, and found three steamers there at the dock. Many new prisoners taken at Alexandria (Capt. Bull Washon) were in confinement on the Potomac. Since the 7th Regt home in the yard where they are quartered. Came home direct after dinner. Did not go out again.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Davenport to day fight at F. City, three morning brilliant. Above one, 3000 men of U.S. forces, attacking a store at "Liquor Castle" between their steamer and rebel batteries. Firing. H. J. Evening, left town, over the River. The Artillery Firing. As a fight every once more on the "Special" to hear news from the armies at the different points. Hoping for news now we will the rebels stand up, once they fight and be crushed. or will they withdraw? Some think that they will be an equal fight. I think there will be a more than our own, but I do not fear the result. At the "National" after dinner.

SUNDAY 2

This has been rather a hot day 114. I did not go out to church, all the rest of the family went. The 12th Regt returned to their quarters on Franklin Square today, we attended their church parade at 1 o'clock.

I went down to Williams afterwards. Many others there. I saw Commissary Hadene, Gen. Mansfield, Gen. Stone, Col. Butterfield, and Lieutenants Hemmer, Col. Huyler. After the grand guard, there being quarters there, and the guard were at the east entrance on duty. Home at 9 o'clock.
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1861.

Not very much news. People seem to feel and think that affairs on the other side of the river are as well as at other points are approaching a crisis. Who are coming in and moving on the river from day to day, we can see the tents of the encampments on the other side with the naked eye. To night bright flashing signals were made from them about 10 to 11 o'clock and answered from the city. I think that the soldiers are approaching our lines, we see them and go to bed late, watching the lights and listening.

TUESDAY 4

Cooler to day, little snow, rain In the city.
Nearly alone all day. The Highland Rifles arrived early this morning. 2 or 3 o'clock. They march through the Ave. Playing “The Campbells are Coming.” They have a fine Band of music.

No particular demonstration has yet taken place on the other side of the river but there are frequent columns move there and some of the rifles are called out sometimes twice in a night. My wife sleeps on thin canvas as usual.

WEDNESDAY 5

A cool drizzling day, raining night above much of the time. Alone in our room again to-day, but King Sick. McWoulson off as usual nearly all day. Yesterday I made out a Collected Report of the aflictions for patients in our room in 1860 for the Commanding officer, ours on the Ate after dinner. No particular news. No letter to day from Ed. No letters to be here this week. On a visit to this city, I got the W.A. papers and came home from Valley before dusk, it is full as late to be at home after dark now.
THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 1861.

News seems to be quite scarce just now. Nothing of importance having occurred to day that bore ousence of. But the one on expectation of hearing of fights or battles, and various directions, sent him back in sick for the last three days and I have been nearly alone in the office. I am suffering from a severe cold with some throat and some cough. Went down to the Parade of the 12th with Julia and Mary Hynish. Then down to Williams and got the WJ paper, spent some hours at White and came home early.

FRIDAY 7.

Office all closed to-day. In behalf to the Memory of Judge Douglas, took the occasions to visit his mansion with H. W. W. and W. R. W. The visit to the “Marshall Home” just home Col. Chalmers who got a bed there to go to the Camp of the Irish Bat. and the “Saunders” on “Shutter Hill” about a mile back of the city. It is a very commanding position and the “Works” well advanced. Began Breakfast, got home about 4 o’clock from Mr. Meacham’s and Capt. Wells’ promotion. Sam Grant was also present as a visit from the Camp. He returned.

SATURDAY 8.

Left the Office today at 11 a.m. and went down to the Navy Yard with E.P. and Capt. Reeder. Also all the sights. Then went on to the “President” and saw the effect of the first the war from Engagement written of such. Capt. Ward is evidently a “fighting Co.” and attended all the half so far. Came home at 3 o’clock, took a rest at Market. And with them one of the most tremendous storms occurs that I ever witnessed. Sitting about 11 p.m.
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1861.

Went down this morning to Franklin Square with myerm from the South to witness the Weekly inspection parade of the 12th Regt. Went from them to Church. But Smith preached a funeral sermon on Judge Doughty, a long time in the afternoon, and E.P. introduced him to Brett Smith, among his other friends. In the evening attended the drill Parade of the 12th. A great concourse of people there. A movement seems to be just to move northward over the River.

MONDAY 10

This has been one of the hottest days, 114°. In the evening, E.P.D. Billing went down to visit the Virginia, but the beam was so hot they didn't go far. Some troops left this morning for Harper's Ferry in small boats. The 12th Regt went with the first battery of rifles. Cannon fired over the hill, and in the evening from Harper's Ferry, Sam Andrews was told today, a welcome word from Harpiania. Went back in evening to the Parade of the 12th, with pistol and "bull" in hand. The 12th Regt will come home to-day.

TUESDAY 11

Another hot day. Nicole as yesterday. E.P. Why to-day have seen Harpiania, but the heat prevented them from going back to theEntertainment. There was a Reception at the Bank this afternoon of fine Regiment. The Scotch Highlanders were present. The 7th. They have a fine Band, and made a fine appearance. Went at the "Drill" of the 12th. Thousands of spectators witnessed it. Evening, as usual, parade every night. Went down in the boat to leave the Highlanders' Regt.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1861.

Bad news today from Fort Monroe. A fight and a severe battle with considerable loss of life. It is feared that the loss is much greater than stated in previous reports. One of our ships, the U.S.S. New York, left for the U.S. with the return of our forces. I went with them this morning to the Navy Yard and to the U.S. Patent Office to pick up my letter. I was at the Parade of the 12th and again this evening. It is really an interesting event. There are no parades or anything going on this Sunday, and the flags are hoisted everywhere.

THURSDAY 13

It has been cooler today, and quite comfortable. I am relieved today in reference to the Booth affair, which is no more than just reported. Nothing stirring in the way of news of importance. The important events at present every day are the people on the "pickaxe" all the time. I went out into the fields with my hat to look at the 12th in their full dress uniform. How far have we spent the day with Willie Stanton, at the "White House," and Alice with the President? Holly has been to town. My sister and I went for a walk in the park.

FRIDAY 14

Fine pleasant day. The evacuation of Harper's Ferry by the rebels is the only news of importance. I feel to-day many think that the combined forces will move west on Washington. But I don't think they will attempt to capture it. They are evidently afraid of us, and have acted accordingly in all their little skirmishes, which have occurred so far. But they may be reassuming their courage for a great effort.
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1861.

This has been the hottest day yet. It got with a pretty good breeze all day, and many boats have crossed the River, and many are looking for an assault upon the city. I do not. The flying artillery at Arlington House. men fast preaching this evening. I could see the smoke and hear the guns. My Plan is. went down to Market for Manufactures more than 333. Sergeant Mandeville was at the house, the 4's went down to Millers and on the 3's, but the My Naps. home at 10 o'clock.

SUNDAY 16

It has been a fine comfortable day, with a good breeze. Attended the service at the 11th Regt. Quarters. The Chaplain (Matthew Hale Smith) officiating. Large number of citizens attended Sunday School. At noon the 4th Regt. is inspecting orders every hour. The 4th crossed the River into Virginia. The 4th Parades was attended by thousands of spectators. Walked down to Millers, to hear the new band form play. Much about. No day more perfect. Flying about.

MONDAY 17

A cool fine day. Nothing particularly new has occurred. But Matters near the River seem to be coming to a point. Went after mid to the Camps at Alexandria. All about a Mile North. Three Maine Regts. are there. The N.Y. 5th Germans, and the N.Y. 9th about 400. There was an parade while there. It was quite a Military show. Another N.Y. Regt. came to night. I did not go down to Theatre to night. Read Early.
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1861.

Weather fine but a good deal of excitement on account of a fight near the lines at a little Station on the RR called Rima. Our troops came into action on a Draw of Cons. under a Market both with a Number of Men. This Dept. large bodies of troops are expected to move to Fairfie 1st by tomorrow. The C.S.A. Troops must fight a back and out as they did at Harpers Ferry, 12th Reg. cavalry by order of Gen. The afternoon was done at "Williams" quite a Crowdt.

WEDNESDAY 19

Fine weather yet. Every one on station to hear News whom are passing near the River and are advance to Harpers is expected. Expecting News expected from Old Point from the West as well as from the opposite side of the River attended the "Parade" this evening and went down to Williams for an hour or so every body excited and expecting for News. Came from there with the Navy vessels and retired up port 10.

THURSDAY 20

Hot day and everybody wondering what will happen next. Troops are under Marching orders. The 12th is put to go to night. Some New Troops have arrived to day. The boys here have remained this day at the Post with the Lincoln boys. Willie has been with me all the afternoon and has been with one all the afternoon and has been with one.
FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1861.

This has been a hot day, at the drop made of the weather. This evening about twenty of the Vailes and others came in with hats.

All sorts of reports have been in circulation today. Gen. Beauregard has been on the March for the city center, on thousands of troops. Many are frightened and are looking around for some place to flee to. Gen. Lyon of Missouri is making his mark in driving out our rebellion there, so that I wonder not we are now in the war.

SATURDAY 22

This is the day a wide area set for the capture of Washington by the “Secessionists.” But the day has been cold and quiet, and the fighting has not been attempted. The fifty thousand Bayonets have been a slight obstacle to the day. It has really been the most quiet day that we have had for some time. We in four Reg't here—arrived. The 3d Reg't reconnoitered and “Scott Life Guard” are two of them. For Spence came back with the A.U. Reg't.

I went to Market, near the Belvoir & Retired.

SUNDAY 23

Rather a hot day but no pleasant one still. I did not get out to church, but stayed myself at home reading and writing. Went to Brother T.R. to see of the 12 Reg't dinner with Mr. Rich and Mr. Martin, two fine gentlemen.

Passed the review family, went to an accidently wounded soldier's wife took him some Refreshments.
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 1861.

This has been a fine pleasant day, nothing in particular has occurred that is public.

A full Cabinet Meeting, including Genl Scott and
other Gent of the Army has been held. a
boat of Caravel of men and State Connecticut
the May hear from it hereafter. Three four
Thousands Who crossed into Virginia last night
and our lines seems to be slowly advancing
a great battle may come off soon.

The two 12 P.D. Regt. with them two Battalions 12. 12 pounds
were reviewed this evening by the Capt at the
post House.

TUESDAY 25

Another fine day cool and bright.

Boats are coming every day. large
Numbers 13000. Came last week and
5000 were expected to lay over to night.

There was a large meeting of Office at Genl
Scott quarters today, various surmise are
as aout something as to be done soon.

It will be difficult to head the contending
force expect Muds long will it be down
the picture the best results of the 12th Michigan.

She Escorted by Capt Howard just the evening Ginn.

WEDNESDAY 26

It has snowed a little to day, near the coast
and made every thing look more pleasant.

Nothing has occurred. Everything appears to be
quiet although the elements of strife are
all around me. I think the whole are mis
feud of making peace and are causing
the slight movement North that every. But
there must be no peace till they lay down
their arms once return to their duty. I was
at Netherls. until quite full. Cong cis coming.
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1861.

Not much of moment has happened in the city today. Some little fighting on the part of the soldiers; many having been paid off.

The most important event is the arrest of Marshall Lane of Baltimore for treason—no fighting has taken place recently to speak of. But it is expected every day. There is now probably 10,000 men on each side within shot call of this city. Congress meets next week. It proceedings are looked to with much interest. But the Peace is not proven with Rebels ready be the order of the day.

FRIDAY 28

To-day the body of Captain Ward of the little steamer "Freedom" was brought to the Navy Yard. He was killed on board the boat by a shot from shore at "Matthes Point." There was a lull then. We are frequently startled by the booming of cannon over the river. And the first thought is "The battle has begun." Then we say, "Our only practice at the guns. Passing has been quite useless in the past." The officers this month have practiced much more. Expect to hear from the former very soon.

SATURDAY 29

It has been a pleasant, comfortable day. Maj. Gen. John Fremont arrives to-night. And in at "Willards." Much is expected of him in this contest. The event of the day was the raising of the star ship at Dept. On the 20th. Gunner's by the波

It caught fire going up and was torn in among the stars, which was taken by some speculation from an event of our whole family near them. I am officiated.
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1861.

Rained a little this morning but I went to Church with wife in the morning, took a bath out to the depot in the evening saw the arrival of the 15th Regt. (Col. McLeod Murphy). Five Regts. have come today, all the greater buildings on the Ave. closed to be safe but they will go into Camp by tomorrow and more for more than 50,000 men. Here now on this side of the River, here we at Gallows. Members of Congress are here coming in.

MONDAY, JULY 1

This has been a fine cool day but a heavy rain this evening. We all (the family) took a ride after dinner to the Camps here. The camp of fifteen Regts. and went into the President's house, Col. Rogers, Col. Clark, Col. Somner, he got home in the midst of the rain and got quite wet getting out of the carriage. Went to the evening at the quarters of Col. Ford of St. Matthew's on the 12th. Mr. Northrup was there and many. In part 10 oclock. Retired at 11.

TUESDAY 2

Every thing connected with the War seems to be standing still as far as we know excepting the arrival of troops from the Movement across the River. The City is now in mourning with soldiers. The only work done a day or two ahead then got into Camps near the seat of the City. The wood and groves grocery and adire with them. I wrote to the Hotel to night two Regts. pass on the Ave. The City is filling up with politicians.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1861.

This has been a fine cool day and quite a stirring one round town. This afternoon, three Regts. came reviewed by the President at the "White House" and other Regts. were moving coming in and going out to camp. The 12th. Regt. had a fine parade and was reviewed by Maj. Gen. Sig. Prentice for the 4th. One minute guns are firing, rockets are flying and a general shouting all over the city. The suspected Comfit is quite brilliant and specie North extinct being substituted a stranger.

THURSDAY 4

The weather has been delightful, and my former to the great Military Review. Twenty three Regts. or over twenty thousand men. Marched past the Parc, home on the A.E. It was a great affair for Wm. for it was a review of only the Wt. Regt. by Maj. Gen. Sumner, Gen. Scott. The President and Cabinet were out on a platform tinace for the occasion. Met Mr. and Mrs. Carter at Williams' attended the 6th. Parade of the 12th. and then festivities in the evening at their Camp. Came with the family at breakfast time.

FRIDAY 5

Hot in the town, but a good air stirring. Congress in fairly organized and ready to go to work. Lives at the Colored at a couple of hours today. Saw many of the "Member" with whom I was acquainted. Went on to the floor among them before the call to order. The Halls look clean and nice after being used for Barracks. Thousands of Elcades. Threw today as spectacular. Went down to Williams and got the "Roses" at the parade with Wife & Sister.
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1861.

In the office all day as usual, removals of
Gamblers expected newly. Great outside
suppence for office: qualification a secondary
consideration. Schemes are wanted. A general
movement of troops is expected to take place
tomorrow. Went down to the Maryland
with Lydia. Went on board of the new
Steamer Penacullo. She is now nearly ready.
Saw the gunners at the Yard firing a
Target with Shell. Was over to see the 12th
infantry under Marching orders.

SUNDAY 7

This has been a hot day M.G. Lieut. Wirtz
and Montell took dinner with us and
the sent dinner dinner to Sergeant William
Mill at the Camp. We sent dinner at 10th
bud to see them off. The Regt is bound for Hart's
Perry and Martinsburg to reinforce Gen. Patterson
the parted with them with much regret as
we had become quite familiar with many
of the Officers and Men, who ran by Southernly
It took quiteSometime at the Camp to night.
only 30 Men left to guard it. No particular order.

MONDAY 8

The excitement in the city is now increasing
as the Troops are moving and the battles expected.
Various rumors are afloat from up the
River but nothing more them skirmishes have
or yet taken them four skirmishers were removed
to-day and some if the Subordinations of the Artillery
often demands are expected. The bustles of the office
is now made. I was on the Act with Lt
Leitch, called upon Col. Ship of Morgan.
This introduces to Office of 1st July 14th Reg.
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1861.

The hottest day yet. M. 98. The sun fairly burning. No important news except a flag of truce flying from Jeff Davis, but amounted to nothing, as is more intimated. The removal of two of the city Volunteers who came killed in a skirmish. The River Rajah the Siyukh. They were Germans. A fine rain commenced near night and continued two or three hours. The air is finely cooled and everything refreshed. We of the R & I Artillerymen were killed to-day by the fighting at Confederation Line, two other badly wounded.

WEDNESDAY 10

This has been a fine day but rather hot. for Marching Rode. Some Regts have gone over the River. And some have arrived from the North. A move towards the Rebel in Now Making. A move or a move to reinforce. My impression the Rebels will soon. Myself and Jutia had intended to go over to the R & I Camp, but there came on another front (a Texas one) and prevented. There has been nothing like a "any time" got this season. Staid in the house reading.

THURSDAY 11

This has been a cool delightful day with a little rain just before night. Just enough to again prevent our JM of going to the R & I Camp. I went out and saw the R & I Col Smalls Parade. It is from Penn. More Removals in the Office to-day. One Spanys (Read) and then for Bates, Removals of fighting West. And also of the Retreat of the Rebels from Fairhope Point. We shall know tomorrow, more troops come every day and so write. Can't reach us.
FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1861.

A pleasant cool day and apparently much enjoyed by all. It seemed many soldiers moving some just coming into the city some going into camps beyond the city. And some marching for Virginia. The Union Rgt. Capt. Sloan.

My Y 27th Regt. Volunteer, came in last night and occupied the camps on Franklin Square. The Lyon Co. Capt. J. Adams is among the few all look well. Went with Julia to the A D Camp. It was the first drill and parade I ever been. Roy O'Neil went there were two Rgs. of about 900 men.

SATURDAY 13

A hard rainy day. Wore woolen cloths forJulia, in the office all day as usual. A crowd of soldiers in the office every day. Work was going on the Rive North rapidly and a crisis appears to be approaching we have just been looking at the first light at the banks over the river and around at the camps beyond the city. It is the coldest light apparently and very brilliant since the dark period of the 13th. Capt. Adams came home and took tea with us. I went to Lyon house a basket of onions this evening. Eat with them bacon. They were much pleased with the present. The boys are all well.

SUNDAY 14

This has been a cool dry day almost too cool for comfort. Troops have been going over the River today and others leave early tomorrow morning. Something will be done soon.

I went out to Church with wife, heard the Christmas of the 25th Regt. Capt. A H. Lewis in the morning from Virginia. Went down to Williams with Uncle Valentine, Mr. Honeywell and other gentlemen.

There was a particular scene quite a crowd there. House filled with military and civilians.
MONDAY, JULY 15, 1861.

Nothing in particular has occurred to day, except the arrival of a number of troops from the North and the passage of a number over the Rivers into Virginia, crowds with the largest army in the City, in any full houses of strangers as well as soldiers. The latter are mostly in camps beyond the city, while the Union Post is at the front. This afternoon, I was at the camp with the officers of the Lyon Co. and some.

TUESDAY 16

This morning quite a large body of troops have been marching all day to the River. The 11th Regt. under Gen. Sherman, at the head of their column, passed through the city and on the Long Bridge about 8 o'clock. The 7th Div. of the VII Corps followed. The Union Post also moved, orders at noon and left in the evening for the same destination.

I saw at the 2 Bridge with A. Hoover and E. H. Dickinson, where the four first Regts. first passed, a line of officers in dress left at the Camp of the 27th. Nothing thrilling.

WEDNESDAY 17

All the Union on 27th Regt. are not yet gone yesterday about 1200 men were left until 5 o'clock. They left this afternoon. E. A. Beck (my brother) from Lyon and S. D. Dickinson were among the first Regts. left over, a guard only to remain left at the Camp of the 27th. Nothing thrilling.
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1861.

Rather too warm today to go out for a gentle walk. After dinner I received a note that a great battle had taken place at Manassas Junction as our troops were near there this morning. On account of the diminished business of the Patent Office a Number of the examiners were removed to stay with myself among the cut. The Patent office now is pretty well cleared out, the expenses being about $1000 per month in total of receipts for the last six months. Call on Mr. Mills at the M&A Posthouse, our summer resort.

FRIDAY 19

A day of great excitement in the City. All looking for news from the Army. A thousand reports, flying about, but nothing to be relied on. When I left Wellman at 9 o'clock tonight, I shall make an effort today to be reinstated in their really nice office. I got all my promises for a new one out of them. The scene has been hot today, but there has been a great air of bravery all day. Mrs. in his sleep last night got out of a time from window on to the roof of the house. Being two stories high, I got him the without accident.

SATURDAY 20

I have been at the office writing letters to the rest of the Army. We sent some money. The excitement in the City is great, the new armory case. Mr. in town. Other and a decisive battle must take place; it is a heavy one, or two or two. A number of Congressmen have gone over to the Army to fill up any impending Congress. Adjournment not till Monday. It is understood that there has been no fighting today.
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1861.

This has been the most exciting day yet. We have heard the guns all day from the battle which has been raging at or near Manassas Junction. There is no news that can be relied on public tonight, only that a terrible fight has been going on all day. Reinforcements have been going over all day and last night. Now there left the city a Regt. kept the Chemung during the morning and a train of artillery arrested by a mob excited crowd at Williamsburg and all sorts of rumors about.

MONDAY 22

Yesterday proved a disastrous day to our men. They were compelled to retreat and amount of Regts. and squads of soldiers have been forming into the city all day. Most of the Regts. which I saw passed the Long Bridge in erect and some of them have returned badly cut up. In two Regts. the 11th and the 71st, the 27th are here again having lost at least 4 of their Number. The Ellenville Zouaves are all cut to pieces. Only about 250 left out of 1105. My neighbor Sam. Anderson of the 1st is said to be killed. I hope he will survive.

TUESDAY 23

Yesterday was a rainy day and the poor soldiers were cornering in all day wet and cold. The had our house full of Men from the 1st Regt. and made them as comfortable as we could. To-day I have taken down to the bank for the two pairs of pantaloons, but where for the 3 pairs were helped them out as all I could. The city is full of returning soldiers. Many in a bad condition wounded + tied up.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1861.

This has been a delightful day and one full of excitement and interest. The air has been filled all day with soldiers. Small squads of them have been strolling into the city, and all had their story of hard breathing and the".

THURSDAY 25

The VJ encamped in the Patent Office officially. My time has been occupied from day to day the past week in looking about and visiting the boys encamped around the city. This evening myself, uncle Solomon, and Mrs. H. went over to the 2D Camp and visited the officers Col. Burnside, Capt. Deady, and Surgeon Gen'l Wheaton. The VJ left this evening for ".

FRIDAY 26

This morning to go before the Committee at the Capitol to day at 10 o'clock. Lt. Gen'l Potter therein. The Committee is investigating the cases of officers and men in the different regiments. It is safe to be described as a loyal to the last. Went with friends after luncheon hot to the Banks on Horsehill hill. Saw the Meridian Stone in pillar from which longitude is computed. It took a long walk. I crossed my time. Obeds. Ford and Messrs. of Hoes. Stick with us.
SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1861.

The day has passed off without anything remarkable taking place. I was at the office part of the day but at home most of the time. Leett Sum and White, First Guards of Rochester, and Sergeant Major Cholfield. Arrived with a letter. I was at Williams this evening.

Genl McDowell (the great defeated) was there. Genl McClellan, is also there. Some arrived this morning. He is still anxious to be a man for the place.

SUNDAY 28

I have been sick to day, with Cholera Morbus. Was very bad the first part of the day but am much better tonight. I have not been out in the street at all. I have not eaten anything. Kept breakfast in bed all day. And took a little of the Cholera Preventive, and kept still and think I am cured. Burst and Eiland came in this evening and had a fine man shown just before dinner with him.

MONDAY 29

Saw Andrews and Genl Root. Mike Lambert today. I am quite sick, and after my attack of yesterday. I went down town and said part of the day. Nothing of importance occurred. The city is very full of strangers besides soldiers. I went down to the camp with Mrs. Julia. The Surgeon A.D. Garner came home with us. We went on the battle field at Prussians and quite a number of the Rgt. 27th were on the list but generally doing well.
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 1861.

Another day has passed away and no particular things have occurred of note. Little Holly had his face pretty badly burned this morning. Shot fired at it and it seems to be doing well. Went to Col. Jones and Col. Davis. Came home before 9 o'clock. My right foot toe is very tender and sore from some cause. Hearest want it. It troubles me to walk. Dr. Blasdel of Lynn. Surgeon of the NY 3rd. Called today. Left by train. Almendano did a call. He is a regular stooge at Arlington Heights. He stays with us to night.

WEDNESDAY 31

This has been a hot day. M. 92°. I have been obliged to keep very quiet on account of my lameness. If I had been a "high live," I should think it was the gout, but I am very clean of that. I have been in the house nearly all day, but went over to the "hamp" acclimat at Major Bartlett's quarters. More removals in the Patent Office today. Only three of the old 3rd left. In ev ery G. P. Andrews. My call this evening the end of business but to the City.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

Regiment is much better to day. I have been down to the Exchange where I remained most of the day writing letters. I think it quite possible that they will fire it. Majoring the extreme one to my desk. As Don King was removed yesterday, among others, I went down to the Camp this evening with wife and Julie. The officers were very sociable. The Limit Cd of a little bottle as usual. Wife and Martha Brock went to church.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1861.

The weather is hot now a day, the M. ranging about 90. I have been at the office part of the day writing letters to my old folks, but this has been brushing off my books. I have been cleaning out my drawers, and throwing away some important papers and letters. I have heard from Fort Belvoir to day he wrote to one of the Officers asking for paper. He is with Eng. Sgmt. Commanding near York. I write with the wife of Col. Small's camp called on our section where Mr. Duffey resides.

SATURDAY 3

Still hot. Went over to the Navy Yard with Julia and only half way round the ships and over the steamers Pensacola which will be completed in a few days. Nothing but cannons and thick and shells fill the work shops. Everything here looks warlike, no books are permitted in the yard now. four hundred Marines in the yard. one of our neighbours boys Willie Sorrow fell and was badly hurt to day. The weather is at sea was down to the camps with wife.

SUNDAY 4

The heat has been greater than ever to day. Went to Chinese with wife and the boys. Sargent Sewell and Sargent Goulder took breakfast with us. Felt like Deer to beimmer with. We breakfasted at the capital this morning. It was too hot for any of us to go out to Chinese this afternoon. We spent the rest of the day and now are now restricted to their own "lines." The Col. is rather Limited Col. must have a pay from Goldsmith.
MONDAY, AUGUST 5, 1861.

Heat this evening extremely hot. Rejoiced to see the middle of the day. Session begins to look brisker with us than attending the Living Lord who fell over night. The boy is doing extremely well. I went to the post office where to read, saw and talked with the Com. He thinks he made a mistake in sending the last to Captain, but cannot retract, must yet. On account of other things the evening at the quarters of Capt. Adams, (Capt. Anderson).

TUESDAY 6

W. at 9.45. At 10. The morning with but little air stirring. The Lincoln boys never North with their after noon by 9 to look. They make themselves quite at home in the house. Sent my books at the post office to-day. Will try to get some portraits on my way back. Saw the Com. again cannot write him not. He showed me the Act current for 27th. definition, walked down to the bank with Judge. Saw the officer returns about 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY 7

Heat still of course. Age but a good one was on the last beside the drinking, feeling not as plenty then or formerly. They are now kept in their granary. The "dastard" are all them officers and all when Jerome without any longer any process yesterday. Have spent most of the day at home. Doing some work for Mr. looking over my drawings etc. The Lincoln boys were here eager to stay. Very thoughtless of us now cut out in the fence and from...
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1861.

Very hot to-day. W. 52. here on the hill on the
Ark it stands 96. I have been busy all
day on a quill of my Powder bucket.
A good many calls at the home today.
Sergeon Barnes & Breakfast here. Dr. Smith
(Rev) Call's, Surgeon Van Slyke from the
Riva. Mr. Muddling of 12 th St. Sally.
And some of his friends, a very nice lady.
I speak from Mr. Buxton our neighbor.
From there been fishing all the evening.

FRIDAY 9

This day has not been so hot, rather cloudy.
and came to night. I was on the Hill
and at the Pet Office got a Hatch and
last home. My Books and papers from
the office. Nothing new stirring in the
City. Dr. Van Slyke was here to day and
Capt. Adams gave us a call. I finished
of my model and did not do much
else to day about the House. The boys
have been playing soldier in the yard.
Write the House keeping presently.

SATURDAY 10

The news of no particular Mart to-day.
The papers are not allowed to publish
any news. We see Rest Morning.
Every day but here by knowing who
they are going to. It seems hard to
realize that the are in the midst of
a Civil War of gigantic proportions. That
in fact within this 20 miles of the city.
Enemies are ready to cut our throat.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1861.

A very hot day. Went to Church this morning until eleven. Talked with Surgeon Barnes of the 27th. Saw Smith Breckinridge. It commenced to rain about 3 o'clock and rained till noon. Rigid my hands. Hearing the hoarse roar of the city guns more heard over the river. Some fighting. Probably it would not much surprise us to hear a gun eleven o'clock any day, or an attack maybe. Nothing. The air is quite cool since the sun. And more rain in prospect.

MONDAY 12

Went down to the Post Office this morning and saw the Doc. Could get nothing definite from him in reference to my restoration to the office. Business there is still dull. Few soldiers are seen in the street now and more Excellent a day. The 27th have advanced to close the river with Virginia and go into a stand. Now are accumulating. Here and there at Manassas Junction another collision. Must soon take place. It will be a big struggle with the weather. God Bums the Bators. Do I know.

TUESDAY 13

News today of the battle at Bridgeport, W. Va. and battle of Gen Lyman. My son Frank was in the Army. Co. E. 27th U.S. Infantry last night. Have been at the Camp most of the day. Seeing the soldiers pack up and get in readiness to leave. They go tomorrow morning. But Barnes time to tea. He presented me with a beautiful basket filled with "Eliott's Self-cooking" [very smart]. Some of the wives at Millard's are home today not a sign except this. The city is protoke. Quietly and quietly by a masked man.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1861.

got up this morning and went to market. Sat Barnes and Lieut. Gould to Breakfast. Went to Fowlkes to dinner. The 27th left this morning for Va. I was at the Post Office awhile on the Act. Witness this evening the gullibility of the Marting among the 55th. A strong force of Infantry and cavalry and four pieces of Artillery were brought to learn upon them where they fell in and were paraded on the 14th. The single column filed out 96. In number, who will be furnished some of them probably. We have others no now that Ch.

THURSDAY 15

The 3rd Regt. of Regulars are cleaning up the Camp on F Square. Camp Anderson. I am in the Post Office awhile to say but stand at home. Most of the Army. The weather is quite cool and a fire in the dining room is comfortable. In the morning sat Barnes and one man from Alexandria and took our meals with us. No particular news abattoit. All Military movements are now kept as secret as possible by Gen McCollum.

FRIDAY 16

 Went down to the Navy Yard this forenoon, with 7 tickets. The "Pensacola" Steamer is nearly completed. The little tug boat "Resolution" lay near her with three dead men on board. Two were killed near Medley's Point last night by the Rebels. Met for Westfall and Mr. Pansfield of Lyons at the yard. Went with Westfall to the Provost Marshal Office (Col. Porter) for "Pass" to Virginia. Met Mr. Redfina of Elmira at Williams. At home before dark. It has been cold to-day and somewhat rainy.
SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 1861.

This day has passed off without any particular incident occurring. I was at the P.O. depot a part of cavalry from P.A. came in while I was there, who are coming all the while but nothing is said or known about it publicly. Long trains of army wagons were loading and leaving. Saw a large quantity of gun stops there in crops, arms, &c., &c., at Williams in the evening. The marriage with Miss Sally Woodward was settled in the Star this evening. Married on the 23rd July.

SUNDAY 18

This has been a wet disagreeable day. Did not go to church. Have been reading and writing most of the day. Ed. Dickinson and Green came called today. They are just from the other side of the River. All quiet there. There seems to be one ominous stillness all around the City time to be broken by a desperate battle near by, at least 20,000. Men are within a few miles of the City, while it all probably was called at first reports. This evening, Beauregard quite a long speech to many of the inhabitants.

MONDAY 19

This will come for a rainy day and a disagreeable one. I was at the Post Office (Provost Marshall) a great crowd there after papers. The Court Marshall was sitting in the same room. One of the witnesses of the 1849 who were attending their trial. They were handed over to the P.O. office and were withdrawn at the office. Rumors of the rebels escaping the River into Maryland.
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 1861.

Many people in the city were much alarmed last night at a report that "the rebels had crossed the river below and were marching on Washington". Visitors and others are constantly off boat. Went to the Express Office, and sent off (as required) Lieutenant Martin's drink which was left with me, "call at the National" and also a Brady Photograph Gallery. Saw Maj. Anderson there. I was at home most of the day containing what caused so much for the time being.

WEDNESDAY 21

This has been a fine cool day but bright with a feeling of autumn in the air. I went to the Court. This morning but could get nothing satisfactory from him in answer to my proposition to the Post Office, came home about noon. The Brazilian Minister wants to rent my House furnished for one of his friends. I hardly know what to do. I called upon the Cockeye on 8th St. This evening he has an acquaintance at the Mount Holyoke school whom I may send Julia.

THURSDAY 22

Another sunny day. Went down to the Post Office. Marshall's Office was crowded. There for passes across the river. Seco, Capt. Porter, and Capt. Herson were there. (of the 12th) sent a line to the President by the way requesting a private interview with all him in the morning at 8 oclock. Was at home most of the day but at the Post Office a good deal. The 3rd Regt of the Regular Army is now on Franklin Square.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 1861.

A fine bright day. Went to the President at 8 o'clock. Many Members of the Cabinet then & saw him. And officers of the Army, I was not able to see him in privat. Genl. McCollum was there. And Col. Baker and Col. Forney and Genl. J.T. Denver and other distinguished characters. Art letter from Genl. Atwood today. Called at Williams Office plenty there. Mr. Millis. Went to Fort Ripley to see the dress parade of the regulars with Julius and Beth and ladies.

SATURDAY 24

Saw the President this morning at 9 to 11 half. For a pay muster in the Army. Many already appointed. Gave me a line to Mr. Seaward. Came home and found Mr. Brownson of Lyon at the house. Went with him and Julia to camp Brownson to see the Anderson Guard. Col. Kiker, concert and drive to the chapel. Rev. Mr. Harvey from Wy. Wills oniza. Lt. Wy. Here is one Co of the 7th who are returning some of whom service in Africa. Mr. Seaward sees them and receives the rest of our things.

SUNDAY 25

Went to Church this morning with Julia and Brownson. The day has been delightful, quite a show of soldiers with 14th N. Infantry, Cavalry & Artillery of the Regulars, with a fine band and drove coast a long train of army wagons also past the house. Mrs. B. & wife went to church in the afternoon. Walked down to Lee's estate, Lyon, and saw awhile at Williams with Brownson. Went much of a round then tonight see Col. Blank and Col. Chambers. Then Mr. Harris that comes home at 6 o'clock.
MONDAY, AUGUST 26, 1861.

Went to the Provost Marshalls with Julia this morning and after much trouble got a "Pass" to go on the Boat to Alexandria. Took the Boat with Julia at 1 o'clock. Went directly to the Camp of the 102d 3 1/4th 3 1/2 mile back of the City and near Fort Ellicott the earthwork and hill. Went up to the Fort with Surgeon Barnes and Lieut. Susan and Lieut. Sink of Pineville, 2nd S. S. and went through the Fort and headquarters afterward and back to the Camp. Soldiers in good health.

TUESDAY 27

A Tent was pitched expressly for Julian who occupied alone during the Night with a sentinel facing before her tent all night. I remained a cousin in fort Barnes tent where we had taken tea. Julia was very much listened by the Officers while we stood in the Camp. We took dinner with Col. Bartlett. Left the Camp about 2 P.M. and rode to Fort Ripley, Fort Abbey and the Arlington House. Came from there to the Long Bridge Capt. Allison of Buffalo, kept in view. They Bridge we got home before. All had a pleasant trip.

WEDNESDAY 28

Went to the Patent Office this morning with Screens to help him along with his Knapsack application. Got it before the Committee about 11:30. Went then with him, also to the War Dept. to see the Go. Water WELL about Knapsacks for the Army. Then went up to see the Washington Statue and the "Meyer Bros. Corporation Rock Lodge. Got home to dinner at 2 P.M. and to read all the afternoon. Did not go out, Mrs. Porter & Irene Amy. Smith of the old 12th called.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 1861.

It has rained almost incessantly today and I have done but little but stay in the house. Mr. Brown and myself went down to the Post Office and found that the telegraph* had failed. Mr. B. left for home on the 21/2 train, I went to the Depot with him. The 15th 19th 23rd 27th 31st Regt. from N.Y. were arriving. All expect more troops tomorrow morning.

Capt. McCormick who resides on 40th St. & 15 Ave. W. Y. and Lieut. Martin 12th Regt. called today. A battle is expected soon over the river skirmishing yesterday and the guns have been nearly all day.

FRIDAY 30

Excitement is again on tap the as a general battle is expected now occupy a day on the other side of the river. The entrenchments of the rebels can be seen from the top of the Capitol dome with a good spyglass. Skirmishing among the sentinels occurs daily. The newspapers here say retreating.

I went to the Post Office outside today. Came home and made a small bottle of perfumtaming agent. The walls with Dr. Everett saw May Choate called at Mrs. Brown at 10.

SATURDAY 31

This has been a delightful day cool and bright. Large numbers of birds enjoy the river last night. 3,000 at least but we have heard nothing of any fight as yet. I have been making Model Making part of the day. View at the Post Office outside. Went to market before dark. In the evening Julia and I went down to the A.T. and went into "Gazette" and got ice cream came off 18 & 15 some Omnibus German Candle men going Senator Seidman to Lord Serenade.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1861.

Another delightful day. Went to church with wife and boy in the morning and held at home nearly all the rest of the day.

MONDAY 2

My finely.

Pleasant day, and how pleased off with but little excitement. People feel better since the war at Harper's Ferry. If we are successful on the Western side of the river we shall be all right again.

TUESDAY 3

Bright day. Firing heard on the river nearly all day. supposed to be fighting going on. Collisions between the pickets occur every day. A battle cannot be far off.

Call from Mrs. Smith this morning. She said she had not heard from Mrs. Smith, the morning before. She had spent the evening at home. Wife went to meeting.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1861.

Beautiful day. rather hot in the oven. called on Fort Smith which amounts to nothing. I think he likes to have people think that they are under great obligations to him. got paint and glaze the kitchen windows sent 65c by doing it. Bought some fruit. I see bill 330. It is supposed that fighting is going on this afternoon on the river where the rebels are attempting to cross. The balloon men are over the river on the lookout. Large bodies of troops have arrived today. One Rept. Staff at our door. The death of Jefferson is confirmed in the evening papers.

THURSDAY 5

It has rained nearly all day and there has not been much stir in the streets. Soldiers were moving all last night. It is said that fifteen thousand passed over the river. fresh troops are coming in all the time and going into camp. There does not appear to have been any "fight" yesterday. No news from Common on the other side is heard almost every hour of the day. I spent one hour in this at the post office. I have been at home most of the day.

FRIDAY 6

Beautiful day again. No particular news except that expected every hour to hear of a battle. Spent most of the day at the post office. wrote a letter there. my brother C.R. found that an application was had been made for the registers for my old invention the rotary digger for gems. There is intestines declared between them. I must attend to it. Came home and found my old model. attendance to it. Wllh. Hately to my young Musical soiree got home at 11 o'clock.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1861.

Very hot sun today and the atmosphere oppressive. I was down to the 12 1/2 My 3rd line for the month of August came home about noon and found Dr. David went to Market before dark and went with Julia down to the bank (the boat and wife had gone to the President). Have been preparing some with bread, studying with Sam. Self cooking and self loading gun with the rotary trigger. No news yet from over the river. The Union comes now looks much brighter and are one looking for peace all around.

SUNDAY 8

Pleasant day, cloudy not hot went to church in the morning. Edward Dickson called before church. And Dr. David went over the river with him. Everything quiet among the soldiers. No movement. Many notices. Shot fired called in the evening and we went down to the camp to hear the music of the regular Band. No shot seen over the river and signal lights but there does not appear to be any commotion. Not few soldiers at church and but few seen in the streets now.

MONDAY 9

A little rain this morning went down to the Post office and there to the State Department to see Mr. Secretary he was not in. Have been at home most of the day have not felt very well. Last week of the Anderson Papers spin with us tomorrow he was formerly in the 7th Regt. Dr. Daniel returned this evening from Virginia. He brought everything quiet over there. Roads have been coming in. The Union have been beating most of the day.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1861.

Went to the Ferry Yard today with Pvt. Daniel and Julia. Shot Falliscan also along quite likely times then had nothing doing except preaching near Mountain View Cemetery. The Steamer Penelope is nearly completed and was taking on her stores. 400 sailors for her were landed at the yard this morning from the N. of the Ship House we could see the reception flag at Morris on Hill Va. with a glass, got home to dinner and went down to see the Regulators by Parade Thru their lines.

WEDNESDAY 10

Was at the Post Office this morning with but D. Visted the Hospital then called upon Mr. Seaver's & got a letter of introduction from him to Mr. Chace could not see Mr. Chace today. There has been heavy firing over the river all the afternoon. The report to night is that there has been a very smart skirmish near the Chain Bridge which is three miles above Georgetown. I went at Wm. this evening but could not get no definite account but large crowd of people have gone up that way and we may have a battle tomorrow.

THURSDAY 11

This has been a delightful day. I was at the Post Office and at the Treasury Dept. did not see Mr. Chace. The fight near the Chain Bridge yesterday caused the only a rather severe skirmish two of our soldiers killed. Went with Julia after dinner up to Camps Command to see the "Anderson House." Visted the Head Quarters of the "Madison House" with Capt. Weekes Capt. Lafayette of the French Foreign Company was very little. We in an Italian 1500 Carriage kept our horses but big long trains of Army Wagons. had all Acet I home dinner.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1861.

I have been much of the day at the Treasury Dept., expecting to see the Lady on business. While there saw Prof. Sewell, Geologist and Astronomer, who is now in the Army also. Saw and conversed with Genl. Barlow and Genl. Aspinwall of Kansas and Col. David A. Goodnow of Kansas also. It is reported that our markets on the other side of the River have been advanced in price. There seems to be a signal night there on the hills this evening, one very large fire, called with lighted viles for信号. Mr. Hendric of Philadelphia being washed up to Franklin Square.

SATURDAY 14

Weather fine & bright, but a little too hot for us. Have been at the Post Office part of the day. Had an interview with the Comr. and a long talk with him, and a pretty pleasant talk. Out of all the mean burring in the world. The most humiliating to a proud and independent man is being attended upon, and asked favors from those in power. So David got in this evening from the other side of the River. I went at the National an hour or so, also called at Williams' City grain.

SUNDAY 15

A hot day. We went to church this morning with Julia and one of the boys, and heard Dr. Smith preach. Well filled. Sky very wet in the afternoon. Slept and some one at the dinner with us, talked with Dr. D. and also to the ladies at Camp Cameron to see the "Anderson's" New Light Infantry of the Co. of the Missouri. He is an Italian. Came down to see and sent over to Camp Anderson to hear the music of the "Regular" Band. It was fine.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1861.

Today went with Aunt David to the Smithsonian and to the Washington Monument, called at the U.S. Treasury. Seen Genl. Spearman at the Treasurer's, he told me he had $80,000 in day notes now paid out, or the average was that Julia got a bouquet from the Post Guard for the 3rd to take home to his wife. We left on the 2½ train. I went out to see the depot. We met the same 3rd U.S.C., 13th Regt. of him before. Left the next short car home with our stuff. The evening left for the camp of last night.

TUESDAY 17

This has been a fine cool day until near night when there was a violent rain for an hour or two, flooding the streets. I saw the court of directors today. I shall go back into the office again in a short time. There is no particular news. Some people are expecting our attack upon the city. Rebels have a large army within thirty miles of the city, notably near 20,000 men. They must do something soon. I see at this time in three hours, I think, that Mr. Schaff will go into the Army soon.

WEDNESDAY 18

Delightful day bright and cool. Major went over to the depot to see about moving to W.J. Went from there to the Western Thieves "illegible and indecipherable" on the same street. Visited the Govt. Corral, 3000 horses and some 2000 Mules there, and cases of Govt. Wagons, on my return purchased 6 or 8 good horses on the way for packing furniture, intend to have on order of our buying and from Mrs. and the children went to S.S. for the present or until time more better.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1861.

Weather continues delightful. Went some time at the Post Office. Saw the Post Office get no decisive answer as to the specie time. Went I could so back into the office it would not be long before the Collector could afford to pay half of furnishing. Next Tuesday is the day for that 10 a.m. Turned over some of my furniture there. Went to two rooms that morning and for E. B. Buckley there. It was a fine singer.

FRIDAY 20

At the Indiana Hospital. It offering to say 100 patients. Made Rep for Pierce. Got a deed from the Land Office for the Pollot of Lyons. attended the Parade with Julia. Of the Regular on 7 Square. Called with her to see the Woodbury, 12 it refined country people and much devoted to the sick folks.

SATURDAY 21

Nothing new. Has occurred recently, although our one surrounded in all sides with elements which may be put in motion any hour carrying destruction and death to thousands. Heavy cannonading over the River almost every day is heard from the Fort. Practicing cannon getting the range of their guns. Have been out home most of the day firing up things and preparing to sell deck. war on the fire in the morning with Julia.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1861.

Went to Ch. this Morning with wife and
ten three boys. Mrs. J. went in the
afternoon. Mr. Dickens called in the
evening and took tea. Mrs. J. also called about the same time.
Went down to the Camp to hear the
Music of the Regimental Band. It perform
many night from 7 flint 9 o'clock
in large around本案's artillery. Everything
seemed quiet near the River and nothing
but the long wagon train today could indicate anything
unusual going on near the City.

MONDAY 23

Have had no hard days work packing up
and getting ready to evacuate these premises.
It is one of the nesta of Washington life
with few of us inhabitants feel at home.
The population is constantly changing
at first at this time. A residence here
is not desirable at this season although
the slight fears are entertained that
the City will be taken by the rebels.

TUESDAY 24

This has been a delightful day and our
sale of furniture has helped. It mostly
sold at a low rate but it was mostly
purchased at Auction TUE or Three years
time. The sales nothing but the bulk of the
amounting to only $14.00. I have seen tonight
on the Virginia hill. I saw Mr. Lincoln.
Could see the rebel flag
on Mason's hill with the last my flag. Julia and
the boys are treated with particular attention
by Mrs. J. I brought home two beautiful peonies.
Wednesday, September 25, 1861.

Busy packing for most of the day. We expected to give up the house on Friday morning, but have concluded not to do so until Monday. My wife went today to pay her respects to Mrs. Lincoln before leaving the city, then was graciously received by Mrs. S. and assured that if she could do anything to help her family here she would do it as she was anxious to have our love come true as companions in playmates for her. This was my last visit from my former home.

Thursday 26

We have thought considerably to day of taking another house and remaining in the city. But decent houses for rent are extremely scarce. Now two months ago half the homes (almost) were empty, and for rent, I was at the White House last evening, saw Mrs. Matt. And called at the residence of Gen. Chase. He was not at home. Today have nearly finished packing its. It has been the National last day. Business is suspended all over the city. Stores closed. Julia has gone to stay with Mrs.atty and Cathie called just at break.

Friday 27

It has rained nearly all day and is very cloudy tonight. Called at office of Gen. Chase, he and the Assistant Secy. Harrington were both gone to N.Y. I was at the White House. Mr. Scherff, who is soon to be a Brigadier General was there wanting to see the Post. I had a conversation with Maj. Smith. He says that Mrs. Smith is always zealous and is enlisted in my behalf. I was at the 1st Office our hom. business very dull there. Spent evening at home.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1861.

A cool, delightful day. Have been looking for a residence some hundreds of miles at present. The views indicate confidence in the stability of our Government. The hotel is not overcrowded but the city is unusually full for this season of the year. I was on the "Island" today, also called at the Post Office, Judge is sleeping at Mr. Hurtle's with "Mother" by invitation. Quite a movement of troops today in the city.

But all seems to be quiet over the River and it's like the opening of Camp Monday day at the Fort. Brevetting...

SUNDAY 29

Went to church in the morning with the Pope toSmith preached, "Only the Lord keep the City, the Watchman can't see it." From the way he handles the text, it was to be inferred that the Army now had more of little or account. He does not believe that the Lord is only on the side of the "heaviest Battalions" as Old Whipple did. The sermon was very quiet and serene.

MORNING, the ten o'clock to Leave tomorrow.

MONDAY 30

We have been all day here, wait at work getting ready to leave our residence on E. St. I have sent in some more on the 9th. First hour to Commodore Smith No. 346. Sailing 9 Rooms and Cool building built over top. Home in tolerable condition and convenient. Shall move in tomorrow. The house belongs to the "West Point Estate" and is one belonging to the "Fountain Rose" between 9th and 11th, and E. St. that, weather is delightful.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1861

Here had a hard day, with moving down our furniture. Had tip top nice cases left after our sale, but I took back some articles from Mr. Pake while he had off having concluded to remain in the city another longer.

We are in a very pleasant neighborhood and pleasant part of the city, our dogs have advanced somewhat, within a day or two on the other side of the river but no fighting yet of any account.

WEDNESDAY 2

called at the barber's earlier this morning, then at the Post Office an hour or so. Mr. Schenck has got his commission as Brigadier Genl. of Volunteers for the whole North, and some are moving over the river. They keep up our hopes today and have been settling matters in the house somewhat, bought a few articles of furniture but as little as possible. Nothing new in the city.

THURSDAY 3

This has been a hot day for the season. All at 50° in the shade of the tree. It has rained away without any particular incident occurring. Met Edm. Slee, McKeagie, one this side the agreed to meet me at Wallace this evening but he probably to go to the Oel stock train. Do not see him. Met Genl. Schenck there. Called at the housing time the sky kept did not succeed. He has sent a man from the East feel quite "sad" with the heat.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1861.

Another hot day. Much as yesterday. "Came and attended" at the hearing. Most of the day without seeing the sea. It has been a busy day. And became engaged. Think some of getting a room for compounding various medicines and articles for sale with the assistance of Mr. High. Does some thing to make some more profit for pottage. Julia has been out to the baths of the Andersons. With Capt. MacC. Only Louis Balloon was, hide puts over "flaps" this evening. Heavy gowns have been frequently heard rustling.

SATURDAY 5

Very hot again today. 106° at 91 in the middle of the day. Went to the hearing again but did not see the sea. Then at the Post Office and at Charity rooms. He has rented the second room of the house near in for a Labrador to get down the aquarium from deck. to night went to market as usual. Sat Night. For apples at the rate of 8.00 for bucket. Potatoes 4.50. Butter 2.50. Eggs 2.25. Bred 5.00. Sunrise 15.00. Dinner was 12.00. Dinner was 15.00 for grand. 197.50 for card and dice 6.50. Ricketts 9.00. W. News.

SUNDAY 6

Still as hot with some wind and much dust. Been to church all day. Young Mr. Hopkins from Northward Majesty preached this afternoon. He is a son of Rev. Mr. Hopkins. President of Miss College. He is a very promising young man. I spoke to him after meeting being introduced by Dr. Smith. Dr. Willie has been ill for some days, threatened with inflammation of the lungs very hot and feverish nights latter during the day.
Monday, October 7, 1861.

Next for Fort Piper this morning for Willie, he has I think only a bad cold on his lungs and will soon be well. I was on the A.U. this morning saw it filled with cavalry for some miles. I was at the post office in the former room. He is very sorry to have me in his room as it is untidy. I went over again this afternoon in warm clothing room. It began to rain about dusk with constant thunder and lightning. Tomorrow there is to be a grand Review of 4000 cavalry by Gen. Mc-Co-teleGRAPH.

Tuesday 8

The great review came off to-day. 108 guns of artillery and the 6th 900 cavalry firing down the main street. I went out with the 900. I was in the 900. I was at the White House this morning until about 9 o'clock. I was in the 900. The President helped me on the steps. He told me and shook hands with both of us. He came back to the review. He spent most of the day at home. I wrote to Brother C.R. and to Mr. Bouman of S.C. Mr. Casey and a few others. This evening the head how white hair which with her. The Secret in the Mother. Mr. C bought them bottloes of

Wednesday 9

Change in the weather. Saw Mr. Harrison, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, could not see the Secretary to-day. A Monument of Military to the other side of the River. Defenses are slowly advancing and fortifying as they go. I do not think there will be much fighting here. The God is too strong now and too well prepared. I have been sitting with young gentlemen this evening Ed. Johnson called. Dot Piper, attended Willie, he seems to be

Later
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1861.

There has been no rain the last few days but the streets have been quite lively and the air crowded as usual. I have a large list of calls to make, moving over the river from the side this morning. New works are making advances frequently on the other side but I think that no important battle will take place today. I looked at a map of the city and a map of the state with a few of the papers some of the day. Figured about the horse. Well has been quite smart and away spending his Wt. 250# night.

FRIDAY 11

Succeeded today in seeing the head of the procession after getting a card from the Bn. to look at the Hay. But the situation was very critical and I called on Mr. Johnson this evening with Juidia and had quite a long conversation with her. She was quite importunate that I had not been ascertained to office. The President has left the Hay for last evening and is down to Alexandria where the River lies. Says an evening about the things are supposed.

SATURDAY 12

A delightful cool day was at the Park. Went to Mr. Lincoln's, Mr. W. H. L. learned to put the Nuck and called upon C. S. and spent the day. He leaves for Kentucky tomorrow. He expressed the desire to the杵mano Army and desire to the Confederate when the Revolution of 48 broke out being himself a Hungarian. He fought through the war. Went to Turkey, entered the service of the Sultan. Went to Alton. I came home last some court went to Market.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1861.

I caught a severe cold last night by the wind blowing on me in bed and have been rather miserable to-day, have not been out at all. The family all went to church yesterday, myself and wife. The house is smart again and lots better.

The weather is rather chilly, yet a good fire comfortable in the house. Everybody is on the qui-vive to hear from the great naval expedition which sailed south recently. Charleston or New Orleans, possibly the former.

MONDAY 14

I have done but little today but attend to my cold. Attending to this I have been around the city some. It is understood that there has been a general advance to day of our troops over the River. Now the 22d of the 2d Regt. Or the Ave. He said that 1st Slope and Brigade, was moving forward a few miles. I went to the Post this morning in a short time had an offer to go out in the 2d mortar battery at 71/2 o'clock.

TUESDAY 15

I have been quite ill to day, had a slight chill last night all the after part of the day. Must take some medicine to-night. Went to the Post this morning.fields and all) said May. Nate. Think matters are the best yet to train for a part in S. G. Smith's battery. The weather is most delightful. Now and the Night beautiful with a full Moon on. No these weeks stormy.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1861.

I have not been out to day but kept close in the house feeling quite miserable and complaining about half the time. The meat has "Call" my friends. Mr. Randall and Mr. Blackburn have been here sometime to Bsan of the 27th. I am at home. Many ladies. The Doorgut has been singing half the time. I have taken Jilly and Caesar off. Have not been so much fever to day as I did yesterday. Think I will get the soon.

THURSDAY 17

... has been another rather sick day with me, but I have not had much fever. My cough continues here, did not sleep at all last night. My cough and the Monthes took up all my attention. did not go out except to walk down the Ulyb on 11th and back. The "Military" seem to be doing very little. The Rebels have been allowed to construct Batteries on the Virginia side of the Potomac for some months past at their leisure, and the Potomac is now safe to be "closed." I think that something will have to be done.

FRIDAY 18

Wrote a note to Maj. Matt this morning, said it by "Bud," he returned with a fine Basset from Mr. Lincoln for the day of the battle. B. Smith. Bud took it down to him, where I called upon him about noon. He said he would confer with the Capt. and see what could be done for my extraction to the Office. I heartily approve the whole of them and would ask no favors in ordinary time,
SATEHDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1861.

A dense fog all over the city this morning,
and it has been a wet, chilly day.
I have not been out to-day yet.
I do not feel very well, had an attack
of cold and some fever last night.
A great deal of heavy firing
all day over the river, some fighting
across with the Battery. Last night and
this morning, no particular news of any
importance. Begun to be expecting like Mr.
"Moses," for "something to turn us off."

SUNDAY 20

Here kept my close to-day confined to the
house. Had a regular old-fashionedague sweat
last night, felt quite weak but suffer no
pain, but rather could not recollect and left some
medicine. Eat a few dinners with good appetite,
but I have not been out in the evening.
Notice the boys all went to church.

MONDAY 21

This day has passed much as yesterday did.
As regards myself, rather the same.
Not well.
And I took at least three or four
sneezes just before night, which
squeezed the sinuses just before night, which
against.
My things with the nurse that I am still
and have not "go out." I told her that I was
not determined not to be sick.
Music of some
fighting in the river, my friend Judge McCubbin
is up then "on the scene book." He is
"on home" where there is fighting rebels then.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1861.

Col E. B. Baker was killed yesterday in the fight near Leesburgh. The Event has thrown a general gloom over the city especially at the "White House" where he was esteemed as an intimate friend. I saw Judge M. Both today in the office of the Vice President. The Judge came out of the fight at Bolivar in good health with the exception of the gases of a ball and his forehead. I did not see the sky today. My health is improving but cough some yet. The weather is damp and chilly. I have only been to the Post Office today.

WEDNESDAY 23

This has been another poor day. Some rain and mist and some sunshine. I have stood pretty close and have not been out. Had Sallie here for an hour or two and Dr. Smith (Rev.) called in the after noon. An Important battle is expected to "come off" like the River soon. The Union became to be a little brighter and the Union forces seem to be getting more into working order. The Potomac is now pretty well blanketed with battleships for some twenty miles.

THURSDAY 24

This has been a bright cool day with a breezy wind. The Event of the day has been the funeral of Col. Baker. There was a great display of Military and a long procession going to Milas. Mrs. Baker and all the family went. I walked down to the arc and saw the procession go from the "Tickwood House." I was an hour or so at the Post office and a letter from Lieut. Scoon dated at the Camp near Alexandria. No important news from the River down. It is closed by Hattin.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1861.

A cold, fine October day just right for outdoor business and Military parade. Went down to the Post Office and read the papers in Varnum's room. Called at the Secretary Office, sent in my card but did not see him. Went up to the President in the evening and later. May have gone home at that, or at any rate, I cannot afford to hire it seemed so. I saw it myself. The boys came in and split the kindling. This is our own crew's affair today. Heavy firing has been heard nearly all day. Practicing at the camps I presume. Sunday, December 2nd. Smith at the President's today. Introduced by Maj. Novr.

SATURDAY 26

A dark, cloudy day but no rain. Went down to the Post Office. Called at the Office of Fenwick & Lawrence, Pat. Act. Have spent most of the day at home reading the News & Work being slow I cannot afford to hire it seemed so. I saw it myself. The boys came in and split the kindling. This is our own crew's affair today. Heavy firing has been heard nearly all day. Practicing at the camps I presume. Sunday, December 2nd. Smith at the President's today. Introduced by Maj. Novr.

SUNDAY 27

This has been another as still Sunday. I have not been to church. I have rather too much of a cough left. I have written a number of letters, one to Gen. Porter, the Post Office, and one to Lieut. Swayne. Emerson Field called this evening he belongs to Co. A 5th Regt. of Regulars long rows of Army wagons continue to travel through the streets to remind us that a terrible war is raging.
Monday, October 28, 1861

I was at the Post Office awhile to decy grated the letter from Mr. McCollum, corner of the old 15th and 9th Street. His rooms are at the corner of 21st and 16th St. These rooms are not my 'private' as they are always crowded with office, I was at Home most of the day. Burt Banne sallied and took Alum with us. R. a letter from Bob C. Made letter to round up F. the Sketch & Sallie spent most of the evening with us. No particular events.

Tuesday 29

This has been a most delightful day. Have travelled a great deal about the City mostly on busines for other folks. Was at the Swett & Co. and Gen. McCollum. Seen the Gen. also. My old friend Hiram Kochman of WT. Haver to know. I was at the office of the Secretary of the Interior on my own busines. Was offered that I come in here an appointment this morning. The City is now full of strangers. Mostly I receive cordialities in some way with the Army.

Wednesday 30

Another delightful day. Have not been around much. Was at the Post Office awhile. Met my old friend Barrow. Had a very busy day. Have been trying my hands at soldering up holes in the door. Secured pretty well. Wife and Jule are at Mr. Middletons, our neighbors. Jule that last evening at Fort Eustis. I went over after her at 9 o'clock. Stayed over hour. News in the City seems to be rather scarce.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1861.

Fine weather again today was at the Post Office to learn but all not called upon the Secy. Have been at home most of the day today at our house sick Salie is with him and takes care of him. He has a bad cold upon any things now is threatened with pneumonia. My own health is quite restored the cough is gone not and is generally considered to be rather delicate.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The day has been rather cool and windy and it seems a little to night. I called at the Secy's to see how was to have patience. We did have a position soon. Went on to the Art and was at Willards and house. to see and to great many officers there. Think they had better be with their Rest. The city seems to be very full of present time seems to be no place for one Congreeman also. We will be here soon with nothing hear from the Army to day.

SATURDAY 2

This has been a rainy and windy day. It has rained incessantly until about 9 o'clock to night. The storm has it is feared has been severe on the Ocean and great fires are expected. The ladies of the great Naval Expedition with Capt. Leffler. The fleet sailed last Sunday. I have not been down in the City but been myself at home attending to the house making a bench to
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1861.

It has been clear and pleasant today. Yesterday Genl. Scott resigned the command of the Army of the U.S. and left the city for N.Y. in the early morning. He resigned the army on the 1st of Nov. and about 12:00 and considered an article in the view of vigorous prosecution of the war. His family was removed to being set down as gracefully as possible. Went to Church this morning with Mr. Lincoln to church in afternoon and brought home both Bessy and Lucy to see my last with them at church.

MONDAY 4

The E.S. Hospital in the Washington Infirmary was very crowded by fire last night. It contained over one hundred wounded soldiers, all were got out safely but Bessy and Lucy Called the morning home went out with them to different parts of the city. I walked over to Georgetown and back visited the Observatory, The White House, and the great Horse Depot of the U.S. Workmen are now completing the Aqueduct Bridge between Mt. Vernon. The theatre is very nice and pleasant. We live in the shade. The boys there all been to see the Court Hospital.

TUESDAY 5

This has been a pleasant day. There has been some excitement in consequence of the report that Genl. Rosecrans held in Kentucky and his campaign in Western Va. The news it is remarkably well received. There the "great fleet" has gone to Charleston, S.C. There was a grand review over the river to-day of 45,000 men. I went at the President this evening. Genl. Scott and Genl. Halleck were with the President, I called at McElroy's and also at the "National."
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1861.

A cool, cloudy, wintry day. It is now pretty well known that the great fleet方案 from Charleston, S.C. Much anxiety is felt to hear direct from it. No news to-day. I.C. Fremont is removed from the command of the Army. Mr. E. F. Hunt takes his place. The 60th N.Y. Regt. arrived and helped to Manassas just before dark. It appeared in first night condition. No news from Rosencrantz today. Capt. Meeks of the Anderson Guards calls last evening. He was well mounted and has command at the Bull Run Bridge. I was at the post office, while Justice has caught a severe cold.

THURSDAY 7

A fine pleasant day. I have not done much about the Office of the Secretary. Was told that I was certainly to be returned to Office but must have patience. Well, patience is well enough, but it will not pay for provisions and fuel, and I am consequently neither impatient nor keen for months inactivity has naturally reduced my finances to a low ebb. oak wood from the till, second fine from Co. 2, $22,00 the 7th. Two weeks in Shatam, a large trip with a fine band of players to-night, just arrived. P&. 104.

FRIDAY 8

A fine pleasant morning. Went down to Mrs. Douglas, laid in 2 bales, a room and his Brilliant staff with the two friends. Minor, his horses and gallus off to a Revenue stop with Mr. Sec. Office. He got a letter to the Provost Marshall, which secured one on the Petersburg Virginia. Went on board of the Alexandria. Left about one o'clock. On arrival at the 27th N.Y. Regt. about three miles (on the Frederick road) from Alexandria, arrived there about dark.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1861.

I was heartily welcomed by my dear friends of the R. F. and took up my quarters with my old friend Lieutenant W. S. Swan. Found the "boys" all in good condition and in fine spirits. Attended the Semi-Parade this morning. Rpts. are qualified sound in all directions. All the Scotch boys Band arrives in the 2nd Tent Night and accompanied some fine music in the evening. It has rained all this afternoon, but the tent is dry and the fire good.

SUNDAY 10

A bright fine morning, went out to the Sunday Inspection of the R. F. Saw all the officers afterward. Visited the 91st of the Iowa at the River Co. The men were all extremely glad to see me at the camp again. Captain Black held service near his tent about 10 O'clock and a real Methodist meeting in the evening for his tent with a bonfire in front. Made broke the test over to the fair. Saw my friend with Lieutenant Keney next day on the river. Had a very splendid view of the Combining Day Country. P. M. MHH.

MONDAY 11

A cloudy morning with a storm threatened, went rather cold but slept pretty well. Went outside and talked with my friends good-by and started for home with Lieutenant Good about one o'clock in a hack which took us to Alexandria then up to the boat for Washington got home about 3 O'clock. The boat stopped with us an short time, went at the right of the taking of the volunteers by our Expedition and fine work was done for the ladies who have been quite sick and still causes lary.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1861.

A delightful day. Went this morning with Lieut. Steed to the Paymaster Office, and from there to the U.S. Treasury, from thence I went to the Post Office where I had an interview with the Court. He requested me to call again on Thursday. The situation is a place. He talked favorable. No news from the fleet. We do not know that Charleston has been attacked. The fire works last night were part of a serenade to Genl. McDowell by Genl. Pleasants’ Brigade, which was a splendid affair.

WEDNESDAY 13

Another pleasant day. Went down to the War Dept. and Lieut. Steed to see the Assistant Genl. came back by the Post Office. Have been at home the rest of the day. Some special letters from the boys in their school books. Positive news from the fleet obtained. At last pay was received. All the Union forces moved on the other side of the Potomac. The camps extend back 5 or 10 miles from the River. Julia is in the letter

THURSDAY 14

A cloudy day. Came home to night. Lieut. Steed is still with us waiting for his furlough. I went to the Post Office and saw the Court, got a little satisfaction from him. Shall now look to the Seby for fulfillment of his promise. Have been at home most of the day. Julia is getting better slowly. all the rest of us are well. Letter from Mrs. Bovay and the news is generally favorable to our enemy.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1861.

A very wet and rainy day. Went down to Fort Meade, where Mr. P. is on furlough, and went from there to the Potomac and then home. Met Mr. W. and Mr. M. with letters from Captain Scott, 'Elders Black and others.' On the 5:30 clock train met Mr. W. and Mr. M. who said they were going home, and spent one hour in town. They are both in the 35th Regt. stationed in D.C.

SATURDAY 16

The coldest day yet, but no frost. A cold storm and the 11th Maine Regt. paraded through the city just arrived. Capt. Rogers of the 17th called the day, brought letter from Capt. Barnes, ending soon. The city was thrown into quite an excitement by the news of the arrest of Mr. A. and Miss Wells. They were taken from the English Mail Steamer from Cuba to England. I have been at home most of the day, have purchased some wood, and shoes for the boys, and attended to some chores in the forenoon. They take me to their studies at home very well.

SUNDAY 17

to-day pleasant day, did not go out to church. Wife and boys went. Uncle is still confined to the house, and as such a good deal yet. Took a long walk this evening, brought up at Willard Hotel, saw Mr. Tisdale there. Some Rochester Hotel boy fell ill in fact the city seems to have been coming over snow. When will the congressmen go with all the legislature? No room to speak of any importance.
Monday, November 18, 1861.

Cold, clear day but no frost. Went to General in the morning to pay my rent; got there an hour too early. Lodged in the Hotel (reading the Morning Paper) for Mr. Bangs, walked over and rode in the omnibus back bought a fire board for the parlor; here concluded to discard the old grate and have pot cups in wood stove, oakwood $1.00 per cord, pine $1.50, Hickory $1.25. All going to the Volunteer Aid of the Potomac. Lt. McGuigan called this evening.

Tuesday 19

A delightful day. Bright but cool. Called up to the White House this morning to see Maj. Math. did not find time. Walked into the East Room. To see the new carpet and papering. All very elegant. Called at Williams. Met Pvt. Harris of the P. I. Brigade. He was released from Richmond on his parole. Went to see Surgeon Barnes and M. Brown. Went to Wall Street to see Barnes and to McLean for Barnes. Made fire board for parlor and spent the evening at home reading.

Wednesday 20

Another fine day. Much as yesterday. The great event of the day is the Grand Review which took place at Balls Island some six or eight miles from the River. There 75,000 Men or eighty Regiments of Infantry, seven of Cavalry and twenty Battalions of Artillery or 120 guns. The President and most of the cabinet was with Genl. McCulloch - his staff was very brilliant. No news of any particular import.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1861.

Cloudy morning but settled a pleasant day. I have been engaged most of the day at home, heard the boys recite their lessons. Next to this we lost some old clothes for our Pastor's store and cut it down to fit.

Mrs. went to the President's and Martin's, and got two letters. She brought a strong letter from the President, the Secretary of the Interior to my favor. Shall present it tomorrow. May Matt act for me on the matter with the best.

FRIDAY 22

Saw the Secretary this morning and presented Mr. Lincoln's letter. He says he has received a letter from the Secretary in the Patent Office at present pending, but will be able to give me a (illegible) certificate in the Patent Office for the present. He encloses a receipt for $12.00 in paper. That is certainly much better than the business in this opulent city and I shall take it till I come as letter. But that office I can take correct patent.

SATURDAY 23

Rain last night and was a rainy morning but it cleared off about noon. I went to the land office today and was examined as the law directs for all clerks but it is my wish to be bonded. If it is ventures to keep an applicant out it is a very easy matter to do it. I go again on Monday to learn the nature of the report in my case. Perhaps I can to be bonded. As a Democrat does not the reality stand much chance for a place in that Department. "He shall see"
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1861.

This has been rather a cold Sunday with the first snow of the season this evening. We have seen no ice yet, and no very hard frost. Wife and all the children were out to church this morning. Myself and Jolene went this afternoon. Dad and Sally called and spent an hour or two this evening. The boys went to bed at 8 o'clock, Wife is writing to her Aunt Becca. We occupy the Burton evenings with easterly trade.

MONDAY 25

Coldest morning yet. Mr. Davis to 30°. Went to the post office and got my appointment from the Court. After going to a magistrate and taking the oath, in such cases prescribed by law, have been engaged in filling out certificate of large to purchase a farm in the Military line to day or in the papers to night. Fort Davis was over from the camp to-day with his wife. The return with him being quite enamored of camp life. Mr. Carter has been visiting all day and spending all the evening.

TUESDAY 26

In the office all day. Very pleasant. Wife and the two older boys went to the Review of the Regulars, a little East of this Capitol. By God McCallum Neen to day comes through Norfolk. It is a battle at Plunkett. Nothing definite known. I went down and spent an hour with that Sally. Cleared home and then went after Jolene at Mr. Harley's.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1861.

A seeing morning went to the office as usual. Snra. was very busy both writing all day. Got in the day Stationery to deep a New pocket knife and a gold pen with which I am writing now but I do not think much of the Pen. No further news from Pensacola. It is "Thanksgiving" tomorrow and the office is closed for the day. Turkey one very scarce this thanksgiving we shall have neither then "Thanksgiving" without one. I have spent the evening at home.

THURSDAY 28

A most as ever. A day with rain this evening. It being "Thanksgiving" I did not go to the office. Did some fishing round the house in the morning and then went to church with all the family. After church and after dinner went with the three boys to the "Monument" Pond. After acquired plants and fish for the Equineum. On our return met four Reeks of War hogs on their way out the Reserve. It is ready to eat. Meat Deep Troops have ordered.

FRIDAY 29

A very day and quite warm. No fire necessary for comfort. Have been hand of work in the office all day recording land Patent deeds. And it my time we have spent most of the evening at the Room with him and Sallie. The south looks favorable and in fact we are looking for favorable news from our force everywhere. Our troops are now beginning to be in earnest using evening.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1861.

This day the last of Autumn has passed off without any particular event happening. I was in the office all day recording Patent deeds, the were paid off to-day. My pay not being a very large amount having been in the office only for days and not got to these as I was yesterday. J. W. Gruening returned to-day from a visit home to Ontario County N.Y. He called upon me in my room this morning bought groceries. Marketing went down to fire on 16th St., got the papers at Shepherd's, called for books at Still's.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

This has been a fine cool day, no frost but a fresh wind. Wife and the boys went to church Julia went to the Episcopal Church with Mrs. Hartly. We went to Presbyterian Church. I have been in the house nearly all day reading. Went down town this evening was at the "National" an hour or two met several members of Congress, who are here ready for the House. Their will be a very important session, the most important perhaps that has been continued for half a century at least.

MONDAY 2

A fine cool day again. The great event has been the convening of Congress. A quorum was present and a great crowd was there. No particular news to-day. Young girl is making an effort to get the place of Judge in the House. Went down to the Court this evening, got Harpers Mag. Came Frank Boston Ricketts called at Beam's & Mitchel's. Came home by seven o'clock and stayed here.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1861.

This has been the coldest day of the season yet, all this morning stood at 24°. Have been in the office all day. No particular news off. Went down to the lot after dinner, but some party of "Burnes and Mitchell" 30 yrs. fatting room and 25 yrs. Stain Carpet. Wire went down and selected it. Called at Villardos, Seno, High, Hastings & Albany and some other gentlemen who I knew from W'y. came home about 7 o'clock. Read the President's Message which was delivered to Congress today. A long practical document.

WEDNESDAY 4

Mercury at 24 1/2 this morning. The air fine and breezing in the office as usual all day. Brought some wood and coal this morning, enough I think to last till "New Year." By that time I think the Potomac will be open to clear of ice. Some indications of a movement over the river according to the report of the Secretary of War. We have 6000 men now in the field. Mr. Seward says "we do not want any more men. The war is nearly over." Spent an hour with Mr. Williams at "Brown's".

THURSDAY 5

This has been a very pleasant day bright and not cold. The nerves of the old ladies have been greatly tried today by the constant firing across the river. It has been almost incessant. But it was all practice. I have been putting down carpet and quite weary. Our dinning room is now quite comfortable with a good coal stove. Lieutenant McFarlin calls this evening. Everything seems to be quiet. No news of any quarter of importance. To bed at 11 o'clock.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1861.

Pleasant day. Fine as could be. The city all alive with people. Men and women from morning till late at night. Ladies in the office all day. At night went down to the hotel. Called upon Judge Goode in the "Washington House" and the "National" Hotel and Mr. A. Garfield from Pensacola, great crowds at all the hotels. Only Hartley spent the evening with Julia. Her father came in from at 9 o'clock. No news of importance. Left for Washington till Monday.

SATURDAY 7

Another very delightful day. But it was a foggy morning. Busy in the office all day. There has been heavy shelling all day over the river. There has been one battle and they are only practicing at the fort. The force over the river is now said to be 20,000 men. There are many on this side probably not over 50,000. They keep coming all the time. I have not been out to see the fort to night. The boys go to bed at 8. The rest of us about 10. We got up about 7 or 8. Breakfast at 8.

SUNDAY 8

A warm, pleasant day. Too warm for an overcoat. Went to church all day with the family. Dot Smith preached in the morning. Mass died in the afternoon. Dot Smith attended the funeral of Mr. McHenry at the Calvary Church. Called on his wife and to Franklin square. Called on our return at Mr. Bartlet's. Arrived at Mr. Pook's in the evening. Left thence for the National and spent an hour with Hunkin of Palmyra and Mr. Overly of Detroit.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1861.

The day has been warm and soft as May morning dawned in the breeze. The Northern soldiers are highly delighted with this kind of winter - nothing ever like in the City. The Washington Army near the City keeps so quiet that one hardly realize that 250,000 soldiers are within a few miles.

Tuesday 10

This is a great deal of drooping with the guns at the forts. Some days it is a constant cannonade.

I did a little glazing tonight. Then called at Mr. Ferris and spent an hour in the room. Then called at Mr. Shaffer, owner of Shaffer's Hill. We met the Dufferinair - of Mr. Tennyson. Very intelligent men.

The weather too warm to stay for comfort. The sun was quite off the stage in the middle of the day. Nothing new has taken place. I am aware of worth mentioning.

Tuesday 11

I spent the evening at home. Only engagements called. And at 9, took a train over on to NY Lee for dinner. She being at Mr. Hildy's, Julia and Martha appear to be indispensable companions. Willie's quite unwell. He night complains of his head, all the family expect myself were up to the President to ask Bush but home. We saw a Water Lily for the Aquarum. There were Indians from the West at the President last night.

WEDNESDAY 11

Great cool and rainy this morning. Willie is quite smart today. The trouble with him was all owing to his stomach. Hearing rebels against the unconstitutional demands which he in his orancy made when it came of latter oil quelled the insurrection and all his internal operations returned to their accustomed quiet state. Nothing new to-day, went down to the Potomac.

Made some small purchases but some iron brackets for the Mahogany shelf, which is a leaf from a book of J. Melvin Washington. Went away from the abominable house by the following...
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1861.

A fine cool day but not freezing. No special event has happened. I know if I have been engaged in the office as usual. Tonight I put up our shelf in the corner hall for a hat shelf. I brought it from one of the camps over the river. Much of the furniture in the Washington home was destroyed by being a rebel. This leaf of a table was lost to the camps and presented to me. I went to meeting this evening. The Lincoln boys have been here twice today after our boys together.

FRIDAY 13

Another fine cool day just comfortable with a fire, was in the office all day. Bill Sparks called upon me and spent sometime. Mr. Davis and also a Mr. Elbridge to see from Williamsport to me. Also had a letter of introduction from Mr. Duff. He is here after office. Think he will have a hard road to travel. I have been out cook this evening and made a little tent for the kitchen. I have plenty of tools and like the exercise there is no particular there. No danger here still a half million of soldiers care keep. But they are all in the field.

SATURDAY, 14

Weather fine yet dry and not freezing. Nothing new of any great importance. I was in the office all day. One the halls in the Patent Office is used as a Military Hospital. About 150 soldiers from the Ordinance Reg. are stationed. Few dead came cannot eat to die. Bill Sparks the scribe came at our home and spent an hour at the this evening. I have spent the rest of the evening in reading a book. Started for the Rev. in church, I look in the wood house.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1861.

Pleasant weather today and the night was very brilliant with a full moon and clear atmosphere. The Military Band in camp were performing almost every night and at times accompanying most splendid music last night. They were serenading Cool Waters, the Captain of Videl & Mason. I did not go out to church. Family went both the Lincoln boys were here this afternoon looking over the pictures with Bud & Folly. They are evidently not kept on Sunday with proper strictness. They like to come here and feel quite "free and easy" with our boys.

MONDAY 16

Delightful day. Some excitement in the city at the news from England in relation to the arrest of Mason & Slidell. Some predicted a war with her but I do not. It is on giving her a dose of her own medicine. The Sec of Navy is also on our side, and he has always insisted upon the right of search for himself. Have spent the evening at home, making Willie a picture frame. Mary Hartley spent the evening here. Mr. A called about 8 for her. Chet & Sallie also called just a night visit on the Hall's.

TUESDAY 17

Most beautiful day. Came as near as May in the spring all day. Two hundred soldiers were carried out of the hospital. They say there is about one death for day there. Bright March and wife went to the President's house first of the season. Garfield & Eilhman & Long came there and we were frequently near him and had a good opportunity to observe him. He was the "bravest of all observers." Many other distinguished personalities there. The crowd was not too oppressive yet house of forty ten, took a cup of tea & came to bed at 11.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1861.

The weather continues delightful, but there are indications of rain. We have heard all day on the subject of rain in the autumn and the rebels going to Centreville. They are preparing to leave the city at any moment. The city is considerably agitated and the public opinion is divided. There is no news from California. There is some excitement in the public mind about the trains. I have been at home all the evening.

THURSDAY 19

Hearty morning but dark during the day. No particular news to day. I have been in the office as usual. The boys have been with the President. Much of the day. Mr. Lincoln's boys were here after them. They did not return till dark. I have made a wooden model of my Portable Door-keeper this morning. Professor called, and Mr. Blunt at the French Bank. She has spent the evening at Mr. Harley. I called there with the Professor. We sat and talked. I was anxious to know the contents of the dispatches sent from our Minister to Adams, with reference to the Mason and Slidell affair.

FRIDAY 20

Home and pleasant. No indications of rain. In the office as usual. News till night. A Union victory in Virginia. Other Union victories will soon follow. In the evening I called at the Chronicle office. The evening papers called at the Chronicle and the "Phil's" called over to the Clinton Hotel and were there before Howdy Danner, Ph.D. Then got the evening papers, called at Watertown Room on my return home with Hartley. Has spent the evening here. Mrs. A. called at 11:30 past 9 for her 10 o'clock dinner.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1861.

It is colder to-night and freezing some. The news from Missouri is discouraging. It now looks as though the Rebels would decline until little else there. Hard knocks everywhere, our troops have got up to the “fighting pitch” and have become too easy to be caught in any more traps. The Draft bag which was raised the other night on the River contained letters from many people here implicating some of them in reasonable practices, some have been arrested, and more of its activity will be. I have been at home all the evening with the boys, helping them cut the wood, while I admonished and tried to keep us from “hand to mouth.” It seems quite lice-independent.

SUNDAY 22

It is colder today but warmer to-night with a prospect of a long rain. I have not been out to church to-day, but stayed at home to keep up fires and toil. Having missed the N. Y. Draft, the other night on the River contained letters from many people here implicating some of them in reasonable practices, some have been arrested, and more of its activity will be. I have been at home all the evening with the boys, helping them cut the wood, while I admonished and tried to keep us from “hand to mouth.” It seems quite lice-independent.

MONDAY 23

Cold and wintry with some snow but not enough to remain on the ground. News from England looks quickly. England is seeking a pretext for engaging in the war on the side of the Rebels, but are likely to have our hands full. Our people are “fighting mad” with England whether the fight comes off now or not. Nothing new from the War. Gen. Scott has returned probably on some important business connected with the Matter with England. He came from Paris. I have been at home all the evening putting the boys through their work.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1861.

A fine cool day, just freezing everybody preparing for Christmas. Turkeys from $1.75 to $4.00 a piece. Another storm that often visits the town, it will be a general hubbub all over the city. The day will open with guns and fire crackers. The first of the shoulder stove one meets on the avenue at the hotels. The thin clouds almost concealed sight of the Army. Of at least a quarter of a million of men. Near this city remain very quiet. The long trains of Army wagons come and go不明 from that. There is something unusual going on. The boys stockings are stuffed with nuts, candy, fire crackers, etc. Went to church.

WEDNESDAY 25

This has been Christmas day, and a very pleasant day. Not cold enough to freeze, but the air clean and bracing. Have spent the day at home fixing up things and nice but go out till morning when I spent a couple of hours at the dome with Mr. Proctor, Mr. Wells, and Mr. Collins. It has been quite a noisy day about the house. Our three boys and the two Lincoln boys have been very busy giving off Christmas parties. Willie and Thomas Lincoln were to dinner at the White House. Julia has been practicing some with her violin.

THURSDAY 26

Another moderate day. Went to the office as usual about 11 a.m. Col. Joe Merrick from Lynn called with Ed. Dickinson. I went out to Bethesda and I went to the Capitol with the Col. General both Howard and Congress. The Col. came up to Dinner with us in the evening. He was taken quite ill with a chill in the head, hence is quite ill yet. We have spent the evening at home. Matty Walter has spent the evening with Julia. Mrs. McCartt called and spent an hour or two. Nothing New to day.
FRIDAY; DECEMBER 27, 1861.

Deeper colder to day. And windier this evening. Cold Weather has been in bed all day and complaints of his head. I am sure I think it originates from a bilious stomach. It may be congestion, a fire (ast night doing some yard stable and burned at some of the houses).

Genl Scott has come in at which from France will be here tomorrow. Nothing new from the army but our losses are now at the fighting pitch. They have made up their minds to the shelling operation, and that it is the 'plain' that sometimes shouldn't be cut.

SUNDAY 29

A mild cold day. All the family went to church but myself. I staid with the Colonel's wife in the room and we spent most of the day above in the family room. It has been quite a still day. Our soldiers in body have passed. And but little coming, and Prince blowing has been heard. I went out and built a fire evening called at Bishop's eat some fresh prunes in cream a little rice cake, a pickel, and another a cup of milk besides a eating a little brown pie. If my stomach don't rebel it should not treat it will be well for my part to night I do not after meal it so badly.
MONDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1861.

We have had no winter weather as yet. No snow at all to lay on the ground. It rained here last night and fine. Birds are drooping some across the river and ice may soon repeat similar times. I have been in the office as usual to day. Bod March is improving faster now as his doctor advises. I was out doors to day. I was on the boat this evening at Villards Brown's & the National Hotel. Nothing new in particular at almost any comer on the lake. The Mountain guard (Baldy) stands as still as immovable as the bronze statue on Lafayettel Square. Their business is (principally) to prevent a picket from doing anything.

TUESDAY 31

The old year goes out today bright and dry. I have been in the office nearly all day. The boys called about 7 in past two. I came home with them. Stopped and bought Bedee cards after dinner bought some Coal and went down to the art with Holly and bought him a suit of clothes and one overcoat for over plus $12.00 paid my fuel bill for Dec $900. Groceries bill paid Paul (H.M. Jr) went up to the President's this morning. The boys have a dance tomorrow to exhibit. The President to The in at the copy show. God W'shellen is sick in bed. A fight is expected over the river now anytime. The Army seems to be getting ready. The Banks in all the Cities and also the U.S. Treasing have suspended specie payments today. No particular excitement in the City to night but the A.C. & 6th are swimming with people and business was nccesso-bitch. Have been over to Mr. Hart's after Julia. The Band of the Regulars on Franklin Square are performing now since our Sydney Wright. You Miss called today, Col. is returning. The health of our family is now good.
January 1st 1862

MEMORANDA.

This has been a very pleasant day. The weather in the middle of the day, with an overcast one. Called in the morning when Rev. F. Smith was pastor and went from there up to the President's found an immense crowd there outside, could not get in on account of the crocket found. My Jersey City friend, Harniss Hyde, then the left and began our calls. On the left, Mr. Seccombe first called below four policemen at the door. Carded and below on the Reception at stairs. Mr. Seccombe's Lady's name announced at the lower door. Mr. Seccombe's rooms and services very cordial. Mr. Seccombe's seat of the Secretaries called next when Conway Walker, the Secretary. Then Secretary of War, Mr. Navy, and all the rest of the Cabinet. Then at Gen. McDowell's he was sick confined to his room. Gen. Bleeker and staff in the most brilliant uniforms. I have seen to away west the "governor" refreshment more furnished at all the houses of those who do call. The "aristocrats" generally comme. I called upon Gen. Halleck before I came home. Col. Mumick were nice able to go out with me to stay. There was a heavy cannonading heard last night and it was thought that there was certainly a "fight" over the river. It proved to be a wake up of a German Regiment for the New Year. It is said that they sent a cannoneer to fire the first gun and the "Low Boys of Europe" for the occasion. The "Rest of Lancers" presented a March to continue the day, in the City as at March. Through services about 9 1/2. Carried about eight with a small red flag to each 1000. Though, went down 7th street with Willie after his Magic samphire got home after dark. Willie & Fred. Lincoln were there to dinner and the boys. Mr. Hobart went home with them. The day has passed off pleasantly and peacefully all over the City.
MEMORANDA.

Jan 20, 1862

It has been cooler today but not freezing until night. High wind last night which changed before morning. In the office to-day nothing new stirring. The President tours here again to dinner with our boys who went home with them and went to return till near 9 o'clock. The boys have a show at the White House Magic Lanterns. The President was there too, in. They say they sent him a free ticket. He met Mr. Lincoln at the particular notice of our boys. They have a ride with the President on two or three occasions. They have the run of the White House. Col. Mirick and I went down to Willard's then dinner the first time he has been out. Some Goll and Doolittle, and some other notable lawyers, before 7 o'clock. Mr. Sary, called and spent an hour. The Col. and I took a little hot whiskey about 9 and the Col. retired. 11 o'clock. Now I am told two.

Friday, January 21.

Went to the office as usual. About 4:30 pm, went with Col. Mirick to the War Department on our business passed through the treasury to the White House. Went into the West Room, and about the House some at the War Department. We found a great crowd. Dispatches coming in and going out all the time. Officers with shoulder stack, with Bars, and some with Eagles and with stars wearing uniform. Many anxious ones waiting for an interview with the Secretary. Some sick looking soldiers waiting for their discharge. Began to be crowded out. The Col. had business getting the discharge of a soldier from Rose Napier. The officers were obliging until the application was satisfied. Col. Dickinson called and stood an hour.
MEMORANDA.

Saturday Jan 4 862

Nothing of particular has occurred to day. The morning was the coldest yet this winter. No frost but 23°, at 6 o'clock in the night with a little snow. The ground was nearly covered, it has been quite windy. Srnt S. soon called, just before dark and stayed about an hour. Col Monck came out again and saw us and went to him. I went with Scene and the "Wallace" Punter. Mrs. Hamilton was there, waiting for him.

Col. Dunlott of the 25th was also there on his return from home after a severe fit of sickness. Invited him to the house. Searcy called with me. The hotel was quite full. Saw some officers of the "Brickyard" Regt. who were in the Deerfield Light. The last I saw gave quite a graphic description of how brilliant it was. The Burnside Expedition is now about ready to leave Annapolis. O'Neal the public is on the ground to know its destination. Much is expected from it. I came home, went to market. After that called down to Mrs. Austin's for Julia who had been spending the morning there. In bed at 11 o'clock.

Sunday Jan 5th

The coldest morning yet. No. down to 14°. The cold is getting homeside says he must take the cars in the morning. I did not go out to any forestry. All went to Church. I staid at home with Col. It snowed some the night. The cars got at 6 o'clock. The Col wishes me to go to the cars with him. Not a very pleasant perambulation. The snow before daylight but a carriage would be too expensive for the Col. He has been in bed sick ten days and we have done the best we could by him.
get up this Morning before 5 o'clock and went down to the "National" with Col. Merrick got there too late for the Omnibus and he had to take a Hack to get there in time for the cars. Mr. Goodrich calls at the House and at my Office to day. He has recently been promoted. Bunge is now Assistant of the 27th. 2nd Regt. 1st Stonewall. The officers all seem to have the idea that there is to be a Move forward soon. There has been an Ominous Stillness and inactivity in the Army for some time. The enormous preparations on all sides of the rebellion States are about ready and complete. Winter Quarters are not thought of and the trains will soon fall fast and be seen before the Head of the Rebels. I think that Gen. Beauregard will open the Ball within a week.

To-night Willie & I had quite a job getting in blood and Cook the other boys were up to the President. Willie thought he had earned a "Call" which I blame him. The boys are not still after dinner. They dined with the President and family, Mr. & Mrs. Lincoln and their two boys. Their "polo boy" dined with us about every day during the holiday. Willie goes three sometimes. Col. Merrick thought it quite a vanity to dine with the President. Boys are everywhere, they are few nice well behaved lads, and we can make our legs over them and let them have the "run of the town." with our boys in all this. Who?
MEMORANDA.

Wednesday, May 7th, 1862

I should like to say that the snow mostly off, it was only about 3 inches deep. Took my best black coat to the tailor to get it converted.

Last night the boys at night, "Buck" & "Johnny" went.

We came with the Lincoln boys all the evening and had a nice time.

Ed Dickinson was here and spent an hour or two. He stays in the City most of the time.

I went down to Willard's great except mostly strangers called at Charles's home on my return. Petal 11th.

Wednesday, May 8th, 1862

Anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans. The Battle is expected there soon. No particular news to day.

Our boys were at Mr. McCullum's house to day with the Lincoln boys. The girl was out riding his horse in Quayle's. There is a good deal of alarm in the city on account of the simultaneous of the Somerville. There are cases of it in almost every street in the city. There are said to be over 100 cases in private families. The City authorities here are said to have taken these steps if it in any official way, the one getting vaccinated again.

Spent the evening at home hearing the boys recite their stories. The Mercury was down to 74 this morning, but it was used in the middle of the day and to night it rains. It is 9 o'clock.

The boys have gone to bed. Julia is over to Mr. Hatchet. I must go after her, for our family room has a good coal stove and the fire does not go out all night. It is always warm and comfortable, and I am writing in the cooking stove, oh, at 4:15 o'clock. Kind coal at 10 cts per cord. Hard coal at 15 cts. Next to Mr. Hatchet's parson. Mr. Greenleaf was there.
Thursday Jan'y 9th 1862

MEMORANDA.

In the Office as usual, it seemed most of last night warm to me any ways. I got up at home. The boys read, wrote, spell & cipher. Mr. Bell got a big in the paper this day. There is a good deal of sickness in the City, and many deaths at the Military Hospitals daily. Cuba was vaccinated today. The President is expected to day by Dr. Gibbons, his friend. The small pox is very prevalent. No clear news to day. Everything quiet. Douglas seems to be doing best little. The Republican Party is split between the Abolitionists and the Conservators. The latter support the means of Mr. Lincoln, which is to save the Union, crush the rebellion, and let slavery take care of itself. The Douglas Democrat support Mr. Lincoln, policy also. He has in fact the strength of the country with him.

Friday Jan'y 11th 1862

This has been a warm and foggy day. City streets very muddy. Nothing here in the city worthy of notice. The Buena Vista Expedition has left After six for Olx Point, its destination not yet publically known. But it is expected that it will go up some of the Rivers into Virginia. Success attention the gallant General Buena Vista. You name acquainted with time when he first came on with the foot Rts. Right on some last. I have been in the office all day. Writing County land Patent Deeds. That is my business. Most of the time in the secret office. Have not the evening at home, always find something to do, about the house, or for the boys, if I am not reading or writing letters or something else. Fruits quite convenable to Right from a bad cold she is taking hot tea & fresh made persimmon. Hope it is nothing worse than a cold.
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| Saturday, Jan 11 1862 | Warm pleasant day, with Madden and others. The public mind is now on “tip toe” to hear news in reference to the two great expeditions, General Burnside’s which left Port Royal yesterday, and General Grant’s iron clad Gran Fleet expedition which left Cape Hatteras the same day for the south. It is thought that these convulsing blows will fall with crushing force when they strike. We understand that over 70,000 men were with General Grant, and some 40,000 with General Burnside, both armies being prepared for perfection. No particular news from the city. War news very little to report on the 1st by herring coming in contact with a Confederate gunboat, it was a Orisa Scow. The young Lincoln men had to turn our three bags sent home with them, and at 6 o’clock took ours into the room with the president and his family, but I sent a servant to call them while they were at play. They went up, and they have been to dinner at home, and again the best saying “The President says you must come, with your bags, they get home about 7.” The boys are having a fine time at the White House. The President is constantly out with a high stone Buell stone canons. They have built a cabin there which they call the "Ship of State," or a cotton Jack, they have a high flag and erect all strange flags, one the River and across on the Virginia shore. They say that Mr. Lincoln and the Cabinet are all off. But they send the "Ship of State." I cannot come to the R.C. yet. My paper calls, when what Sally, get home about 8. And we get to bed till 1, arising a little.
January 19th, 1862

Cash Account - February

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A warm, pleasant day. Julia is our 'heated' one and went out to church.
Chaplain Booth of NY. preached all day. He is a Methodist, going to Lincoln's (1865) coronation.
Hirnning came next to Sunday School and to church with our boys.
I was down to the Hotel this evening to see Fred tickets at the National. He informs
me that the 'Repairer' steam schooner left her anchorage at Alexandria yesterday. She safely
sails the blockade of the Potomac. The Nightingale (1864) and the crew all went. Only ten or
were aboard at first or in the direction of the Chase. The Chase has not left to-night, but it is expected
that she will be an eventful week in the history
of the War. It is thought that at least 400000
Union soldiers will "move" this week, and that
will leave a quarter of a million more stationary.
To check immense proportions like this, there must
such a demonstration of power. No one in the last
age of the world has never seen. The penury of affairs
of the country are just now in a critical state.
Recession in the flour at a discount of from two to four
percent, and gold at a premium of 4 cent.
all point in an accentuating the action of Congress
in their present legislation, not to authorize another issue. The Mariner is a legal tender. It is said that the French of the
first are now near two million in value. If the
men carry a year more, we shall be a thousand
millions in debt, best able to nothing compared
the value of the Union and the integrity and
preservation of the Constitution inviolate.
Monday June 13th 1862

CASH ACCOUNT—MARCH.

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To Wright at 25. Have been in the office all day
mixed up and then come to camp in the same office
a Brother of Geo B. Brenton the Louisville Journal, is at the
next desk to mine. Mr. Redgoote and Mr. Dismal are also in the same
room. The room left contains
Mr. Soult, Mr. Dismal, Mr. George A. Risen, Mr. Moore.
Mr. Groome of Upjohn City, Mr. Barnes of Detroit, and
Mr. Freehold of California. It is said to-night that
Mr. Camp on the 25th has resigned. When it is over I called at Mr. Redgoote this evening. They have a very
long boy have been at home the rest of the time.
It is my Birthday day to-day fifty two years old.
What a rough, smooth, sorrowful pleasant, and worn
father, was here to-day for forty years part such life.
I been my years extremely well being perfectly healthy and
quite active and ploy and work with as quick as I
and easy and can stand time by time for a Mem of 45 years.
My eyes are bright and healthy and
My heart. (thanks to my Horse) I have much gray
Hair. Am living very quietly this winter. I'll Write about the
Three boys, Mr. Samson, about 15, rather pale and languid
but very silent, pretty good scholar, Halsey, 12, all Motion
and Activity. Never idle. Impatient of constraint, quick to learn
when he tries. Impatience, all "go ahead." Willie, a dark
hair, has ceased to be a slow learner. Ambition to know everything,
always asking questions, always busy never sitting still.
Like that. "No. He's much more like the disposition.
Judging in March is willing to take things as they come
rather inactive somewhat indolent in her habits, but
Growing fast, quite handsome, quick tempered, naturally
but since heartless and grown less short quite well.
Does not like study much, reads rather. Most of the time,
January 14th 1862

Cash Account — April.

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This has been a most trying day. The ground was covered with snow, our elements chilly. We sent a messenger to General Meigs, The Secretary of War, to advise him to resign. He had assigned Edward D. Stanton, his plan. Extensive he was, voluntary. The Rebel States. But in reality, the outside presents forced it upon him. He was compelled to resign.

Other changes in the Cabinet, one expected, and talked of. Nothing new stirring. But News reports of great moment from the North and South.

The day has passed with me as usual in the office. I have spent the evening at home, keeping as comfortable as I could. Ed. Dickinson has spent an hour or two here, a great talker and interesting.

He came from the Court of the 35th Post yesterday. Nothing new over the River. "All quiet and comfortable."

Wednesday evening

Nothing new in the city or from the army. More Cabinet changes talked of, and I think today.

Julia had a letter from Mr. S. Barnes of the 2nd, but she has been staying in Charleston with the boys. She is also had a letter from Mrs. Wm. S. Jones.

It has been a colorless, unpleasant day, marching with the main, right, with a strong wind holding all day. The ground is covered with snow, tonight it thaws and the snow falls on the ground. Sand "rubber" can absorb necessity. Which the poor soldiers are it is hard to tell what kind of weather. There is an immense amount of sickness in the city. More among citizens. Small pox and typhoid fever are both prevailing to a great extent. The mortality in the military hospital is great. Forty or fifty in any one carried off in their long, sorrow, and management. I fear there.
Thursday, June 16th

Street, took ice this morning, and all the
boys out skating before breakfast.

In the room to-day, two men appeared, one
of them florists, in blue, and holding a mighty lot of
flowers, who keeps the whole country laughing.

Next door, their evening to be a fire bomb ascent and
burn on the ground south of the President House. It is
designed to set fire to buildings opposite. I heard from a man
The Sutler's boy, over here, to arrive, and brought a request
from them. Mother that our boy "Bud" and "Holly" would
go home and sleep with their town last night. As they are there.

Was Mother also for the coming to a Sinn
and it is almost certain that there will be an attack
from. Riddle Colman is again in the scuffle after his
illness, and expedition is on its way to hear from the
Brandywine Expedition. Grants, down on the Mississippi,
called upon Judge Mason to-day, who then called on Buffalo
at Willard, a perfect journey there to-night.

Friday, 17th

Notting down to any degree moderate rain the comings
and goings all alike. Very limited everywhere. If the slave trade
or particular their聂's. The financial affairs of the
Nation is a little better. The 150,000 war debt has been paid, but
the case of Congress which is in a crisis, whose actual business can
be made as it is in the intent line.

G. D. Reeler, was writing in our room one hour or two
hours, he is quite a clever-looking man.

Went out to the Sutler's and got him a pair of shoes.

He spent the evening at home "Holly" has had a cold.

The bust of me is pretty good busts, but all leaving the
smoke. J. Sutler has been re-vaccinated the rest of us will be.
Cash Account—June 1862

Saturday, January 18th, 1862

Weather still soft, and the evening very mild. For the first time in Washington I tallied cleaning off the streets on the street, and laying the papers into the streets of Brooklyn. The Greek fire dam! inventing called upon me today, the Warner boy coming long ago, expect him to go to church with us tomorrow.

Had quite a lengthy conversation with John Reuter in the Office to-day. He questions a great deal, listens attentively to all that is said, but rarely expresses an opinion in conversation. In particular knows the City, did not go on to the or 12 to-night, sits at home. "Bob" came from the President at about 7 o'clock. Young Bob Lincoln has just got home from Cambridge to spend the vacation.

Saturday, January 19th, 1862

A rainy day but fine in the afternoon. Dwight Missionary from Constantine. He visited within the "House." Mrs. Hirt will not come with an account of the rain. Presume, it is very rainy. This evening, the President's house has been here all the evening. I have just been home with her to 7:30. She is a very nice and rather sentiment. The President leaving Washington might soon, but she is just the acquaintance.

The City has been very quiet today, but the drums are beating this evening. Last seen at this time when explaining our attack upon the City and the public mind that people agitated. The headline from of Washington was just showing its head. More than imagine that the civil war then threatened. Could possibly attain anything like its present proportions,
Monday January 20th 1862

CASH ACCOUNT—JULY.

Constant Motion since the streets are a complete hell of Mortar, three or four inches deep, over the road every where. Two or three inches over the sidewalks. News of a victory today at Vicksburg.

News of a victory today at Vicksburg. The battle is over. The Federals will get more men.

My citizens are under alarm now on account of the precedent of the loyal press in the city. It is in fast all over the city. Between my home and the patent office Union and 9th street which I travel every day they are being used. The small par ambulance with the yellow flag carrying sick patients is seen every day in the street. It is generally given a wide berth. Called with wife this evening at Mr. Reeds and at Mr. Bean's. Wife got a letter to-day from Mr. Broomer who was quite gratifying with his description of Will Broomer at Midshipmen at the Naval School at Newport.

Tuesday Feb 21st 1862

Weather continues soft and unpleasant a light rain nearly all day. Battle in Kentucky and death of Thaddeus confirmed. "Deadle" must grow to be too sure of being kind. Never, our wool is more disciplined and more in earnest in the office a usual. Went down to the Natural History Museum and spent an hour in the "fine room." Lunch at Mr. Smith's.

Mr. Scott, the Engineer of Buffalo. Maj. Bishop from over the river. The "Eldorado" left. Came home about 10 o'clock. Maj. Hurd said there is to be an audience from people and waiting for it with a great deal of excitement. Our armies are in very condition. Even eager for a "fight."
Wednesday Jan'y 30th 1862

Cash Account—August.

Nothing new today. Secured two tickets of stock to the Smith.

"Great fire Bond." went South of the Parkeet House.

It was not expected to be quite a success.

The streets and corners are more than I have ever seen them before in this city. Called at

Mr. Hartley's for dinner. On my return from

the Print, stayed there an hour. On reaching home

the former Ed. Dickerson, who spent an hour

or two here. He made a fine present of a Bill of

free apples to buy sent up by a carman. They

were very acceptable. Gave my regards to quantity "Baldwins."

Thursday 31st 1862.

In the office as usual. No word today and a

little colder, but does not freeze. Jo Wrents

was in town in our own today, quite social. He

thinks Schaff is the fighting at "Somerset"

whether he gets the credit, it is still, and I think

ditto. I must call upon him Schaff tomorrow.

A Senatorial Committee visited the room of the Land

Office today, in company with the Cont.

There spent the evening at home. Put a time in

judging room, gave a look for must box and put

d a look on acelebration door, for the better preservation

of the barrel of apples. They will undoubtedly settle

better. Under lock and key until three days about

the house. To-day, am moving about in the house.

since Expectations are now on the Quire in all

directions. As "Success" is getting its "tight plug" a
great deal is expected of the force. Now in the

fifteen the middle to come, once. I think that

a great deal will be done toward quelling

this infernal rebellion.
Friday, January 24th, 1862

CASH ACCOUNT—SEPTEMBER

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To Night the wind blows from the North bringing snow and sleet. It is a terrible bad Night out.

And I cannot but think of the hundreds of poor soldiers on duty who have to stand and take it.

Our particular view today is in the city. General Geary is either going to advance from or not advance the rebels before that he is. I am unable to think that he is. It is his policy to hold still at present by doing he holds the three of the rebel forces at Maryland who are daily getting more and more in a desperate and at the same time is giving them hard blows in every direction. And cutting off their communication with the west and south. The roads are in such a condition now that a "Movement" is simply impossible.

Friday, January 25th, 1862

Weather more favorable to stay a cool fine air, but plenty of wind in the streets. No news worth mentioning.

The news papers are dull for want of some new situation got out of their one location. Mothers & Rocker to stay love seats are the best I can offer for my part.

Went to Market and to town for provisions. Stayed at home the rest of the evening.

Sunday, 26th

Rather pleasant today went out to church in the Morning with Julia & the Rev. Mr. Went in the afternoon. Met Ed. Dickinson & took him to church. The two Lincoln boys were here after our boy to go up there to see their new piano. Our boys could not go on Sunday. Ed. D. came home with wife and stayed to tea. Mr. VanMeter & Lady & Mr. Alexander Williams of Lyon. Came in and stayed a couple of hours. They are down at Bowman Hotel.
Monday January 27th 1862

Cash Account—October

Date

Received

Pays

A pleasant day, a good one. There has been no news from Washington. I have been in the city all day inclined toward Washington. Mr. Williams, Mr. Van Minteren, Mr. Dows, Mr. Colton visited the President with my wife and the President and the White House.

In the evening myself and ladies spent the evening in their (or with them) in the Washington room. Mr. Van Minteren there also. There and Mr. Colton. The President from Cairo. The get to about 10 o'clock. It was pretty chilly. The night was chilly and cold. The Big he has been at the President's today. Riding the big. Some of the sympathetic with the selection.

Wednesday, 28th

Raining today. The streets again in a bad condition. Mr. Furnish and Lady Miss Lucy Mumford, Mr. Furnish's sister, and Mr. Todd spent the evening here. Mr. Van Minteren, Lady Miss Williams and Ed. Dickinson called in a carriage. So I decided to go with them to the President's. Staff to get ready while the ladies waited in the house, and wait.

There is no particular occurrence in the help to-night. Everything seems to move along as usual. Col. Bermow has at last been heard from at Havre's Inlet. One vessel and crew lost in the storm last week. Three times also lost. Col. Allen, a seaport, and Mate.
February 29th 1862

CASH ACCOUNT—NOVEMBER.

Received of the day'd and the streets in a bad condition again. Nothing new today. This evening Mrs. A. B. Williams Mrs. Van Winkle and David Griffith came up and talked with us and spent the evening leaving about 10 o'clock. Abel and Sally were also here. We all had a very pleasant time of it.

"Buck" has neither a black cough has not been out today. Polly after getting her luncheon went to the "White House" with the Lincoln boys who were often ours.

Thursday, 30th

a very angry day. The Lyons friends left for home. This evening the boys have spent in the house and attended to their chores better than usual."

Friday, 31st

a cloudy, damp day. in the office as usual. Enjoyed the post office draughtsman to make drawings for my door tax form. I shall make application for a post West creek someone at home this evening expect going to Mr. Hardie's for Julia at 9 o'clock. I have been writing the specifications for my patent.

The boys are all happy in the promise of more books tomorrow I have some Bills to pay. ought to have some money to pay for. Don't know when I will see the end of my writing of a book. No demands this winter to write it.

We are all content this winter.

Indications of snow tonight which means more snow of that more disagreeable nature.
Saturday January 1st 1862

Cash Account, December

Nothing of any particular note has occurred to day. The ground was covered with snow this morning, but it has snowed all day. Went down after dinner and with the three boys and got them all new boots with which they were highly pleased. Paid $4.25 to Milt, got "Rud" also a pair boots $2.50, paid the Baker $4.25. Milkman 14c, got my breakfast to eat. I'll quit in my application in two of three days. Have not been out since dark. Have been reading the paper, writing. Wife is a letter from her Uncle Sallie and Mr. Red. It is now 9 p.m. The boys went to bed at 8. Wife, long: reading an article, evenings. India is writing a poem, now a newspaper. Ane and I am going to bed.

Sunday 2nd

Froze a little last night but has thawed in the sun all day. Went out to church with wife and boys. Colonel Booth of the 5th U.S. Cavalry Brigade preached. A pretty smart fellow. There were quite a number in the church. Made a disturbance by giving an extra discourse. The was hustled out by one of the Deacons. Ed. Dickinson came up and shout for help or two this evening. The trees are in such an awful condition that it's movement or or "fudge" would seem to be simply impossible. Hills and Deep forests in the county are in most cases deserted with. There is a great deal of lodging in the city but we hear of about the small pox. Them are a month ago our family is in very good health.
**JANUARY BILLS PAYABLE.**

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Monacoey Feb 3rd 1862

No particular news to-day. The streets are in a useful condition but the houses are anxious to gain a heavy-kept, the streets is tolerable condition for footmen. The hundreds of Army officers which are constantly bringing keep the roads very much well stoves up.

Tuesday 4th

Colder but not much frost. Mr. stands 76° tonight. I got a letter from recent, he is now on a road. I got a letter from Brother C. R. Matt Hettie has been sending the Chronicle. The regiment in the City now about the small for. 1. The people have got used to it. I have been examined but without any effect, nothing and camps to-day. Nothing new in the papers today. Indications in the U.S. Senate that Mr. Bright will take office.

Wednesday 5th

RECEIVABLE.

This has been a bright and pleasant day. The frost in a long time all this morning stood at 20°. The snow has mostly thinned off in the streets. M. Bunting went home yesterday. Mr. Bright was expelled from the U.S. Senate to-day by a vote of 32 to 14, a dear sort of a disgrace for loyalty. No news to-day, but heavy effect from the "Beaver Island Expedition" and also from the West.

Thursday 6th

No news yet, all quiet, moisture, dry from all gone previously. In the blue heaven. Went down this evening and got the daily papers. Talked to some of the boys. Nothing some letters from Uncle John. Some been reading all the evening. Made some jokes about the hill. Some orange shells into the coal store. If I need that they will clear the store. I think we will see.
FEBRUARY BILLS PAYABLE.

Friday Oct 1st 1862

FEARLY BILLS PAYABLE.

Date. Name of the Captains of the Rising Fort Henry on the Tennessee River by Colonel... and two gunboats. The news excited quite a sensation in the city, as the) are unimportant points in the city. The weather was damp, chilly and the roads or crossings were wet. When the roads were wet or one at least) I continued to go over the River until past the Camp. With my family it will be a new thing for the boys to visit the Fort. I spent the evening at a party at... and had a grand evening... a letter was received and sent home till 1st Oct.

Saturday & 8th

Nothing new at all today except a letter bringing word of some Rebel soldiers and sixteen prisoners taken and brought in last night. I have not been out and have not been on the road for some time but Kent.

Sunday 9th

Have been out to Church all day with all the family but Billy he has a very bad cold. The air has been cold and I am expecting to stay and the sun has shown nearly all day. The sight of the sun again has been very quite pleasing. At Dick's the Donkin called this afternoon while we were at Church. We went there until he returned. Much talk about the storms that accompanied all of us yesterday for the first time we tried the "Seasoned Bread" baked in Baltimore. It is certainly a great improvement in the bread made. It is sure to be made here the one time custom for the "New Kind of Bread"
MARCH BILLS PAYABLE.

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Monday Feb. 10th 1862

Frank Chatstone was arrested yesterday for

reason and sent to Fort Lafayette. News through

Norfolk that a battle was going on at Roanoke Island.

Will Bermuda hearing attacked? No. Particulars now

from The West. It has been a beautiful sight. Way

sherry this morning stood at 20°. Lieut. Flora from the 29th

came over twenty and is stopping with us to night.

Wednesday 11th

clovy to day and snow towards evening.

Despatch 28 today by the War Dept. That Bermuda has the

Roanoke Island with many prisoners. Perhaps

perhaps tomorrow. Went up to the 28th Depot to day.

and then up the Ave to Willard's Hotel quite a circus.

There are great many Army Officers. The St. Louis the Oregon

these stationed all along the Ave not in the correspondent of the

London Times. Russell says to prevent arriving of the people that

to prevent first hiring. and to keep order in the street.

RECEIVABLE.

Wednesday 12th

Great excitement in the city today at the news of

of the Battle of Roanoke Island and particular news of it.

but it must have been a desperate fight. Death is

now occurring sitting but heavy knocks. many more are in

reported for now Norfolk still have he taken. It is reported

that the boys called when Mr. McClellan to day the Enlow was out.

Willie send the he could hardly help from screaming but not

are the street is even so edged at the river goes.

I wrote to Edw. Clarke to day in reference to the apple which

he sent me. i have not been out tonight. William has

e had cold. have made him a little way to night. Edward

"Emory. minds." the need, turns on or post in the box one side

the head is in a crew face the other in the other face. Edw. in the

gone all the. This has been a delightful day.
Thursday Oct 13th 1862

APRIL BILLS PAYABLE:

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Notices. Left many queues of fighting. But I have been in the office. Am there every day filling out patents. or Deeds & recording them.

Judge side. My brother and two of the Aid Mediators have tonight. I have been down to the National.

Called at Chalk on my return from the Ob. My brother called for that city. Part of Millet caught a sore cold. Band & Holy went to the Capitol today.

Friday Oct 14th

Nothing of note has occurred to day in the city.

Orders are made of engagements. almost every day and many others might be made without difficulty.

The news are getting better and waiting news is.

Eliot is all the time from almost every front of the country. Went down one to the Art. This evening.

Holy went with me to see at Willards and the National" lost in the "papery house at 8 o'clock.

The North side of the street is covered by Broadway Cody.

Saturday Oct 15th

The City is quite alive with settlement today.

Captain of Fort Donelson with 1800 prisoners. It is not yet confirmed the call these Friday. Good news also from Earl Sanden. He has made an important enlistment of 200. All from St. Louis near Winchester Tennessee.

Capt. White of the 27th came over from Coamps to day since gone as he will be returned. This evening. Union Stock has raised extraordinary amount in the South. The news have been somewhat stirring directly to fight once more. At the Union. The 11th at home. All news as usual.
Sunday, May bills payable, Feb. 16, 1862

Date

Name

Collars and cuffs, 100. Lost by the

Out to church with family. Experienced

Adams' Field came in from his quarters

could not get to church with us. Dot Smith was

The air in the church abominable. No ventilation.

No further news from Fort Donelson yet.

Monday, 17th

After a day or two of great anxiety, we have to-day

Of complete confirmation of the reports on return to the

great victory at Fort Donelson. 15,000 prisoners, 4 cannon.

Or are immense quantity of military stores. I must

have been a most desperate fight. The here no particulars

to be learned on but it is reported the 15th Rebels lost 1000

killed and wounded. It is also reported that Savannah

was taken. The streets here were filled with ice thickening

This afternoon it has received snow going off fast.

Called at our captain's house. Formed to-night with my wife.

Wednesday, 18th

Nothing new to-day. Efforts are being made to celebrate the 12th. I was down in the Ad

and in the McClure Valley. Ed Dick was up and spent the

afternoon. Capt. Barnes and lady came over from Camp and

called upon us. I spent the evening at home.

Wednesday, 19th

Rain all day, roads and camps are in a horrible

condition. The men look favorable for further victories.

To be heard of before long. The whole country is jubilant

over the past. There not been out to-night. After dinner

I cleaned out the Cognac set. and put in the studio. The

set has been borrowed in the town. All winter, have

not seen him before in three months. He is very active.

Got a picture of the Newboy and have read all the evening.
Thursday Fe 20 1862

JUNE BILLS PAYABLE.

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This has been a bright, pleasant day, quite a rarity for a month past. Have not particular news in the paper. Have been down onto the 4th this evening. Called upon Mr. Davis M.E. who is sick at his room. On 4th Act bought some flags and two paper hats for the celebration of 4th. I must make arrangements to borrow to illuminate on Saturday night. We hear to night with much sorrow that our little friend Willie Lincoln died at 5 p.m. He had been sick for near three weeks with typhoid fever. Nadie has been to see him or to inquire about him almost every day. He and his mother were there yesterday about noon. Willie was then thought to be better. He was an amiable good hearted boy, was left with our boys almost every day. Our boys were there. And I much attached to him. "Tom" his brother had more judgment and foresight than any boy of his age. That I have ever known. From Willie and all lament.

Friday Fe 21

RECEIVABLE.

It has been pleasant to-day, it was frozen this morning. Have been in the office as usual. Willie took short part of the coffee with me at the table while his Mother went to the President. The illumination will not take place to-morrow night in consequence of the President's affliction. The news from Lebanon is favorable for our cause. New Madrid is probably in our position. Have not been out tonight. Julia interested in for an hour reciting from different authors. She quite surprised me with the correctness of her reading "rendering" Shakespeare's Battle piece. "A Bell" H. She recites whole pages from memory. "Bergen on the Rhine" was finely done also "Our Flag" near 11 o'clock. Julia and the boys were asleep long ago. Have been stuffing some Wife is yoking. Cough drops in the Kitchen.
Saturday, Feb. 22, 1862

JULY BILLS PAYABLE.

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This has been kept as a holiday in the city. The public offices have all been closed. Select men have been sent to the Capitol to see the scene. The Hall of the House of Representatives was more than crowded. They adjourned the Senate, the flags which have been taken would be raised. The Congress. It seems to be hurried in the programme, but after organizing the House, very promptly adjourned by the President, to recess them a few minutes, to recognize them. A man in grey, Clerk of the Senate, read Washington's second address. It was adjourned by the Chaplain Rev. Mr. Stockton. The flag was floated by the two Houses. The Diplomatic corps, the High Officers of the Army and Navy, and others notables. I counted forty-two Generals and Commanders on the floor. The Cabinet, was then. The President was not there. The illumination of the public buildings are not taken. Few stores, few stores, buildings, were illuminated. More born this evening.

RECEIVABLE.

I went down to the Ave.

Secretary 23-

This has been a rainy day. I have not been to the White House. I came out from his study, went out with my wife & the boys. Rev. Socie called in the evening, and stood at the door. I went down to the National, and called upon Mr. Sedge of Old, called upon Chas. on my return. Home at 9 o'clock.

Monday, Feb. 24, 1862

The public offices have been closed again today. In consequence of the sound of Washington's second address, not many hundreds went to the House, but a small number were admitted. The general feeling only was invited to attend, myself and "Uncle." We went and walked to the Cemetery. Went to the Cemetery, at Secaucum. "Old Hill." The other boy is quite low. I have not seen him for a few days. To-day am at the Alligator, sent by Col. Minor. The green apples had been frozen a few degrees.
AUGUST BILLS PAYABLE.

Nothing in particular

But it has been a clear dry day with a bright sun.

Yesterday, the rains did much damage blowing up

crops and winning the Battlefield. I went over with the boys after dinner to see it. Toddy

called on my return at Franklin Square to see the

Grand Parade of the "Regulars" part of the 3rd and 10th Regts. I was not there for

Joseph was at Franklin Square. Mr. M told me that the boys

had gone to parts unknown near the River. There is a

good deal of excitement in the City in consequence

of the reports. Adenmore. There has been some skirmishing

among the Rebels, to-day.

RECEIVABLE.

Mr. Daniel Smith, with his

son Edward from Debuique, called on me at the Office

to-day and asked me a letter from the Secretary of Intorduction. He left

this afternoon for home. I was at the National to see Mr. & Mrs. a brother in the Army, who is another.

Thursday 27th Feb. 1862 -

A great Movement of the Rebels over the river and from

here over, has taken place. The Rebels from the City

gohing East have been stopped and no one is allowed

to leave the City without a pass. All Telegraph lines

as well as Railroad are in the hands of the Government.

Various reports are abut on the success of the fighting.

Over the River but nothing seems to be known. But

there is little doubt that the Army of the Potomac is

on the move after its long season of inactivity.

The shell near of striking near town
This has been another fine day and a bright day. The roads are getting quite good. The snow is thick on Dec. 2nd to 5th.
There has probably been no fighting over the River as yet but the next week is expected to be an important time in the history of the War. McClellan has got a force ready and is now about to act. Nothing is now allowed to be published in reference to the North or the South. Consequently the papers are quite uninteresting. I have been in the office to-day as usual.

Friday, March 1st, 1862

This has been a cool and rainy day.

Saturday, March 2nd, 1862

Please keep an open book for the event of snow to-night. I am sending your letters to-morrow. It has snowed all the time. Went to church with Kearny. Gen. Stanley Marker of the 1st Regt. Field Art. quite an interesting man. The Military on both sides of the River are under marching orders and all ready to move. Fort Boonesville 25th came on yesterday and brought the news.

The sick in the camp have been placed in Hospitals. Military has been amusing for two or three days past. There is an abundance of it on the Potomac. McClellan designs mission when the snow...

There is much excitement in the city and much internal reports know that the immense Army here is to move at last. The force must be overwhelming to "Leese". There cannot help being 250,000 men in the Potomac in the Union or Armies under Gen. McClellan.
Monday, March 3, 1869

October Bills Payable.

Date:  

It has seemed to me that the absence of news is more distressing than the mention of a name. I will not go into a discussion of the case, but will simply say that the news of the death ofGen. Slocum is a great loss to the country. He was one of the bravest of the brave, and we could have spared him longer if we had been better. I heard this morning of the death of Gen. Slocum. He was one of the bravest of the brave, and I could have spared him longer if we had been better. I heard this morning of the death of Gen. Slocum. He was one of the bravest of the brave.

The evacuation of Columbus, N.Y., is officially announced. The last rebel stronghold held in N.Y. The papers say nothing about the evacuation, but the papers say nothing about the evacuation. They are all alike, the papers say nothing about the evacuation.

I have been at home all the evening, and the boys have been in the house all day, studying their lesson, and amusing themselves, drawing, etc. But they show quite a talent for drawing, painting in water-colors, but their practice continues.

Tuesday, 4th

This is Father's Birthday. I want to send some card for him. He has been at home all the evening, and the boys have been in the house all day, studying their lesson, and amusing themselves, drawing, etc. But they show quite a talent for drawing, painting in water-colors, but their practice continues.

Wednesday, 5th

Next door, on the other side, the news, heard a talk with Edmonds and a man at the land office at the National Bank, and I heard the news. I was introduced to Mr. Williams, a lawyer of Chicago, who is engaged in the great Land suit against the P.R. Co. at Chicago, but it seems to be a smart one.

Called on my return home at the office of Mr. Williams, on 11th St., saw Tannemeyer, just from St. Louis, nothing new from there. We are all much attached to the place I have spent most of my life there.
Thursday March 6th 1862

The event of the day has been the arrival of the yellow-fever

NOVEMBER BILLS PAYABLE

it took place at

The Episcopalian church.

NAME, starting from the

Rindgey and deeply, the Seminary call. Went, immediately

Barnes was at the office. I went with the President

with them, they were out to see the process of

the race. Was I thought called this evening, 1st Spencers

there was a man. Did Christmas. called, and he said, if I

went to the great Botschelock concert at Wellesleale, I

attended about one o'clock. It has been a very hot, quite

cool today. The roads are getting better. No news

from over the river and no advices as yet.

Friday March 7th 1862

A beautiful clear day but rather cool, out on the hill.

In evening nothing new in the city. The news of tonight.

There has been about the State, he has been doing some

writing for he. My work in the office, lads are

coming into the city, and walking about a good deal.

No news expect lovely times from over the river and no

developments as yet.

Saturday March 8th 1862

The weather is now fine and the roads are drying up.

Trains are coming into the city and enjoining the line.

Rumors of fighting to day near McComb.

Nothing in published and little is known nearly

of that operation. The report now is that there will be

a desperate battle near here soon. The Rebels will try

the retreat, then meet again, and will fight with desperation.

McClanahan is still prepared and the war moves along.

Near here all ready on a mission for a fight.

 Went up to from them of one with wife and the boys after

winter. Wife and myself continued our march to Savannah, and

left. Got McClanahan home. He was standing at the window.

I did not go down to the art to night. Got a chance of

the news boy and read Carl Shure's Speech at the Cooper

institute New
Mondae March 10th 1862

DECEMBER BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.  NAME.  Dolls.  Cts.

This has been an exciting day. The
Jo's commissary moving last night about midnight
and bencrashing over the River nearly all the
time en route to C. W. B. From fifty thousand
men crossed into Virginia this way. It is confirmed
that the Rebels are running from Greenbush & Eastside
to our help until here. I fought them. The attack of
the Rebel Ironclad Steamer Monticola yesterday at Dunstan
Road destroying the freight & Cumberland & Congress caused
a good deal of excitement in the city. But the [top of
little line about Monitor, Corsehow, Grant] didn't all as
she easily drove the Monticola back to Westfield.
The son of my next door neighbor, Bannone Smith, commanded
the enemy. Since how well? They are in great grief.
I went down to Westfield tonight, to talk with Regiment
on their way over the River, and to ask to Brother to D. Ross,
Wednesday March 12th 1862

Walked up to the Camp of the 98th at Mendon Hill with Judge after dinner. Spoke all our Officers. There calls when Col. Dutton also is sick at the old Commodore Porter Mansion. He appears quite sick, and was not thought very communicative. I invited him down to our house where he could have quiet and rest for a few days. He declared he would be "all right" in a sleep or two. No serious cases at the Camp of the 109th German Rgt. Nearly we got home before dark. Pretty tired.

Thursday March 13th

There is no particular news today in the papers. Col. Dutton continued to come down and stay with us until he gets better. But Davie came with him, he appears better this morning but don't stay with him all night. It has been a little wet this evening and there seems to be more rain in prospect. McClellan in it is said pursuing the fleeing rebels.

Friday March 14th

Col. Dutton is better today but Col. Darke and nearly all the Officers of the Rgt. there have been in to see him. The Rgt. has got marching orders and the Col. is very uneasy. Mr. Stark called on me to day and he is going down to Fortress Monroe, an attack is to be made upon MR. POOL. It is supposed. Steps are being taken to return from Virginia to Embark down the River.

Saturday March 15th

The River is full of Steam Boats for transporting Troops down the River, probably to "Old Point." It has rained incessantly, and the Gunners it seems Col. D. so well (he says) are most down to Brown's, Sevr. Maj. Williams, Maj. Hatcher & other officers, Col. Darke came in about 8, decided once and to stay all night, Our Town is now the rear, Indeed, seems to be the Headquarter Col. Dutton is quitting, General Gild.
Thursday March 16th 1862

Has not received today. At Rest after the morning with bands playing to just as people were going to Church. Col. Drutton had his home sent dinner and he left for the camp as he said. Ceased. Col. Drutton left early this morning. Col. Drutton had an armistice of this family. I feel very fine children. I notice that he was very attentive to us this morning. He thinks he is my last warm Lester. I am. It is probable that he will be called quite certain from my point. Mary, McLaughlin, I know, and Mr. Massey. Foreman of Biddulph. I call to see them. Belong to the 81st My Rest.

Monday March 17th 1862

Nothing new has transpired to day. There are no new of the delegates announcing that a battle is in progress on the Nile. Col. Drutton is Bombarding the Rebels at Isla de W. with his guns boats. Trees are embarking on the steamboat to go down the River. The long trains of Fort Wagon which are to obstruct our streets here are nearly all left, and one over the River. Hearing the writing. The Army I could deliver to Mr. Morrison on 11th the Army for faction I mentioned in Nov. 10th to look the children are all in bed since the last. A fine Ceremony of Minnie playing in the street. Some Serenade is proceeding.

Wednesday March 18th

News from Gen. Bemisbird to day the Lighted Newborn N.C. after a severe battle 100 killed. 7400 wounded or dead not known. The situation cleared. No news to day from Co. But only that he was bombarding Island No. 15. Jupiter is selling tickets for the Church Festival. Paid $2 to Dr. Smith. I gave the ladies committee 3200 to print in getting itself. The church is in debt.
Wednesday March 19th 1862

No news to day. Nothing from Fort yet.不过
Embarking down at the Arsenal to go down the River.

It is supposed that an attack is to be made when Waltham
an overwhelming force is going down.

This afternoon, we rode up to the Camp of the 98th.
Col. Duttons Regt. seen us. They offered a garrison.

A small number of Artillery. 400 Regiments on parade over by
Fort home. 26th some down. The Regiment sets on
Meridian Hill. all have orders to be ready to leave in
twenty minutes after order for 26. They all embark,
a great many Regts. from the other side of the River are
Embarking at Alexandria. The 27th is going

Thursday. March 20th 1862

Not a rainy day, as uncomfortable as need be.

No news yet from Comodore Fort. I hear he has
Not met with a repulse. Pvt. Daniel, the Briton,
Farms were down and drill with us to day.

James N. Not attached to the Regt. but is going down
with us. It is expected to go tomorrow, but uncertain.

Pst. Sparke was here. This Evening he brought him a Spanish Dictionary.

and other books in the Spanish language. He seems to be
Making some progress. There isn't been out of the

home to night. Looked at the boys writing Book. He

and asked the papers.

Friday March 21st

No definite news from Fort yet. The 19th the men still

downhilling Island. Our 10 people are now wanting
certain to been from Fort Bermuda. An immense force
is moving down the River. Muller & Richmond now

stirring times. There, our arms are searched everywhere.
The great Union coal is closing its coils and get them

who do not escape in time. It is said that the Union

Yancy has been taken Prisoner, he ought to be living
Saturday, March 29, 1862

We have been lattening all day to the booming
of cannon and beating of drums. Boys are constantly
embarking at the Arsenal and marching through
and about the city. But the tents on the hills back
of the city do not seem to diminish in number,
but most of the boys are under marching orders to be
ready in another minute when called upon to go.
I received nearly all last night and went to night.
and the news is almost as bad as seen in the last
and the boys are again crying toll when passing at
the endings. Post Dinner called the marching with another
surgeon. I think it is a little harrassing. My little
Commodore Post is still throwing shells among the rebels at
Henderson Nov. 15. Yesterday the land forces were to arrive
and cast in concert with him.

Don't down to the Hall after dinner. To illustrate the "Antietam Blood"
Bakery I went to Zeuthen St. went into some machines store.
Zarem Art was ordered to and call. Call in Order to read.
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The steady get a regular bed at night, dinner part 4
sounded it heavily. Medical, it is usually done in a sort
of "fugitive way," about 8 or 9 o'clock sometimes later.

The regiment continue to get in bed before about
11 o'clock. That is, myself and wife, Julia goes before
10 usually, and the boys about 8.
Sunday March 23rd 1862

My dear News, Public telegraph has been rather pleasant and no rain. Our next door neigh-

bor, Mr. Smith, heard his house hit last night. The thief went all over the house gathering up watches, money, spoons, etc., without harming the inmates. He sneaked into the back door with Burglar Wrench. The Comander seems to be an educated man. He recently lost his son. Lt. Jno. B. Smith is the Comander in the fight with the Rebel Iron Clack Steamer Merrimac. I have not seen the Adjutant to-day. Wife & the rest of the family went to Shiloh Church with the boys before dark. Saw the Battle of Shiloh, which lost the Body of Col. Stovem of the R.D. 1. who was killed at Big Run on July 7. Now over the city and the body was just recovered and brought over to the Riff. The Comander came over as an escort and was on their return when we saw them.

Monday March 24th

A Review to-day at Mission Hill Field, with orders, Drummers about 20,000. More, more of the Division here yet. More are leaving on board steamers every day at the rate of 20,000 to 100,000. News today of a victory near Winchester 40 near Ironwood near the Mill. The bombardment at Island No. 10 still continued at last news. The fiveboats Tobacco-Hill some 1/2 miles and out of range of the Rebel guns. Our fine old neighbors Com. Smith now goes again to his office at the Navy Yard. While he heard by telegram that the "Comams" had raised a white flag for surrender, says he, 1 know that Joe would not surrender and the men in command did not order the action was taken from the deck by a run of shells after the battle. and a part of the flotilla obtained. By the action in the other morning. The Com. ordered 415. P care for the watch which will be held if it is raining. Engineer went to my, Reynolds at the Justice this evening. News from Dover City, got home about 10.
Thursday, March 25th, 1861

This has been a pleasant day. The troops have been quite active. Some five or six regiments marched through the city to the River to Embark. No particular news of note. Nothing is allowed to be published relating to Army movements, except official dispatches from the War Department. The news papers are consequently not published at present.

After dinner we all went back to the Camp of the 98th N.Y. to see the boys off and bid them good by. They expect to start tomorrow for across the River. They all seem to be in good health and spirits.

Surgeon David came down and told us that we all expect to have him go, too, and all much attached to him. He appears so amiable and quiet in his demeanor and so sincere in what he says.

We got back from the Camp before dark, after Dr. Beswick left. Susan and I called at Mr. Roche's on 6th Avenue. I also called at the office of Maj. A.B. Williams on 16th Street. Met Mr. Van Rensselaer of Yonkers and Mr. Underwood of Auburn. By God! Beswick has taken Beaufort N.C. & Fort Mason.

Wednesday, March 26th

Another pleasant day. In the evening, as usual, after dinner took the boys over to the River. When ship left, the folding and Cameron Seco the "Blue Birds" leave with the Maj. W.H. Col. Briggs leave. Some of the 36th N.Y. left on the same boat. There was great cheering when the boat left. Just before the boat left, a lady made her way through the crowd and stood on the corner of the Wharf looking most curiously for some one on the boat. Soon she caught the face, and waved her handkerchief and soon began to cry putting a letter to her face and sobbing violently. The boat moved slowly off, and I thought the woman fall, but as the boat kept on the术语 slowly away waving her hand through the crowd alone, stepped into an elegant carriage which went into Grafton and drove off.

Most home before dark. Ed & Dick were up to Night and stayed an hour. Lizzie stayed with Mat. Worthy to night.
Thursday, March 27th, 1862

The weather continues delightful, and the Mud has nearly cleared up on our streets.

This is the particular news that is to-day. The Battle near Manchuria on Sunday last, proves to have been a very severe fight, and the total route to the rebels. The boys here all been up to the camp on the field to-day. Few troops are leaving from there yet.

Sgt. Daniel (Shaw) called here to view Marshall who was here at this time. He is an immense fellow, and without doubt a fine young man. He assured the first time much I have been to the east, this evening an immense throng here, this city seems to be entirely filled with many Fredicks. Particularly Englishmen.

One here tooting on and "talking all nations" almost can be met with and almost all languages are heard on the Cus. Our Evening German predominates, but French and Spanish are also common.

Julia is studying French and Spanish, and am keeping them languages some attention myself.

Thursday, March 28th.

Very pleasant to-day. Streets quite dry and dusty. A great movement of men. A stream of men and fort Ticonderoga have been going down 14th St. for a number of hours. The Division of Juday and Casey 10,000 each, have moved from Archangel. Lt. Harrah, Sgts. Daniel, and others about to leave this evening or. Our way down the 98th have been paid today and he left $7,000 with me to send to his wife. He left $300. We all felt quite sad at parting with him, and his own eyes were quite moist. We walked out to 14th St. and took a ride for about two hours seeing the whole city.

It was quite cloudy before the 98th came down, and could not recognize many of our friends with them. The street through the city and the world beyond, the "Long Bridge" was our living moving map for miles.

Artillery, Cavalry, Infantery & volunteers moved up an immense procession, 100 cars of wholesale to-night.
Saturday March 29th 1862

The home had quite a snow storm today, and
the streets are again wet and muddy.
No particular news from any of the armies.
The Confederates of March 28th continue.
Massism it is hardly to keep a large force of
the rebels from boats toavery from this point.
New Orleans probably outside our forces attack them.
Bought a Draft this morning for 730. the draft deserve
and sent to Dr. Davis' wife, your squares.
The 98th is now expected near Atlanta, "Bette"
made down there to day and saw them.
The 27th one at their old camp near the locomotive.

Recently thousands from Georgia over the river yesterday.

Or is last night but soldiers and officers heard
to be about as thick on the side as ever.
Bosun is morning along the day till - and desiring
the interesting degree when will that question cease?

Sunday March 30th

This has been a cold rainy day, so uncomfortable
for the soldiers as could well be. It reminds me
that none of us went to church in the morning.
I ride and the boy went in the afternoon.
I have
no been out, stood in the home reading.

Monday 31st

It has been pleasant to day after the thunder shown
which we hear last Night. got my new suit today.
Now I got a new hat from my old one a
year and a half, paid Bills. "too numerous to mention."
We know little better of what is going on relating to the
War. as nothing is allowed to be published in the
papers. But there must be a great Battle soon.
in Tennessee between Bell & Burnside.
It is thought that the "Iron" is tightening again.
Richmond are sheets generally hear from
The Leaders 4th in the 4th Gen. cavalry command to night.
Met 2nd and 3rd Gen. cavalry till after 11.
Tuesday April 1st 1862

A fine pleasant day. Went down to the city in the morning, got part of the rest to my Barracks there, called at McCollum Photographic Room. He took the photo of me in Morning, 2300 pictures the day before. The call for Photograph. By Army order has been suspended. The rest of the month. My wife and sister called when I was at the office to day. I went this evening with Judge down to the Church Festival. Did not intend to go or tonight. Intend to go tomorrow. I expect at Williams about 8 o'clock. Am going to the Church Festival. Has just come home. 11 o'clock. Sister it just got me. "Bud" has gone to bed long ago, I suppose. The fair was two Church for the last night.

Wednesday April 2nd 1862

There is a great deal of news here now, but a great looking for great events about this time. But few soldiers are here now, compared with what there has been. The start over the rivers are all gone and probably 30 or 40 men besides. The least now be about 20,000 tents in toward Richmond now in Virginia. Fort Monroe seems to be the great rendezvous. I expect it will be Richmond first and then Richmond. "Bud" has had a fever all day and we fear he is going to have chill fever. All the rest of us are quite well. Write to letter today from Mr. Browning. No news as from B. Brown. Geo. Friend is now called now the office. He is Station in the 2nd. My Artillery Stationed at Fort Monroe now the B. 2nd Battery.

Thursday Apr

Jockey returned and went the Photographer to Williams. They were surprised while I was in the Gallery. Went then by Adams. Yes, I was in the National. Seen a number of my friends. Went to the Festival with wife, Julia held till noon. They had a huge band from away. I seem like a ball, but there was no dancing. The scene abounded with scenes and history. The Ladies teemed in ones and threes.
A delightful day quite still times have ever since the
soldiers left Fort. There are still soldiers in every
direction but the great May Armies left 13000 or more
gone down to Fort Pocohontas a large army in set
tur Virginia since a number of Rests are on the fort &
the Rice I think this is but one field that now
quarter in the City the 12th so on Franklin Square
later and the corps attended the Festival this evening.
The lion of the evening was Grant Morris of the lamhale
Judas had a long shot with him the little boy was
introduced and shook hands with him and
Eagles home quite elated. I was at the meeting
with J.D. Howard at the evening. I was at the meeting
March 5 1862

Nothing has occurred to any notice of using any one in
looking curiously for News from thence from
different points from Birds Army to Fort Pocohantas
from Mc Clellans Army in now at Fort Pocohontas with
a large army 15000 From Gen Burnside in NC Counrly
and from New Orleans to Savannah. A delegation
from the North is here holding a sort of council
attempting to get done the Old Democratic Party
with life at Grant at the suggestion of the Backwoods
backwron which gives the notion a blue color.
It will not do to talk of Pity till the Rebellion is over.

January 6th

A delightful morning hearing that the 29th was born to
Miss. I crossed the River to Alexandria and walked out
to their grounds Rest to my surprise found the camps
not far from on Friday. First found was left in charge
of some time but he suspects to leave tomorrow. The Rest
went to P.O. to 1st Battalion. And at the Narrows junction where are on the
Way to Richmond. God speed them. A deserted camp
is about the most desolate thing imaginable. The
Tents were all burning but all was still and lonely
when so loudly all over every inch motion.
I got back to Washington about 5 o'clock. The Steam Boat
was crowded with goods. The country grow there looks
desolate enough. "Poor Virginia" "but take half a century"
Monday, Nov 7 - 1862

Tonight last night and this morning, I was in the office as usual, as a fire broke out this morning on the corner of the Ave. & 7th Street. It has been burning most of the day. At three o'clock, Nellie came down to the office. Before three to go home into the city, Nellie went down to see the fire. He saw some fighting at the noise and confusion. It has burned most of the day and nowwind to the fire. I will burn very rapidly, all the houses were there.

Next down to the "National" to meet some gentlemen with a tummy of NY. to examine Models of Drawings for someone for them, going till 8:30 a.m. We had the telegram from our Quinton. We think that there must be "something up" down. The ropes are being made up. Two messages have called at our door with dispatches. By Courant Smith from the War Department. Perhaps the "Lorraine" is out again.

Thursday, Nov 11

There has been a most dismal day, rain or sleigh has been falling all the time. I am all the time thinking of the thousands of soldiers who are now out in the storm without tents or shelter. I am sure I am in the condition of Gen. McDowell's Division who marches down into Virginia on their way to Richmond leaving their tents behind and also of those who are now besieging Yorktown. Time to right is that Island No 10, and the shore batteries have been surrendered to our boys. We shall get particulars tomorrow, probably. Gen. Heaford is leaving a large force of that Yorktown. The Rebels under all grades are to send thirty thousand strong. But they cannot capitulate or even surrender. They cannot be in their quality. We are expectancy news of a great battle at or near Corinth. Every day, between Halibut and Beavers, I can have over a hundred thousand men. It will be the battle of the year. I think nothing has been heard from the Lorraine, as yet.
Wednesday April 9th, 1862

It has stormed all day, rain, sleet and snow
feeling incredibly. News to day of a great
Battle at Ft. Beasey and defeated wide Island
No. 10. Taken with all the land Batteries. We
Carried everywhere Victories, Max. Jones
and Muskets. Then our Troops know what to do with
The City in two or three weeks one news a salute
of 100 guns ordered by the City of New York. The great
"Concordia" is coming in to the coasts tight and
tight, a round. The rebels. They have left some
officers in every station where they did not
have the advantage in number or position.
The rebel "Southern" bad better strike than was Marching
from them in battle. I think they are a case
of hardhearted cowards and want more coming.
At every day, we have had one Rebel Fallen. They
have a "Bedly Rume" every time they Meet our Troops.

Thursday 10th.

The weather is much settled, to day, nothing in
particular has occurred, are no getting around the
particulars of the great Battle at Petersburg Landing. It
was the most desperate fight of the war so far.
There is nothing from Yorktown to establish all errors.
Now Turner's Battle persists, are in great force there.
The Must be another, desperate engagement there. These
Troops are flushed with victory. The rebels are defeated.

Friday 11th.

Fine pleasant day. The rain here has come the Baggage
of the 3rd. by the House abolishing slavery in the District
of Columbia. It had passed the Senate. No particular
War News to day. I was down to the Hotel. They
are all full and quite a crowd at Willard's
Next to the "Ferrary" to call for further about it.
Staid an hour. It is the last Night, we
get home about 11th clock. The Night is
snow bright and beautiful.