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TUESDAY, JANUARY 1, 1861.

The old year passed away in gloom and tears, and the new one opens today without affording one helpful ray of light in regard to the future. There seems to be a determination on the part of nearly the whole South to break up the Government. The Commissaries 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 “receptions” today as well as the “calls” were few and rather solemn affairs, pleasant day but freezing.

WEDNESDAY 2

Matters look more hopeful for the Country, trap. It is now known that the President refused to acknowledge the Commissaries asking anything more than distinguishing Citizens from the States. Their last communication to him yesterday was returned to them unanswered. It struck them like a bombshell and left their prospects. They are in great consternation. The “Embassador” left for home immediately, and now that he is gone many seem rather better off as war is ahead.

THURSDAY 3

The affairs of the Country appear to accelerate. That the subject engrosses the attention of all men in all places. Public questions are discussed in my room at the Patent Office, just as much as applications for patents. It is frequently asked what patents will be issued if the Union is divided. But applications continue to be made from both north and south, as there is something to fall on. Tomorrow is the last day recommended by the Post of the U.S. Office closed.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 4, 1861.

A mild and pleasant day, but I think people feel much like wearing sackcloth and observing the day as recommended. There has been service at Court of the Ordinary which was crowded. Myself and wife went to the Capitol to hear Gov. Stockton in the Chapel of the House. The Hall of Congress was crowded to cap, and the services were very solemn. The "Rattlesnake" and the "Justice" were called in connection with the "Eagle" and the glorious "Stars and Stripes," shown to all claws.

SATURDAY 5

People were startled to day to hear that the U.S. Fort and Arsenal at Savannah & Mobile had been taken possession of by the Revolutionists. Where this is all to end God only knows. It looks dark for our Country at present, but there is still a strong feeling that the Government will be upheld. This City is threatened and the citizens do fear that a Mass will have now ensued. If it really means an attempt to enforce it, insurrection gives, occur every night and we feel very unsafe.

SUNDAY 6

It has been said that "there are no Sundays in Revolutionery Time," and this has been a austere 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 can well be. It looks as the the North must prepare for a fight. If nothing but a fight will satisfy the South, they can have one. Probably, if it comes to great or no fight.
MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1861.

The weather is still and rather foggy and some rain. I went to the Bank of the Metropolis today and lost a check on U.S. for $40, and sent to Part of Elmina College on Julia's account. Called upon don't 70¢ receipt in the note from W. H. Hopeman to get no money, but a promissory, they in St. Williams. People much excited and every day talking about public matters. Talk today that Senate Looms of Georgia will be arrested for high treason. The Telegraph is to Savannah it is said, to seize the forts. The news tells being every night, we hardly know what to think.

TUESDAY 8

The weather has been moderate today M. 44°, streets muddy, and the arising back. Statement that 4000 hands been sent to reinforce Maj. Anderson at Fort Sumter created much excitement. A collage is expected. It is reported tonight that the S. of Richmond Mr. Thompson has resigned and also that a collision has occurred at Charleston. U.S. troops have been ordered to the city to defend it if necessary. Gen. Scott is here and will remain until after 4th March. 1000 guns were fired today in remembrance of the Battle of New Orleans. I was at the National Mausoleum, called with Hope at Mrs. Hennickson P. V.

WEDNESDAY 9

Mr. Thompson has resigned and another day has passed in the greatest anxiety of all. news to hear from Charleston, but there is no news from there to-day. The city is coming for self-protection and some companies of U.S. troops are expected tomorrow. Fires and explosions occur every night. I slept with a loaded revolver within reach. At 2 a.m. at 7:15 to right everything quiet. Paid more to the caycman. But Mr. Butterfield is waiting for money, all looking for news.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 1861.

The weather is a little colder than night past-freezing.

Exciting news from Charleston. The fleet of the South, under Maj. Anderson, was said to be getting ready to attack Charleston. Maj. Anderson threatened the city with bombardment if the war case against him were not heard that he was in the harbor landing his troops and stores at Fort Sumter. It has been reported this afternoon that the Gov. of Virginia had ordered two regiments to Harpers Ferry to take possession of the U.S. fort to avoid that their passage through the city will be resisted by the Gov. There was a meeting today and have not been out of the house since.

FRIDAY 11

Yesterday Captain Price was reenlisted as to Maj. Anderson. The "Intelligencer" this morning publishes a letter from an S.C. Congressman from the south disclosing the reasonableness of their proceedings at their recent meeting of the Senate from the Cotton States. Now, here, Yulee, brother of the Senator from Florida, has been in town to-day and they were acting from patriotic motives in announcing their intentions. Mr. Yulee is a very quiet and a very kind fellow. He is a fair man and is emphatically a "literary man". Nothing in particular. News is a very lively in the city and has been all about what a very fine day it is.

SATURDAY 12

In Senator speech, in the great news of the day, did not hear it; the Senate chamber was house by a few. Got letter from Julia through Mr. Smith to-day. Hardly knew how to get her home, or the fact whether it is best for her to come home to Washington at this crisis. Went round to the hotels this evening, found the House of Georgia, Mrs. Ware and the gentleman who owns the hotel, Mr. Bowers. Hugh McCulloch, all unkempt. The impression now on that Virginia and Maryland will be the last.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13, 1861.

It has been a fine winter day all the morning.

There is a snow storm at 12. Went to church with wife and boys.

Received a letter this evening from Col. Paine and took it to the Post Office.

MONDAY 14

Something of a snow storm to day to night.

There appears to be a more hopeful feeling abroad today in reference to the affairs of the country.

TUESDAY, 15

Spent the evening next door. Mr. Bartlett, Clark in States.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1861.

Another visit to Mr. Cleary's. Splendid site; walls and marble are being lettered. From bank to day through the White House, looking over. The "secession" seems to me to be rather disturbing. "The secession" clerks in the Census Bureau were notified today that they would resign, otherwise they would be dismissed. The same thing should be done in all the departments of the Government. Went to the Thursday Church tonight to hear Mr. Collin's Lecture on Japan. But the lecture was on S. America and it was not amusing. Then we saw a Lecture at the "Smithsonian" on the Polarization of Light, but it ran far off and the working was too bad for notice.

THURSDAY 17

There has been no startling News today, but the right of Secession is contested by all Northern men who vote with the President, considering the influence. I have not hesitated to call it treason.

I went to Nielson's this evening; people generally are not excited as they were a week ago. And since the Cabinet has been changed, I secessionists and the President has taken a firm line for the Union and the Constitution, we all feel much better. It is now thought that Secession will be at a discount soon in those parts.

Mr. Cleary's.

FRIDAY 18

The discussion in Congress are now very pointed; and interesting. The attack under Sumner is expected, and the President is expected to treat with Col. Hayne the next. The attack is made it will be no holiday job for the Secessionists. The weather today has been not far away, nearly cold enough to freeze. Got a letter from Julia today. She is expecting to come at the next vacation, if she has a second opportunity, but seems to accept himself. In circumstances with much facility, and will not complain. If the stay then during the vacation, the seems contented.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 1861.

This has been a warm and pleasant day, but the streets are still wet, and bring my way is a perfect mess in the streets, but all my daily routine. The particular news is afoul, but the city is looking towards the citizens with much anxiety, as an attack is expected on 28th.

I went with the boy after office hours to the Pensacola to see the New Weather. Pensacola. We got permission to go on board and the boy was much interested in the scene, but the engine, which was built at this yard, was expected to be erected as an engine in the city. It was at the Hotel in evening, saw the Governor Stuart at to.

SUNDAY 20

 Cooler, tamer, and quite mournful. But did not freeze the night. Did not go to church the way. Took care of the horse while the rest of the family went, read the "Time," 'Hercules,' and our "Parton's" last roll of the Jackson. There are so many illiterate, looking fellows roaming about the city, that it seems necessary for someone to be on the watch all the time. A number of insidious fires have burned the city. I slept with a loaded "rock," buffalo, each night. With a walk with the boys around Lafayette Square this evening, and did not go out again. The air was cool and bracing. It was tonight.

MONDAY 21

We Yudon was in my room to day and asked one of if I thought it best to come here, the fact is, I told him that I thought it best to protect the public property. But see the fact is, even in the opinion of the people, that it mattered little what the opinions of the people were. The city was not in great danger. The collision was innocent, but it was glad of it. I cannot restrain myself when talking with these firemen about it. It was a wonderful to Clay was down at the Hotel, but a "time" new an how to help.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 1861.

The fact that sprits our infamous Conspiracies to break up the Government, one of long standing, is growing more apparent every day. The secession of Virginia and Maryland is a part of the program and the design of this City accomplishes the desired end. Nothing but conclusions on the part of the North will prevent the secession of those States. If no compromise is made, then nothing but a strong force will ensure the inauguration of Mr. Lincoln on the 4th March. The next month must settle a great question for this country.

WEDNESDAY 23

United States troops are quietly being brought here and are now stationed in different parts of the city. The President is undoubtedly informed of all the movements of the Faction and preparations are being made for the reception of any such visit. The conspiracy has its ramifications throughout all the departments without a doubt. Men armed for their war from the East (e.g., Maine) but ready to turn against it at a moment's warning. I can hardly hope that all will be well by election. Heaven grant that it may be. Was at Williamsford last night.

THURSDAY 24

There was a little snow last night and this morning it is poured and the streets are in an awful condition. I did not go to the office till 10 o'clock, no news stirring, but down at the National this evening. It seems to be filling up as do all the hotels. People seem to expect than they dare, but after the events of the past month with much solicitude, but confidence is in a great measure restored, and the Government is expected to go on as usual. The President has not been generally of any sort for the time being.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 25, 1861.

The weather has been moderate today without rain or sunshine. Political excitement is subsiding, in a measure. The conservative feeling in the border states is now realized with a view to save the Union, or Civil War. Many prominent men are here now from different sections of the U.S. Kentucky has refused to call a convention as urged by the secessionists. It is a good omen for the future. I was alone at the "National" and at "Mellons" tonight could not learn any news of importance. The condition of the country is still the absorbing topic of conversation.

SATURDAY 26

A regular snow storm today, snow four or five inches deep. Nothing important occurs from day to day here. But the Gov. is putting troops in different parts of the city for its protection. We were just startled by hearing two pistol shots and a cry of "M система! Système!" In Franklin Square near our home, did not go down to the "Avenue" this morning on account of the snow. I deeply drop down to the Hotel and get the "Herald" or "Times," sometime the "Funicle." I take the city papers (two), the Daily "Evening Home." I try to read "Scientific American." I read daily a number of other papers and a good deal in books mostly relating to Steam. Breakfast in the office in my club this morning, as usual.

SUNDAY 27

The snow is about 6 or 7 inches deep, and some attempts at sleigh riding have been made, but these seems to be a sad deficiency in vehicles of that kind. But the ring of sleigh bells has been quite common today. It has thinned in the sun all day. Dinner at "Mellons." The house seemed to be quite full. Call at brewers and spent two hours. Mr. Russell from Sharon, there took tea there. The moon is at its full and it is almost as light as day out. Very nice you meet lots of people and an owes,
MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 1861.

It has thinned out in the sun today but it has been bright and pleasant over head. The city has passed without any startling news. The Committee on Congress resolved to investigate the Company said to attempt to seize the city or at least as far as certain 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" this evening. The hotel and the streets within the area seem quite crowded at present. A collision at Pensacola (Fort Pickens) is now reported daily. Mr. Bell has not been seen.

TUESDAY 29

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There are indications today that the Republicans are "coming down" from the Chicago Platform and that something like the committees proposition will be accepted by them. Secession seems to be now a fixed fact, and we have to look for division in the public, while a secession if the Government is threatened. The City is still considered in danger. There is a thousand U.S. Soldiers now quartered here. The armed guards now troops through the Streets of the Patent Office every night, and the other public buildings are guarded in the same way. Warm and pleasant to-day.

WEDNESDAY 30

A pleasant cold day, freezing in the shade. Street Traffic, another Company of Flying Artillery arrived last night. Some 700 men and horses. They are quartered in the old Mr. A.P. Short House where Mr. Smith had her Young Ladies School or "Institute." Something of a change on those premises.

The southerners here are greatly offended and pretend innocence. But in truth these preparations threatened them. Plans for seizing the city. No need of insurrection to day, but some compromise seems more likely to be made with them. Positive, she will go down to the City tonight.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1861.

Nothing this morning. 20° above zero, cold and pleasant all day. Inventing Abbeys in Congress now. Dr. Francis Adams took high conservative ground today in the House. There now seems to be a disposition in Congress to do something. Attended the meeting of the "Raven Club" this evening at Prof. Mitchell's on 11th St. L. Wilson delivered an address. The ideas of the 17-18th Napoleon. Ended by paying a fine tribute to the founders of our State and the value of the Union. Mr. Bell of N.C. followed in a few deep eloquent remarks. No particular news.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Fine cool morning. 60°. Wonder, since Mitty the latter part of day. got meal in New York cot. paid some bills. Small interest bank. Mitty has been quite sick. Came home from the office at 11.

SATURDAY 2

Foggy and Mitty alone. With mist curling from roofs all the time. A salute of 34 guns was fired to day at noon at the Armory. On account of the Campfire. I Hansen with the Union. Many of the citizens who are not house. The cause of the firing came much alarmed. Whether that the "fighting" have commenced. No particular news to-day. No one talk now of an attack on Fort Sumter. It is now held by U.S. troops. In Congress the Republicans are giving ground in the sake of peace. The Peace Convention invite by Virginia Meet Monday that. 4th. And not go down to the 1st to night.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1861.

A little frozen this morning, but warm the rest of the day with plenty of sun. Wife and boys went to church. I did not go but told evening mass in at "Willard's Hotel," quite full of Easterners and Northern men. Was introduced to Col. Gardner of Hamb. Very young men for an Episcopalian. The "Peace Congress" meets tomorrow. Most of the delegates are here. It is said that Virginia will demand a preliminary act. The U.S. troops are in the city to maintain order and that no State that secedes will be coerced. If such be the case it will make trouble. Virginia surely will be required to make the first call for the convention. It cannot mean peace.

MONDAY 4

The Peace Convention met today but all the delegates had not arrived and but little was done. The ground was covered with snow again this morning but nearly melted off during the day. Schuyler Colfax was at my table in the office attending to a case. At Willard's tonight I met J. & Isabella of Matanzas, Md., and his new wife spent one hour in the room in the hotel. He is clerk in the Constitutional Congress. July, 1846, Willard's Hotel is now about full and the A.B.C. much crowded during the day.

The election for delegates to State convention takes place in Virginia to-day.

TUESDAY 5

The Unionists carry the State yesterday by a large majority and every one was felt better today. I think the Secession Movement has reached its climax and a reaction will now take place, but perhaps the whole is better to the thought. The Chief Engineer of U.S. Navy was with me one hour or two today in the office and has long conversation upon steam and steam engines. He is a knowing man. His wife sent of clothes tonight. She is at Willard's and saw numerous strangers and almost unammoniaable strangers, but is pleasant.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1861.

A pleasant day, over head but windy under foot.

THURSDAY

The morning was bright with a fine cool atmosphere, just
freezing, but tonight, the wind blows almost horizontally.
I like almost any kind of weather better than a cold wind,
consequently, I have not gone out tonight. Nothing
of importance has occurred today. More U.S. troops
have arrived, and the idea of taking Washington
still I think is abandoned by all who have been disposed
herebefore. Have letters today from Julia and from S.D. Denney.

FRIDAY

Mercy down to 9° this morning, the coldest so far. It's 15° to night, but no snow on the ground.
The wind last night was terrific. It did much
damage. Quite a fire occurred on 7th Street today.
Went down to the 7th and Pealey's Philosophy for twenty five. The News is paper. Heard no particular news. Some
came home found our next door neighbors the Bartletts
the Stein and others. The is in the State Senate and
a Virginia, Col. Hayne (J.P. comm) has just been shifted from the
Post to his Admin for Sen with H. Sumner, one attitude on it is now reported.
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1861.

Morning 20 This morning and the weather is quite moderate. The public mind seems to be much agitated and all seem to expect that a settlement will be made between the North and the border Slave States. At least, in which case the "Cotton State" it is thought will ultimately come back. Even here now deceased Texas last. Business in the Post Office is increasing again. Some of the Expressmen are quaking in their boots. For fear of being removed by the incoming administration. I am quite indifferent about it. Was at Mr. Ols. An hour tonight. 50 cents.

SUNDAY 10

Warm sunny day and very pleasant in the street. Went to Church this morning. Dr. Smith is something of a "fossil" in theology, but is eloquent and earnest. (My indication, man has deceased in the same church.) Went one year. Worked at lunch with the boys round Lafayette Square this evening. The boys were much interested in the U.S. soldiers which are frequently sent one thousand now in the City. Big lorry troops is now assembled at the inauguration, or before that time. Nine of six batteries of Light Artillery. Here Washington presents at the present time quite a military appearance.

MONDAY 11

It has been warm and pleasant to Clay but a little rainy to-night. Business in the Post Office goes on as usual. And is now increasing. Went down to Williams and met my old friend of L. Smith who is a member of the Peace Convention from WY. The Hotel is as usual to be quite full. It is said that the people are at least from 300 to 400. Went down to Williams to the Adams Essex office (reserving bank of clothing for Julia) called on at the National came home and read papers and sat there at 12.
Tuesday, February 12, 1861.

Having had neither a busy day of it, and it has been quite warm.

I had called on Mr. Lincoln, and then went to the Post Office.

I went up to the Army Post by request of Chief Engineer of the

Archbold, to inspect some drawings and models of

engine, &c., &c. I went to the post office and there bought a new

newspaper from Mrs. J. D. Turner. We then had to the office. Have not done

much office work today, or given many in the noon

talking over the affairs of the Nation. But this evening to

the Peace. The best of it, &c.

Wednesday 13

The President's vote was counted in Congress to day

without any disturbance which had been

the cause of excitement. But Mr. Scott had all things

ready. The reporters and Army Artillerymen were standing

by the horses, all accounts ready to mount at a

moment's warning. The President is now on his way to

the Capitol. I was at the Hotel this evening. Nothing of importance

I saw in the sight of it.

Some of the men at arms,

Mrs. Douglas called at my office to say and invited me

and wife to a Musical Entertainment at her School Room.

I hope to go to the N.Y. Times and have a look at it.

Thursday 14

This day has passed off much as others have of late. Nothing very

startling having occurred. I attended a meeting of the Peace

Convention from Ohio, died yesterday. The funeral took

place in the Hall of the Convention today.

We attended the Musical Soiree of Mr. Douglas this

evening. A great crowd there, and some of the

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

Mrs. & some Artists &. Music was fine, refreshment

very nice. The crowd dispensed that quite too large

got home 11 o'clock but left the crowds there.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1861.

This has been a peculiar day as regards the weather. SunShine and rain alternating all day with high wind and threatening clouds occasionally.

No particular news. The Peace Convention will not I fear amount to much in the end, as it regards the question of Slavery. I think, if Congress may agree on terms of settlement. But as regards what the South claims, the right of secession.

The North will never agree with the South. Genl. McRaven killed. ILE from Westfield North East. 11th. Went the Evening in the W. All very pleasant. Bed at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY 16

A delightful and bright winter day, but Monday in the streets, walked quickly home in the office to-day. Rev. Rogers was in, with a working model of his steam and steam engine operating on the principle of the "Floyd Inlet," for steam boilers. Mr. Rogers engine the steam took in a current of air into the steam chest. He claims a gain of nearly 100% in steam. Over the Corse's engine.

A boy brought a box of excellent cigars, parent from Mr. Stick's hall, near the office. Had the evening out. Mr. VanMeter from York there at 7 o'clock.

SUNDAY 17

A very pleasant morning. Mr. G. in. After the middle of the day and quite a snow storm in the afternoon.

Went to Church in the Morning with wife and boys, heard Dr. Smith preach. Sunday school performance in the afternoon. Wife and boys went. Myself and Willie stayed at home. Took a walk with the boys in evening. Tea at 7 o'clock. Wrote the evening at home reading and explaining portions of Revolutionary History of U.S. Wife read Monday or the piano some and the boys have read aloud and written some.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1861.

The first part of the day was bright, but the air cold, and chilly. The latter part cloudy, windy, and cold, freezing a little. For both of Missouri was in our room. This morning we visited C. Now Illis introduced to him. Mr. & Mrs. Brittsfield were also at the table this morning. Mrs. M. left them with the honor I intended to give them when the building wasuilt in our third story after dinner. Have had some time for stolen from the letter the past week. Went down to the National Hotel and Williams, but the hotel seems quite full conversation much by expected. There is work since.

TUESDAY 19

Rather a cold day. M. just below freezing with all wind. Nothing in particular now attracts public attention. Mr. Lincoln is slowly moving toward the capital and is expected here on Saturday next. The Inaugural Speech of Jefferson Davis President of the "Confederate States" was published here to day. The Peace Convention got up but slowly and not very harmoniously. I went to the office all day had a good many calls. Was down at "Williams" Secy. of War, M. Stanton. Mrs. Brittsfield & others lost a "time" and came above one hour to site.

WEDNESDAY 20

It has been a pleasant bright day. 16° F. rain last night and the streets wet. Dr. G. P. Drake & Stanton called upon me this day. The friends, I went, place to see him. My old friend G. A. Smith of Cowan, I. was staying with my friend at my house. I spent the evening with the once very familiar, at my home. Here, member of the Peace Convention now in session here. I was down at Williams after dinner, great crowd there.

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1861.

Fine, bright, cool day, 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, me cold water and a thorough scrubbing with the flesh brush or a coarse broom at Williams and the "National" Saw Loft Hall. So I sent Rhoads and Alonzo of Albany to have came home before I left. Washington is a holiday throughout the city, and a great military display is expected. The city seems to be quiet, but getting well filled up.

FRIDAY 22

This has been a delightful day, rather cool, but pleasant. The celebration of Washington's birthday called out a great display of the Military of the District in the morning. The U.S. troops paraded afterwards by themselves. The order for this appearance in the morning with the militia was for some reason not now intended. Count Rumford, my father, went to the A & E at 10. Dolch and I went to the Art. at 10. Dolch and I went to the art. and witnessed the display from the Woodward's balcony. I din'd by invitation at the national with some gentlemen from my city. A salute of 24 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 rainy towards night. I had numerous calls to pay in the office from my friends and sent three letters requesting me to attend to business for the Union. Mr. Lincoln arrived to stay by the morning train about from Harrisburg without stopping in Baltimore. It is said that a dispatch was sent from there to some immediate. He is here at Williams and seen his friends at his room. The hotel became quite full tonight. I went to Market with the "Black Shkatl" behind one, a set one for part which seems to satisfy her evidently.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1861.

Very rainy day, and rather cool but not freezing. The wind is coming in from the streets. The linearites are all here, 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 week (at least) to sentence in prospect in view of the Inauguration on the 4th. No trouble is now apprehended here. Mr. Lincoln did not stand when his dignity yesterday but called on the Post-Gazette and the cabinet who returned in riding at Willard's. There is a full moon and at 9 in the morning out tonight.

MONDAY, 25

It has been a delightful day, and the streets are nearly empty. Nothing in particular has occurred in the city. Everything moves along as usual. Only there is. getting to be a great crowd here. Called to-night with Miss W. to Mrs. Burtchfield at Willard's Hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Lincoln were quite in their parlors and we went up and very cordially. Miss L. in one corner and Mr. L. in our adjoining room. They are both quite ordinary looking people. I hope he is equal to the crisis. My Minna, appearance do not seem the conclusion that he is a brilliantgenius at the Hotel, but there two hours.

TUESDAY, 26

Another fine day, air soft and warm as may. The "Peace Convention" adjourned to-day having passed resolutions which one said he been satisfactory to all except the extremists of both parties. Strangers are pouring into the city, and the Patent Office is through from morning till night. Write to Julia to stay to come home if she can get good company. Write to Mr. Burtchfield to provide for the care, find up some headstall after dinner, go for it. Time, and not go out this evening as much. People are malignant at the moment of God's design in December
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1861.

Weather warm, and air soft as may. The Peace Convention are not convening yesterday, but are to-day, since on after voting for conciliatory propositions which are deemed very interesting to all parties. Let us part now to breakfast. Most of the Post Employees paid their respects to Gen. Buchanan at the White House, the evening by the post in the East Room. The Post announced to those assembled there they would come to an agreement now adjourned at that the country was saved. We have under Col. Pine at Richmond House. And then went with him to the plantation of Reasey. The famous horse farmer.

THURSDAY 28

Another very quiet and rather stormy in the rain. I took the shady side in coming from the office. The demand for goods are fine at noon on account of the receipt of the Peace Convention by order of Gov. Scott. Intention to send a peace aid to-day in the office could not do much business. Went on to the after Anna and made some permanents. Looking glass and bottle a jackpot. Have been at home this evening seating a condenser once and a dechlorator a water color for steam ships. Plenty of my own, I think I could get them. I have some ideas if I can get out of the office. Cannot write a day. Have the improvements relating to the steam engine.

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

The weather has to-day been warmer. Glass on fire in the house except to cool the house. The latest news has been conveyed with visitors, and in fact the same may be said of the city generally.

I was down at the hotel this evening, all evening and still they come. Spent an hour with Col. Pine at the Richmond House, and another with Mr. Smith at Willsboro. He thinks that Mr. Lincoln is a man equal to his position and the crisis. It seems beautiful now whether anything will be done, in Congress with the Peace Convention...
SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1861.

A warm summer day, quite uncomfortable in the sun. Brother C. D. Davis came this morning. I went to the President with him and to the Capitol. We met Judge Davis from Watervliet, N.Y., at the Capitol, and continued to the ceremony. Judge Davis was there, but in his charge by my friend, Prentice of Elmire. We continued to the court and went to the hotel in the evening.

SUNDAY 3

Warmer than ever to decay quite offensive looking. Went white the depot at 6 o'clock for the baggage car. Took then came back. Went to the Capitol with Brother Davis. There were no discernible to any as we expected to hear Mr. Stockton the Chaplin. We in with that, and left him home to come with us. Went to hear J. H. Whittaker in the afternoon, but heard Mr. Collins. Went with Julia in the evening to call on Mrs. Butterfield at Mr. Manning, and in the evening it was at the church and heard Mr. H. C. forest, got home, spent time before sick.

MONDAY 4

This has been an eventful day in Washington. A speech has been inaugurated by a few of the U.S. In Address seems to give general satisfaction. I was near him and heard it intently. The crowd was very great at the Capitol. Nearly thirty thousand people stood before Mr. S. and all were very orderly. A marching took place during the day to mention the proceedings.Even at Welland, this evening, with Brother C. D. great crowd. The fit, we took some time on the procession and went to the White House.
TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 1861.

This has been one of the disagreeable days. There was cold, very windy, and the atmosphere loaded with dust. It has not frozen but warm clothing was necessary. Bro. C. R. tried to go to McDowell but there was such a crowd on the boat that he backed out for the day. The Post Office has been crowded all day with notes. 

Judge McDaniell returns tomorrow morning home called at the Hotel in the PM. This evening great crosses than yet Cabinet. Appointment just out. 

WEDNESDAY 6

Worked briefly in the office all day but had numerous "calls." Called myself where Millby was. Acting Secy. of Interior. The Secy. not taken his position yet but expected to-day. Hubert Julian 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 factory, we went from them to "Gardens" and took Ice Cream, Tea &c., got home about 11 o'clock and soon went to bed.

THURSDAY 7

Somewhat frosty this morning, but a bright day in the office all day. Went with my mother to Lyons, called again went with him to the Seed room and purchased a variety of garden seeds. Got an order to paint for him. Bro. C. R. and also Jude were at the office to-day. Went with Bro. after three o'clock to "Kloman" and got some system, and ate. Intending to go to the Navy Yard, but concluded that it was too late. Came home and dined at 4. Did not go out this evening. Bro. I stayed in parlors.
FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1861.

Rather a cool day but cloudy with indication of rain at night. Shepherd Patrick returned this evening upon one to say I should him round the office. This evening was the first Dinner of Mr. Lincoln at the "White House." Myself, Pothier, and Julia went. The crowd was great in the House. That hundreds left without seeing the President. It was a perfect scene. Elegant ladies, men and elegant officers uniformed, stood back in the crowd, yet hiding about 10 or 12 staterooms in quiet as long as was desirable to us.

SATURDAY 9

A rainy morning but most of the day clear. Rather pleasant. We spent an hour or two in a walk in New York. Were an hour when dinner with Mr. at the office. Mr. John M. Bunker and Mr. John Solomon Biddle. Talking of Wallis, the people were decent in the walk with Mr. came from them to the National to see Philip Bide. We had left on the 3:00 train. We got the evening car, made call at the house, and came home about 9 o'clock and read the news till 11 o'clock and then went to bed.

SUNDAY 10

Rather a cloudy day, but no frost, a cold wind went to Trinity Cb. & Bitter. This morning with my old friends & Patrick. Mr. C.R. May & Mr. Biddle. I found color. Then in afternoon all went to the theatre. Heard a Mr. Aske from Paris, France. He is trying to learn Spanish for the Protestant cause in France. He did not speak very good English, but was still very interesting. And could be easily comprehended by close attention. Was in at Wallack's with Mr. in the evening.
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 1861.

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

Next after I work with Bro. C. R. May Brodky at the New York. Though the mail and go aboard the U.S. Warship Ternatea. May 13 came home and arrive with us. We then went down to Williams. Mrs. Shannon called at O'Neills and then went back to Williams. Senator Milholland was there with a crowd around him but not looking.

TUESDAY 12

This day and quite warm tonight. The streets are quite dry. The city is quite full of strangers yet.

WEDNESDAY 13

A little snow this morning, but it cleared off and it has been rather a pleasant day. Pat. Find enough as usual with strangers and the number of applications for permits is increasing. No Copies of Patents yet appointed. No news to day but the men at the Hotel continue very great.

All comings for office since with scenes occur there.

was down to Williams with Bro. C. R. Saw numerous friends in various parts of the country come on before 9. Looked to be nice and ready to retire at 11 o'clock.
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 1861.

A little raining this morning, but the rain thinned out a good deal before noon and the sun shone. We went out in the evening and walked a little. We amused ourselves by walking around the edge of the town. It is not too late in the evening to find things to do. We made new appointments for the next day.

FRIDAY 15

A cool, clear, chilly wind. But not freezing. It is colder tonight, though.

No news in our office yet, and no particular news about town. The new Gaines Law Court was decided yesterday by the Supreme Court, which is the end of the term. Over two million dollars was given to Mrs. Gaines by the decision. One of the largest in the city.

Today, the weather was sunny. No rain. A good evening in all.

A couple of boys came home before 9 o'clock. Messrs. William and Harry heard the news.

SATURDAY 16

A cool, pleasant day. Brought C.D. out to Mr. Slocum this morning with Mrs. Birkby and others. About 4 o'clock I went to the city of Fincastle for reference to the Northern. It is now understood that Mr. Holloway of Indiana is a democratic Congress of Patents. Mr. Allen of Boston in the office to day. He is a singular man. I should almost think him half insane, did not go down town after dinner. Charley and Mrs. Woodruff sent the evening with them and me. She is a very pretty woman and is a very beautiful girl. Went to Market with my bed at 12 o'clock.
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 1861.

It threatened rain all day but none fell. Holly has been rather sick to-day, poor throat, cough. Julia or Mother went to climb, Uncle CR and the rest of us all went to boot. Brother in the afternoon. No news of starting home tomorrow. Must try and keep him a little longer. He seems to be near to him as or Brother. He has considerable—not tense just back to himself this time. Holly now considerate from tonight and is not somewhat anxious about him. I sleep with him tonight.

MONDAY 18

Monday came to be this morning with quite a cold wind. The day closing with a snowstorm. It has been about as cold and rainy a day as we have had. Brother CR started for home on the 3, 10 train this afternoon. We have had a good pleasant visit from him, and he is very agreeable company. I went to the depot with him and saw him off. He is to be Port Mosan at Wilkin ton. The officer in charge are learning some statistics and other government work. Holly is nearly well today. I did not sleep much last night. I had early to-night.

TUESDAY 19

Another cold day. It rained all day but the sun took the snow off before night. There are not seem to be any news in particular about what the Secretary has in the Selection papers. The Cabinet does not seem to be a unit upon all questions, and it may not hold together long. I do not think it will. From the April 18th to the 23rd the editor at Lyons, Sunday & Monday, went down to the 20th and editor called where Mr. Douglas on 17th. The communs school with Mrs. Tomorrow, 11 O. clock.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1861.

Cold again today, but not freezing. Busy in the office for two or three hours more. Started work in the office increasing this month.

Do not take much time how to spend in office hours. Some interesting news by frequent calls.

Select committee school with Mr. Douglas to day. The boys go as they have for some time. The boys are to go down to the last with my wife to make some purchase. I called at Willco's justice office there yet. Seems now that I knew. Came home about 8, with the "times," been reading all the evening. Dept. 10 ok.

THURSDAY 21

It has been a cold stormy day. It would snow last night. Now we are now hearing about a big blizzard as we have here. The indications are now that Fort Stevenson will be evacuated and perhaps the other forts in the border states, and that there will be no more. But in my opinion a peaceable separation will ultimately be brought about (probably with all the slave states) and no compulsion he formed. Went with Judge (after calling on over night, Mr. Douglas, with my wife) to the Rector Club at P. W. Hutchins, heard a boat story. Series the Character of Queen Elizabeth.

FRIDAY 22

A cold wind till near night. Heat at five evening. Bright moon. The Hedges began to drip in our office. Three assistant corn. Have been sources to each other will probably follow. Call with Judge at five or six after dinner. Then went on to the last alone and round the hotel. They are pretty well crowded yet with anxious faces. Leave at the Post tonight crowds come moving that way on the road. Came home before 9, and read "Williams on heat" till 11, and last night till after 12 o'clock.
SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 1861.

Went comfortable day today with indications of rain to-morrow night. Nothing of note occurred in the Office. The Cons. got a great many Democrats in the Pension Office, and a clamor is ever ready to fill vacancies. The city is yet quite full of strangers. All hoping applicants for office are telegraphing to their friends to come and help them. War is at Richmond & Greenbriar. Brought in several at Bergh's, and paper at Frank's. Redstone and Cline have advert to read till 11.

SUNDAY 24

We have had a "March wind" today in good earnest with plenty of cloud. I did not go to church in the morning. The family went. I am not a great admirer of serpent sermons. I wrote letters. Part of the day I wrote to a Patriot, and one to a friend. In the evening I called with Holly at Mr. Lerner's. We had a pleasant chat with them, and did not get home till near 11 o'clock.

MONDAY 25

This has been a delightful day. Night & warm. Have been very busy in the Office. Doing the work of two clerks, or the Clerical Office of the work in addition to my own from the removal of our office. Next down to the National, saw Carl Sherr, the famous actor. Also met my old friend O'Donovan, who is now State Receiver of N.Y. He is after the New York Naval Office."
TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1861.

Another pleasant day. With some wind about. Some last night. At work here in the office and very much fatigued to night. India called for me from her school. After calling where Mr. Alexander of the seed room and getting some garden flower seeds. I aid not go down to the line this evening. Took a walk with Julia and Mr. 14th St. After taking a short nap on the sofa. Read the newspapers in the "Star" here the boy read some. Then mother turned the paper some. I have rested some and am off to bed at 10 past 9.

WEDNESDAY 27

A rainy morning, but pleasant by noon. It seemed nearly all last night. We home at last got a couple of patent, Mr. Holloway of P. A. was confined by the Senate to-day. Went alone to the hotel. This evening strange and anxious faces get crowd them. Called at the "national" where Judge Harris W. J. found a pleasant call. Called on various subjects he thinks the secession movement will not act if it act alone, got the "Viviani" and came home by 9:30. Read it. Got letters today from Aunt mother of Florence Female College, Clerk for just 17

THURSDAY 28

A nice spring day. Bright and pleasant. We had a court in the office today and a "great" breach of Copestral. The Post Office seems to be coming into the ground where race leaders. Took walk after dinner with wife and on our return found that Maj. Thomas who stated till 9 o'clock Maj. Davidson called and asked an hour or two. U. S. Senate adjourned to-day. The flying artillery arm was practicing in the street. Rescuing Major in the Franklin Street, Julia and the boys went to see them. 9:10
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 1861.

A pleasant warm day. Work has kept me as busy as others do. When nothing in particular occurs, the office is thrown open to applicants for office, and it puzzles the heads of persons for even a small motion of the applicants. Went down to the Executive Office this evening, Julia went with me for a walk. We called no where else except for the WY Papers. We are all very sick. My own health seems worse. We read the papers 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 have to make out the monthly account. In Report some removed among the subordinates to-day. Many are traveling expecting reappointments. I think there the removal is not have been generally pleasant. Some as out to have been worse.

The day has been windy and dry. Am consequently very chilly. Went down to the art once. Got the WY Papers. Came home with Julia from Woodland. Read the papers till it is near twelve till to an 11 o'clock.

SUNDAY 31

Went out to Church this morning. It was cold enough to close my cloak. Family was all out but Julia who is ill. We went with Mrs. Sallie to "A Meister". In the afternoon, Sallie came in about eight. Mrs. Sallie was on the piano. One the ladies probably might have heard in some of the pian. Anything but Sunday music. I took a walk down 12 to the Old Church. I went to see twenty minutes.
MONDAY, APRIL 1, 1861.

They have been rather a wet drizzling day. Nothing new seems to be afoot. It all "magnanimous" scenes. The great North and South will be United and still a Great Nation.

Tuesday 2

Admiral day but a little cool. Have a fire in the office nearly all day. One of the principal

Tuesdays. All little cars removed to-day. Other

removals are expected later. Walked out after

dinner with Mr. J. Vennerbrook to see Bostwick

the editor who is now in Brooklyn. He is at his home

and upon Bays Beach and After, at the "National".

Wednesday 3

Another pleasant cool day. Fire in office

during the forenoon. The work is pretty well

out in our room. Set in here Wednesday yet. I am now performing the clerical duties

in addition to my usual routine. I walk

Habbi with Julia this evening. Got him for Root on

7th Street. And then we went through the

upper part of the city, I once not go to the

Ave. and always did not sit the night before.

Williams on boat till 11. And came off to bed.
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 1861.

This has been a cool pleasant day, just comfortable with a fine air. My health and spirits are good - I feel better than usual at this time of year. I take a little strong whiskey every morning about half a wine glass full. Took a walk after dinner with Mr. Reade of the Patent Office. was born at the National Capital at Bowons' when Mr. Horson of Philadelphia and Dr. Wearing got the Wyckers here came - home and read them. No particular news. At 7 part II 1 o'clock.

FRIDAY 5

Warm to cold, but a white frost this morning. Gardens are being made now and the peach trees are blossoming. The grass is quite green in the public grounds, and the trees are leafing out. And the city will soon assume a gay and beautiful appearance, did not go on to the Are to-night, have had a more at work, cleaning out the Allee (my wood house) and going tomorrow in the year, got a load of Manure. The rain is coming tomorrow to wash up the little gardens. I will plant it. By-con much scenery are the first letters of Chinese W. Eckel.

SATURDAY 6

Warm pleasant day. Much excitement again in the city in reference to the movement of troops and the landing of troops bound south. It looks as though there was trouble ahead here. The city is again threatened and a "Rappel' Estat" may be attempted in a few days. Went up to the Wards and paid Mr. Smith $2500 for a year service of his slave girl Laverne, have clothed her residence, her in the "National" and "Villards" at Til, repaired and them more of it.
SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 1861.

It has been a most drizzly day. But I went to church with the boys in the morning, and down to dinner. The papers are full of war news, and there is now much excitement in the country, as usual as there has been any time. When we know where the troops have gone from WY, the anxiety will be dispelled. It is about 9. We are at the table reading. The boys have gone to bed; Julia is playing on the piano. Leona (the black chart) is crooning behind the stove, helping comfortable. A basket of young children is in the room by her.

MONDAY 8

Rained all day or rather drizzled all day.
No new excitement today. No movements from the Post Office to day.集市 letter from Mr. C.R. went over to the Post Office and got his papers taken up. He's appointment at Post Office at WY. They will be made out in a day or two.
Write to have tonight at home. Most of my private letters I write in the office, handed green my revolver to anyone the charge, it has been loaded two months. Here starts the entire evening, at home with one set of three boys round the table with the writing.

TUESDAY 9

Rained again all day and a perfect tempest of wind and rain all last night as well as to day. Much anxiety is felt on account of the fleet which in two or three days past has gone leaving WY with orders to take the south. C. H. Allen of Boston in our corner today.
Rajah and Young. Many are feeling our attacks where the city now, as it is thought that a scheme is about commencing. More been at home all the evening. I am starting the boys to read. and cleansing my revolver after the went to bed.

It rains yet at 11 o'clock. Fine and perfect for it 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 lanes of the U.S. when acquisition I the Scy 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, distinting rumors from the fort, reporting, dourly, that we are the last at the hotel and postmaster.

THURSDAY 11

A delightful morning and a very pleasant day. City full of military, and full of excitement. Nothing heard from Charleston unusual. But more expected by to-morrow. It is now thought, is without doubt to be relieved in some way. The cotton States are all up in arms. While Ben. McCollode is threatening Washington. He is free of and desperate. And to the Union with us, and came up in the evening with Gen. Woodard and Stege tell W. What young is to be the talk for the NY papers. Early in the evening, retired at 11 o'clock.

FRIDAY 12

It has been rainy the last part of the day and seems hard to bright. Went into the field once the boys to see the soldiers over to the Long Bridge. Nothing but the guards there. Visit the City Army. A Company of U.S. Artillery stationed there. The Military Companies are now divided and stationed at various points all over the city. According to our friend. One hardly knows whom to trust. But I wish they own sentiment freely as I have all the time and remain.

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1861.

This has been the most exciting day yet. The last report about the provost's 17th Sumter men continued, and the day or early this morning news came that the Rebel was bombarding it and to night the report is that Maj. Anderson has surrendered, it being on fire.

The last report is not generally accepted, even if true it is not astonishing. The Rebels have ten thousand men and nineteen batteries. Anderson had 70 men only. I went out to the flint after 2 o'clock a great crowd was at all the printing or newspaper offices. Everybody was excited, and all were called to move their hands for against the Union.

SUNDAY 14

A fine cool day, went to church in the morning with all the children, wife stayed at home, and 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 dubious. Maj. Anderson has not officially surrendered, but the fighting there, I left Wallace about 10 o'clock to the evening. Now saw a man crowd. It is said that Martial law will be proclaimed tomorrow morning, and that the Rebel has made requisition upon the States for 7000 men a volunteer to defend the Government. Think of sending my family out of the City immediately.

MONDAY 15

It seems pretty probable that Sumter is taken but I think that we cannot rely entirely upon the news. News seems to be a great deal more so than usual throughout the country. Washington will soon be a great military camp. My trip is not made frightfully today. I think we will visit Mervyn in getting the family off. It has rained some to day, and it is threatening a storm tonight. All meant to go this month, but our plans are delayed by the weather and many have left for their homes. I can do now at Williams. The same crowd seems to be there still.
TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 1861.

Another rainy day. A continuation of the Easterly Storm. The public buildings are all strongly guarded. From 150 to 300 men being quartered in each. There are now about three thousand men under arms in the city, all in the service of the U.S. Some thousands more from the North will be here this week. The excitement at the hotel is not quite so great tonight. I was at the National and Willards. My papers were not allowed in, only the Tribune. Came home about 9. Read till 11. Cold, not raining anything looks stormy.

WEDNESDAY 17

Cold and windy 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 drum and bugle are heard almost all the time from some quarter of the city. Went down to the hotel after dinner, (the ladies with us). The crowd not so great tonight and less excitement. All the papers from the North indicate but one feeling in reference to the coming conflict. Men and women at any extent are offered to sustain the government. Came home before 9. City very quiet. Bed at 11.

THURSDAY 18

Cool pleasant day, fire comfortable. Business in the office goes on as usual and is increasing. This month business has not yet seemed to be much affected by the excitement in the city. The rumor is day that Virginia Real "decided" and seized Govt. property at Norfolk & Harpers Ferry. Caused intense excitement. They seemed to be a great anxiety to fight Manifesta all around. Soldiers are coming from the North tonight and are attack is expected soon. The city is apparently pretty well prepared for the invaders.
FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1861.

Another cool pleasant day but one of great excitement. Report from various quarters indicates that danger imminent of an attack upon the city. Horses, pony ammunition and arsenal guns antedote. Calm morning by Fort McHenry. The steam boat on the river have also been taken by Fort area. I went to the depot to see the arrival of the 4th Regiment. They came at last after fighting their way through Baltimore, leaving two men killed and many when the rioters killed a number of Yankees looking out of their. They were marched directly to the Capitol and quarters. Then dinner at all the hotel's home at 10 o'clock.

SATURDAY 20

A fine pleasant day. No horrors to day. all ships by Brooklyn Fort Bridge destroyed. Frank home up, and the steam ferry boat over the Susquehanna start and send. Bed from the house of the 1st. a critical time for Washington. A large crowd of rebels at Alexandria and an attack upon the city may be expected any hour. I went to the depot and to the Capitol again tonight. The 4th Regt Marched out and through the Apr to 15th making a fine appearance and being cheered frequently by the people. The hotel was full and all seem agreed that a draft is a coming. Ct., 12th.

SUNDAY 21

This has been a pleasant but anxious day. It seems to be surrounded by enemies and nimrods in our midst. No word from bit comes from the Major Regt. From capitol only have we to talk to the 7th Regt. No news. I left the National tonight at 11 o'clock but could get no reliable information. The may be in the midst of bloodshed any time. and I am looking for our outbreak. On attack call the alarm Famine stores in the town were the victors are next. What are the prospects there?
Another delightful day, but no troops yet. We are in a beleaguered city, with enemies on every side, and cannon at our doors. The rolling of musketry 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. Mr. Wy MacNeil, our principal, has taken charge, and the family are here to stay and see it out for the present at least. The fort is now taking up arms. I am not sure what the designs of the enemy are, but they are all very strong and well armed at the department.

TUESDAY 23

This has been a warm day, 85° in shade, some 500 Marines were landed about noon at the Navy Yard. Nothing can be learned of the Northern troops yet; some say they are coming by boat and some that they are fighting their way from Norfolk. Went with Julia to the Capitol to see the draft. Next, we are the Senate Chamber. Next seems to be the Office of the Secretary. There have been no offices all day alone. Now King has learned of Absarokee. The excitement has been up to day. I have now but little apprehension of any attack upon the city at present.

WEDNESDAY 24

Another warm day, with some rain in the afternoon. The day has passed off. Much as yesterday. No troops from the North. Mr. Wy MacNeil, our principal, is at the Navy Yard. It is thought that there are more troops here now for the safety of the city, as matters now look. But large bodies of Virginians have gathered near Alexandria and also with us, and we are getting made up to strange things. Now I am alone in the room, at the office, and have to do all the writing. Study dinner with us to-day.
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1861.

The 7th Regt. is at last here. Came at 12 o'clock and created much excitement. We became a bitter foe now. Self and wife attende the funeral of Mr. Dan'l Douglas at 4 o'clock and then went to the Carb. and took our dinner and went to the Capitol. The 7th Regt. was drilling on the west grounds. There were many spectators on foot and in carriages. The 1st Carriage with Mrs. Lincoln and Mr. Sec. Adams and the General wife. Then, on our return saw the whole 7th Regt. in action on the road near the National. We stop at Garrett once took tea got home at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY 26

This has been a fine day and a fine stopment in the city. I was at the Post Office as usual and when I heard Martel News and immediately the Rhode Island Regiment with Gen. Strong at their head marched in at the South and with the large hall in their quarters about noon. Some arrived today. And a large number are expected tomorrow. Then at Willard's tonight a great crowd saw the first flying of the Union Reception flag taken over 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 are pouring fast now. News of more news about eighteen thousand more under arms. All the public buildings are swarming like bees with soldiers in fact the city is like a great camp, and all ships are here yet, yet, yet. Here now is the 7th and often knows seen two thousand more below. Hope they got in to stay. Mr. Lincoln two boys were here to-day. We went to see him at the Post got five Bogart from the gents.
SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1861.

Having out the fore part of the day attended church with wife and the boys, went and returned in the same. Mr. Hansley, at dinner with us. The ladies also dined with us, and we did not go out again till evening, went down to Willard's with Willie for a walk. The Band of the 3rd Regt were performing at Willard's Hall. The National Airs, were played and we had entirely safe from attack now from without, feeling they attack us nothing, but with former noise and all prow in a Midae rendered in peace.

MONDAY 29

This has been a pleasant day, and quite an exciting one. On account of the movements of the Military. The 69th and the 1st Regts came to town, and the whole town reviewed by the 3rd. Genl Scott and the Col. and Office. Mrs. D. and Col. Violet came in the last room the 3rd Genl. with the two Lincoln Boys riding until the evening was made over to self. Violet was introduced to Gen. Sprague, Col. Bessemer, and the Office of the 1st Regt. by Surgeon Gid. Whittaker at the 1st office. Came home about dark from Willard. some dinner.

TUESDAY 30

Past Lincoln was at the Post Office to-day to see the Troops in their quarters. Gen. Sheridan was with him. Leslie presented a fine Bouquet of flowers to Gen. Sprague at his quarters in the Post Office. The Office is a greater novelty now than ever before, but the soldiers are very orderly and intelligent. There is not much work done now by the same. There is not much confusion, but continuous teams in the city by the thousands every day. Regiments are constantly on parade. Write to Mrs. E. P. Today.
A cold windy day with some rain. An unpleasant day as could be. Have been in the office all day and waited solemnly by a window of soldiers when out of my room came a Major 2nd Assistant. Came to say that all of the train’s “bodkins” and “spur” was missing. To the 12th N.Y. Rifles are now holding a town on the square. I have been in the office today. The 12th N.Y. Rifles are now holding the town. The only people coming are soldiers and few others. There was a Mount from the north this morning. The first in 12 years. Did not go from home after dinner to bed early.

THURSDAY 2

Cold today. Fine comfortable. No snow today. In the office to see the President and speak to him about the men. The 12th N.Y. Rifles are now holding the town on the square. The 7th N.Y. Rifles are now holding the town. There was a Mount from the north this morning. The first in 12 years. Did not go from home after dinner to bed early.

FRIDAY 3

Raining very cold and chilly. In the office. The men have been drilling in all the halls. The 12th N.Y. Rifles are now holding the town on the square. The 7th N.Y. Rifles are now holding the town on the square. The men have been drilling in all the halls. The 12th N.Y. Rifles are now holding the town on the square.
SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1861.

Rain all the past part of the day & was still drizzling in the night. Our ears were constantly directed with the noise of cannon and once the change of arms on the Marble Flowers.

Next on to the fact after dinner with Mrs. and Isabel, soldiers and citizens crowded that promised about equally arrived at number. In the streets Regiments were formed, the 22nd. March into the dressing at the Pot House. The R.S. Rgt. came parading and reviewed by Gen. Logan.

The Louisiana Art and the Rgt. went forward, went down the Williams in the evening, not finding a crowd. Nearly Mexico.

SUNDAY 5

Next to church this morning, with whole family. Some officers in the congregation in uniform. Ever day more my block. Club came with to come with a. Lord Eddy called in the afternoon with Mr. Cramers. He is on a visit to the city. Stairs are born on two. Next down to William see A.B. Williams. From morning the Rgt. from our district and other Gentlemen at his home.

On my return home got challenged by theSentinel at Franklin Square. I was not aware that he was talking to me as it was dark until he called Stamas, and asked his name. I thinking near the point of his bayonet then. But hadn't down and went on.

MONDAY 6 May, home.

Rain again most of the day. Many of the folks are in an excessive condition and suffering for water. The W.F. water comes in early this morning over 3000 in the rain and could since no water for sometime, drilling and D.G. soldier in the halls of the Pot House all day.

Everything outside looks wet and gloomy. Did not go to the A.C.S. This morning but got a slate of gelatine and put in the Cigar Room. The was broken. Combed in a shower before 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. Major Martin from Wy are here now. We then all on parade on the Ave to right. Went with Major to the Capitol. went into the Chambers next to Major's tent. Went into the East Capitol grounds where the George Ritz (Col. Ellsworth) was on parade. They are a fine looking set. (N.Y. fire men) Called in the evening on Col. Allen at the National. saw the Col. of the N.Y. 5th Regt. there. also other officers.

WEDNESDAY 8

Another fine bright day. Have been to the sea some with drivers at the Post Office calling on Mr. Wright perhaps better day tomorrow. They all went to see the Mayor of D.C. I took the fire and introduced them. Then into the quarters of troops. Then into the Surgeon General's quarters. Then into the Hospital. Just received the Gov. Bogardus letter. Went after dinner to the President's grounds with Uncle Judick. & A.N.J. went from there to Post Office to see the N.Y. 5th parade were full of people. Many ladies. Young marching and parades all over the city. Very bright. Comic poem all over.

THURSDAY 9

Fine day and much enjoyed by everybody but little seems to be attended to except Military matters. All are marching, drumming, bugling, and band sounding all the time and now and then hear the deck booming of a heavy cannon from Fort Washington or from the Navy Yard or Bishop from the N.Y. Regt. Parade. Then went down to Williams & Williams again. See Mr. Anderson and many other officers. Found Col. Stedman at the House.
FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1861.

A bright morning, but rain all day after 12 o'clock. We continue to arrive, 3,000 here now. They are mostly going into camp in the suburbs of the city. Reports of large bodies of troops in Virginia indicate we'll know before long. I should not be much surprised to see them on Arlington Heights. By morning, I have an army will not attempt to march to Richmond. Should one do so, I believe it would be destroyed at least fifty thousand. Went across to Camp Anderson. The cannon here was no parade or account of the shot. Held the Aquia in the afternoon.

SATURDAY 11

This has been a fine day. Amidst the Military, there have been all alone. Regiments Marching, Bands playing, and Drums beating. Professors here and there, the deep booming of Cannon. I was in the office all day but was writing the News having not been able to finish Official Business to transact. Attended the funeral of the 10th with wife and without issue. Went down to Market with Wilkie, the black girl carrying the basket. That performance seems to be the height of her ambition. Went home with basket full. Went right Wilkie a hat.

SUNDAY 12

Pleasant warm day. Went to church with wife and children. Sold Smith preached in the afternoon. The Church was half full of soldiers of the 3d Regt. Some 4,000 boys have arrived during last night and to day. The Regiment Now in quarters in the evening. In general, the moon sat at 9. Square I cannot endure the heat weather and am half sick. Have not felt good in a week, while wrote a letter to Bro. B. To day did not go onto the A and to day return early.
MONDAY, MAY 13, 1861.

Return last to-day. My so. R.I. Regt. preparing to leave the Pot. off and go into camp near Glenwood leading to a sight of the Regt. are now in camp. Nothing new now occurring from day to day. The office is as usual our usual. The room and do what there is to do. Just busy as the light this month. Got quite a bit this morning. No breakfast but ate as we got to night. Wife & sister & cousins at the President to see a review of the District Military. All the Regiments here in Camp. Parade every evening about 6 o'clock. I hear the 12th tonight. No parade.

TUESDAY 14

Home to day. Some of the Northern soldiers painted in the streets. 2 Connecticut Regt. pick me up to-day. 2nd Count Regt. from the Camps on 7th St. at the Park about 3 o'clock. Both Regt. of the Pot. Office. Went with other dinner to see the N.Y. 1st Regt. Camps and drill or Ad Hoc parade. There were a great many spectators. Many came out Madison and on the Ave. down to Philp. Both Store bought "Phillips" Washington. A dollar fee about two thirds. Office & tobacco. Came home about 8 o'clock. Read the Evening Papers. Have felt quite well and not long walk about town.

WEDNESDAY 15

This has been a fine day. The R.I. Regt. is a most all gone from the Pot. Office. More 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 or the crowd. Went to hear the Music at the Pot. This evening the R.I. Band played quite a crowd there. Got home quite promptly 4000 dark roads Marching on the Ave. when we came away. Went to all the hotels to-night. Not much excitement but there is something in the wind. Paul. Better still. And from time.
THURSDAY, MAY 16, 1861.

The weather has been fine to-day, and nothing has occurred to delay the post coming in the office. My health is excellent; this thing I have made use of cherry bitters occasionally and perhaps it has kept off my usual bilious attacks at this season of the year. Attended the Parade on Franklin Square this evening. Called down to Williams for an hour, but the New paper and came home about 9. Read the Times bed at 11.

FRIDAY 17

Another fine day. The Michigan Rifles got in last night; Col. Wilcox, young last season, is among them. I sent notes he called upon me at the office this morning. The Riff is for the present gathered at Woodward's Building. Attended the Parade of the U. S. with Mrs. and Isn't Enright lady. Afterwards I went over to the Aide, and was at Williams Hotel full. Things are looking to an attack upon Norfolk, but nothing is known to the public at present least. (In part,) the soldiers must all be in quarters.

SATURDAY 18

Fine cool day; very pleasant for the soldiers to drill. Squadts being seen all over the city bidding to and fro under a drill officer. Had letter to-day from R. W. T. who left home in early afternoon. To the eye of Col. W. [intensified to Mr. Lewis] telephoned the city. Possibly Mr. Van Santen, one of the best officers, came down to see the drill parade of the 12 from there to Williams Hotel and thence to Richmond and the officers of the Third Rifles. We stop there. Came home about 7 o'clock here at 11.
SUNDAY, MAY 19, 1861.

Good to day, fine in Park, in the Morning. Went with Father to the Camp of the 12th Regt in the Morning and heard Rev. Mr. Church. Hole Smith, the Chaplin of the Regt, deliver an Eloquent discourse to the Soldiers, got to Church in time from there and heard Rev. Smith, a good Man in the House. Left Millburn of the 12th Regt at 4. Called in the evening, he lives in NY, an Englishman by birth, went down on to the Ave at 6 o'clock and saw the Navy Regt parade their Band of Music in the Park, which was rather fine. Back before dark, lad, I left even with the War.

MONDAY 20

Another cool day, a fine comfortable weather, all clear. It has sinnced most of the day, though aclouds are gone from the 12th Regt. Went down to the Parade of the 12th Regt this evening. Afternoon went on to the town was at the "National" one hour or so. People are footing great event will take place soon. A Battle at or near Norfolk. Probably get the NY papers and come home early and send telegrams to my accident among the soldiers occur frequently. Three or four here been shot.

TUESDAY 21

Todays the weather has been fine gnats still thin in the Office. Matters and business there are now assuming their usual channels. But applications for permits have been kept down of late. Went with Father into the Camp of the 7th NY Regt. ("Cape Cod") a great crowd of Spectators there. We went all around among the tents after the Parade. The Soldiers had Gymnastic Exercises, equal to a circus performance, came back at dark, did not in come back.
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 1861.

No particular occurrence has marked this day, except the raising of a fine National Flag on the Post Office. Mr. Lincoln, Mr. Secretary, Mr. Bland and Mr. Smith were present. The Secretary of the Interior spoke on the occasion. The evening was spent in leisurely and pleasant company.

THURSDAY 23

Nothing in particular going on to-day. The weather seems to对面 great improvements. Villages now are in a condition seems to be most favorable for agriculture, all the fruits from the earth, and generally going into carriages. But there was a letter to-day from home, twice or three times today. Tonight we had an hour's stroll, dinner, and dancing. We arrived home at midnight. Tonight got the news and came home early.

FRIDAY 24

This has been a day of excitement. This morning I witnessed the capture of the Postmaster. This morning early, at different points near the city, Col. Ellsworth with his men went to Alexandria on the steamer. He was killed near the Marshall House where he had taken some occasion flag by a man named Jackson who kept the house. There was a demonstration in the town. Ellsworth's death created intense excitement here. Our lives are threatened with imprisonment. Wrote I saw them today with a glimpse of the Potomac.
SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1861.

Another most exciting day, rumors of fighting on the other side of the river were rife all over the city, the middle of the city, but care without foundation. The funeral of Col. Babbitt took place from the Post House. His remains were in the back room where the crowd passed through and seen there, among the rest Mr. Babbitt, Mr. Babbitt, and the two boys, first as they in uniform will not be tempted to go out for anything during the Middle of this day, they were seen running with the crowd in search of some Blue coats, dinner being served out to them.

SUNDAY 26

Home to-day, went to Church with family. Col. and Mrs. Babbitt were both with us. Came into the last night, somewhat sick, is getting better. Gen. Ripley is at Alexandria. The excitement of yesterday has subsided but troops are helping over the River to-day and the large Government are taking over their tents, implements, and the soldiers are busy burning all canteen wood at Arlington. The rebels had the stocks all stuck for the entrenchment and would have had possession here as cheap or the worse.

MONDAY 27

Another hot morning, but a terrible amount of dust and rain came on before noon and lasted for an hour or two. After which it was cool and pleasant. Went down to the National after dinner with Sam and called upon Judge Gay & Lady Frase—Col. Booth Uriah, went down to Willard's again in the evening quite a crowd there but not many officers. All were anxious waiting for news, and surmising what it will be. Came home at 9, read the papers, bed at 11.
TUESDAY, MAY 28, 1861.

The weather continues very cool, a fire in the house to sit by in rainy evenings. The heights opposite here in Virginia are now thoroughly occupied by some 15,000 soldiers, none are going over every day and more are coming from the North. 3,000 came to day 1,000 from N.H. and 2,000 fromOhio. Called up to see the W.J. 7th parade after dinner. And at 9 o'clock went to the Post. Came with Juliet and5D. Nunn. Not much of a crowd then, very quiet place. The officers of the military were out in force. Mr. Sebold was there and some other U.S. army got home at 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 29

It has been a fine cool and airy day. Took a longer walk than I have for some time. Got a "pipe" from Geo. Woodside and at about 10 o'clock went to the U.S. Armory at Virginia, over the Long Bridge, near the encampment of some 2000 men and their entrenchments, then at Arlington Home. The Head Quarters of Gen. Sanford. Most delightful place. Entertained at the City the W.J. 8th Rgt. are there. The 25th, including the Albany Reserves Corps, are about one mile below or about 3 miles from the River. Went to the 6th Col. Carrington, White Georgetown. Myself and two others going with them. Called the President's (and) General's. Got home about 6 o'clock. 5 miles.

THURSDAY 30

We did not feel much worse for wear to-day. My long walk yesterday attended to business. In the office as usual. Got my month's salary and came home about 9 or 10 o'clock and with wife and sister went to the Post to see some friends. Received by the Post and Genl. Scott.

The 14th of the German Rgt. and the Garde d' Honneur 4000 in all went out to the line after dinner at the National. Jim Anderson joined his Rgt. Came home before little boy, sick.
WEATHER very delightful. Began some sick last night. Much fever, least better to expect. Writing of particular interest you desired. The 71st N.Y. Rgt. returned home to duty. Dem 135 accepted into the Rgt. one arriving every day. Went down to the yard after dinner with Maj. ten or twelve boats. Steamer there at this dock. Thirty-two prisoners taken at Alexandria (Capt. Ball Johnson) were in confinement on the Potomac. Since the 71st WY. Rgt. Fornace in the yard where they are quartered. Came home direct before dark. Did not go out again.

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

Excitement to day. Fight at Pointe C.H. This morning brilliant colors on part of U.S. regiment, fighting against the 4th New York. Chin. Steamer and rebel batteries firing shoues. This evening (after dark) over the river. The artillery practice is a fight early one more on the opposite. We hear news from the Armies at the different points. Harpers Ferry. Fort Monroe. Will the rebels stand up, once fight and be crushed. or will they retreat? Some think that there will be no general fight. I think there will be more than one but I do not fear the result. At the "National," after dinner.

SUNDAY 2

This has been rather a hot day. M. 84°. I rode out to church, all the rest of the family went. The 12th Rgt. returned to their quarters on Franklin Square. I went down to Millhouse afterwards. Many officers there of Army and Navy. Among the rest I saw Cornwell, Hudson, Gen. Mansfield, Gen. Stone, Col. Butterfield, and Lieutenant Hemenway. Col. E. Utley of the General Guard has his quarters there and his guard even at the East entrance on duty. Home at 9 o'clock.
MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1861.

Hot day. Mr. S.S. considerable excitement in the city. People seem to feel and think that affairs on the other side of the river as well as at other points are approaching a crisis. Those on coming in and moving o'er the river from day to day see the tents of the encampments on the other side, with the smoke of guns. No night—night-fighting signals made from them about 10 P.M. and answered from the city. I think that the rebels are approaching our lines on some line we are not yet late; watching the lights and listening.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4.

Cooler to-day, little some rain in the office nearly alone all day. The Highland Rifts arrived early this morning. 2 or 3 o'clock. They march through the Av., playing "The Marches." 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 over there and some of the Rifts are called out sometimes twice in a night. We all sleep in thin coats. I was at Wtlers, 250 Great Lakes have come down by.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5.

A cool drizzling day, raining right down much of the time. Alone in our room again to-day, but my Sick. Wllton off as usual nearly all day. Yesterday I made out a Caledorn Report of the affairs for patients in an Office for 1850, for the Commanding, then on the fire after dinner. Some particular items. No letter today from Ed. Just expects to be here this week. On a visit to the City, I got the WP papers and came home from Wtlers before dark. 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 I am 
aware of. But we are in expectation of hearing of 
fight or battle in various directions.

FRIDAY 7

Office all closed to day in respect to the Memory 
Of Judge Douglas. Took the occasion to visit Alexandria 
with my four girls and Mr. Mainwaring. We visited 
the "Marshall House", just where Ed. Edmunds was killed 
get a glass there to go to the Camp of the Irish Regt. 
and the 3rd. and "Monitor Hill" about a mile back of the city. It is very commanding position 
and the "Works" well advanced. Began breakfast 
get home about 4 to look for Mr. Martin E. P. 
and Capt. Welting from here. Sent Andrews along 
pick up a vest from the Camp. He returns.

SATURDAY 8

Left the Office today at 12. and went down 
to the Navy Yard with E. P. and Capt. Blake. Spent 
rest all the day there went on board the "Monitor" and see the effect of the 
shot to the war from Engagement with a creek. Capt. Ward is evidently a "fighting Capt." 
Bad attended all the "ball" so far. Came home 
at 3 o'clock. At 5 went to Market, and write 
there one of the most tremendous throngs occurred 
that I ever witnessed. Lunched about an hour.
SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 1861.

Went down this morning to Franklin Square with my friends from the North to witness the Weekly Inspection parade of the 12th Regt. Went from there to Church but Smith preached a funeral sermon, which Judge Woodley, a true gentleman, did so well. Went again in the afternoon with E. P. introduced him to Mr. Smith. Visited the C. C. Smith's friend. In the evening attended the 4th Parade of the 12th, a great concourse of people there. A Monument seems to be on foot to Nine North Avenue over the River.

MONDAY 10

This has been one of the hottest days, etc. E. P. & Willing have gone to another have been to Virginia, but the town was so hot they didn't go for some hours. Left this morning for Harper town as I said fromro. The 12th Regt went with their five Battery of rifle cannon and some horse in pursuit. Sam Andrews was shot today from the Paradows of the 12th with pistol and gun. W. and then down to Williamsburg and the 12th and came home early.

TUESDAY 11

Another hot day, Monday as yesterday. E. P. and J. W. to-day have been in Harpavon but the heat prevented them from going back in the afternoon. There was a Review at the Parks this afternoon of five Regiments. The Scotch Highlanders were one, the 12th. They have a fine Band. And besides a Fine Artillery, they at the 'Dole' of the 12th. Thousands of Spectators crowded the streets and the 12th Regt. were paraded every night. Went down with the wife to see the 'Highlanders' Pop.
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1861.

Bad news to day from Fort Monroe. a fight and a repulse with considerable loss of life. It is feared that the loss is much greater
than expected. Some say 500. One friend
E.P. & Capt. Wells left on the 8th for home.
I went with them this morning to the Genl. Qo.
and to McCurdy's. Promote Gallery of paintings
was at the Parade of the 12th. again this Evening.
It is really an interesting show and costing
nothing. Some of the soldiers sent their names
from Lee & Grant.

THURSDAY 13

It has been cooler today, and quite comfortable. We are relieved today in reference to the "Bethel affair".
Our loss not more than first reported 25 or 30.
Nothing stirring in the way of news of importance.
But important events expected every day, and
people are on "pinions" all the time.
Left out into the fields with rifle and bullet to see the
12th in their skirmish drill. Have spent the
day with Willie Sinclair. at the White House and
dined there with the President. Holly has been to town.
My sister. The Sunday School Teacher took her with him.

FRIDAY 14

Fine pleasant day. The evacuation of Harper's Ferry by
the rebels is the only news of importance.
Expect to day many think that the combination
will move down to Washington. But I don't think they will attempt it.
Epaulets. They are evidently afraid of us, and
have acted cowardly in all their little skirmishes.
which have occurred so far. But they may be
reserving their courage for a great effort.

Saw the 12th. Parade with Mrs. S. and Mr. on the 12th.
SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 1861.

This has been the hottest day yet. D6 92° with a pretty good breeze all day. More boats have crossed the river, and many are looking for an assault upon the city. I do not think the artillery at Arlington House were practicing. This evening we could see the smoke and hear the guns near Manassas. Went down to Market for newspapers. More than usual. Sergeant Manderlin was at the house. Mrs. Co's went down to Williamsburg, and the next day the W. papers. came home at 1 o'clock.

SUNDAY 16

It has been a fine comfortable day. With a good breeze. Attended the service at the 12th Regiment. Rev. Abel (Abel Bole Smith) officiating. Large number of citizens attended. Everything promising. The Post is reporting. On the 10th every hour to move over the river into Virginia. The 3rd Parades was attended by thousands of spectators. Wished down to Williams to hear the news, but not much about it. Went to plenty of reports. 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 4 o'clock to the camps at Manassas Hill about a mile north. Three Maine Regts. are there. The 3rd Illinois, 5th German, and the W. 9th about 400. They were on parade while we were there. It was quite a military show. Another Maj. Regt. came to-night. I did not go down to the theater to-night. Reined early,
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 1861.

Weather fine, but a good deal of excitement on account of a fight near the Bay at a little station on the RR called Rosina. Our troops sent with a help on a main of cons. as did a Massey Battery lost a number of men. This Regt. Large bodies of troops are expected to move to Fairfax E. F. by tomorrow. The C.S.T. troops went right or back out as they did at Harper, Deep 12th Regt. Received by Secy. of War this afternoon. Was down at “Williams” just a Convent.

WEDNESDAY 19

Fine weather yet. Every one on duty to hear news from as well as being over the river and an advance to Fairfax is expected. Expecting news expected from the Post from the front 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. Everybody excited. And engined for news. Came from me with the wish hopes and retired 12:00 P.M.

THURSDAY 20

Not very, and everybody wondering what will happen next. Wrote the morning orders. The 12th Regt. to go to night. Some new troops have arrived to-day. The boys here here remain the day at the Post with the Lincoln boys. Willie has been with me. Call the office all day, then at the boys parlor with wife and daughter. Did not go on to the Outing. "Herald" and read it. Bed 10:10.
FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 1861.

This has been a fine day, at the May parade of the 2nd This evening about twenty of the soldiers went down to our little tent, all sorts of regrets have been in circulation to day. Genl Beauregard has been on the march for the city with one thousand thousand men. Many are frightened and are looking around for some place to flee to. Genl Spen of Missouri is making his mark in bursting almost all the wires. It is said that I cannot not go downtown to the Abe.

SATURDAY 22

This is the day which was set for the capture of Washington by the "Secessionists." But the day has passed in defeat, and that thing has not been attempted. The Fifty Thousand Bayonets have been a slight obstacle on the way. It has really been the most quiet day that we have had for some time. Those of our Regt have arrived. The 2nd R.I. comm and "Scott Life Guard" are two of them. For Speake came back with the R.I. Regt. I went to Market, near the Bower & Retired

SUNDAY 23

Rather a hot day, but no plunetion or militia. I did not get out to church but used myself at home reading and writing. Wrote to R. H. of the 12th Regt. today with Mr. Rich and Mr. Hart, two fine gentlemen of young men, apparently belonging to the better class of soldier, and sitting in the ranks just for fun and excitement. Attended the Parade and the family visited an accidently wounded soldier. Wife took them 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 Gents of the Army has been held. A sort of Council of War and State combined. We may hear from it hereafter. Three or four thousand fols assembled into Virginia last night and our lines seem to be slowly advancing. A great battle may "come off." Soon. The two R.I. Regts. with them two Battalions, 12-lb. Howes, were reviewed this evening by the Port at the

TUESDAY 25

Another fine day cool and bright. Nobs are coming every day. The large numbers 13,000. Came last week and 5000 were expected to lay and to fight. There was a large meeting of Officers at Genl Scott's quarters today. And his surmise are about something to be done soon. It will be difficult to keep the contending forces apart much longer. I went down the quay near the 5th Battery of the 12th N.Y. and saw the Esopusby Capt. Hower's ship the Evening Star.

WEDNESDAY 26

It has rained a little to day. Rare the cast and made every thing look more pleasant. Nothing has occurred. Everything appears to be quiet. Although the Elements of strife are all around us. I think the rebels are in fear of making peace, and are causing the slight movements which they do. But they must be no peace till they lay down their arms and return to their posts. I was at Woodlands.ilet quite well. Crying coming.
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1861.

But little of moment has transpired in the city today. Some little rioting on the part of the soldiers. Many having been paid off. The most important event, is the arrest of Marshall Thane of Baltimore, for treason—no fighting has taken place recently to speak of. But it is expected every day. There is now probably 15,000 men on each side within shot of each other—should a conflict take place the blood of the over 1,500 killed will be the wonder of the world.

FRIDAY 28

To day the body of Capt. Ward of the little steamer “Freedom” was brought to the navy. He was killed on board his boat by a shot from shore at “Matthews Point.” He was a brave man.

We are frequently startled by the booming of cannon over the river. And the first thought is “the battle has begun.” Then in say, why are only practicing at the guns. Business has been quite slow in the patent office this month. Some dismissals are expected tomorrow.

SATURDAY 29

It has been a pleasant comfortable day. Maj. Gen. John Fremont arrived last evening and is at Willcox. Much is expected of him in this contest. The event of the day was the raising of the stars and stripes at Cent. on the first grounds, by the peace. It caught in going up and was torn in among the stars which were taken by some...
SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 1861.

Rained a little this morning but I went to Church with wife in the morning. Took a walk up to the depot in the evening saw the arrival of the W'y 15 Regt. (Col. McDowell Murphy) five Regts. here. Considerable. All the quarters (Buildings) on the Ave. Officers to be full but they will go into Camp by tomorrow and probably move for more than fifty thousand here now on this side of the River. We are at Williams. Members of Congress are now coming in.

MONDAY, JULY 1

This has been a fine cool day but a heavy rain this evening. We all (the family) took a walk after dinner to the Camps here. We saw the Camp of fifteen Regts. and went in to see a number of the Officers of most of the W'y Regts. In that vicinity. Col. Rogers, Col. Grants, Col. Bingham. We got home in the midst of the rain and got quite wet getting out of the Carriages spent the evening at the theater of Col. Forder and St. Matthew of the 12th. Mr. Woodbury was there. got home in part 10 o'clock. Retired at 11.

TUESDAY 2

Everything connected with the War seem to be standing still as far as we know except the arrival of Rebels and their movement across the River. The City is now becoming with soldiers who stay only for a day or two and then go into Camp in the suburbs of the City. The wood and groves north are alive with them. I was at the Hotel to meet two Regts. from the Army. The City is filling up with soldiers. Others.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 1861.

This has been a fine cool day and quite a stirring one around town. This afternoon the 12th Line were reviewed by the President at the "White House," and other Line were moving coming in and going out to Camp. The 12th Line had a fine parade and were reviewed by Maj. Genl. McD. Preparations for the 4th are making guns one firing. Rockets are flying and a general shooting all over the City. The fireworks tonight is quite brilliant and spectacle made evident being substantial a stranger.

THURSDAY 4

The weather has been delightful and my famou to the great Military Review. Twenty three Regiments or near twenty thousand men. Marched past the Post House on the Ave. It was a great display for Wm. for it was a review of only the Wm. Line by Maj. Genl. Sandford, Genl. Scott. The President and Cabinet were out on a platform in the review. Mr. Postmaster at Williams attended the 4th Parade of the 12th and then furtinities in the evening at their Camp came with the family at quarter past nine.

FRIDAY 5

Not in the town, but a good air stirring. Congress is fairly organized and ready to go to work. Sails at the Capitol a couple of hours to day. Saw many of the "Menials" with whom I was acquainted went on to the floor among them before the call to order. The Hall looked clean and nice after being used for Barracks. Thousands of slaves seen today as spectators. Went down to Williams and sat the "Papers" at the parade with wife, Julia.
SATURDAY, JULY 6, 1861.

In the office all clay as usual. Removals of
employees expected hourly, great outside
protest for office. Qualification a secondary
consideration. Salesies are wanted. A general
movement of troops is expected to take place
tomorrow. Went down to the yard
with India, went on board the steamer
Piscocota. She is now nearly ready.
Saw the gunners at the yard firing at a
target with shell. I was going to see the 12s.
They are under Wardens' orders.

SUNDAY. 7.

This has been a hot day. Mrs. Smith
and Montville took dinner with us and
we sent down dinner to Sergeant Standish
and the camp. We went down at 10th
and saw them off. The Regt. is bound for Harpers
Ferry, and Martinsburg to reinforce Gen. Patterson.
He parted with them with much regret, as
we had become quite familiar with many
of the officers and men, who were my companions.
I will quite some time at the camp tonight
with only 30 men left to guard it. No particular news.

MONDAY 8.

The movement in the city is now increasing,
as the troops are moving. And the battles.
Various rumors are afloat from the
River but nothing more than skirmishes here
as yet. Some of the subordinate of the late Regt.
other demands are expected. The largest of the office
is now small. I was on the Aet with lot.
I went to the office of the 14th Regt.
TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1861.

The hottest day yet. M.G.4. The sun fairly burned. No important news arrived, a few trenches came in. A letter from Jeff Davis, but amounted to nothing as is now understood. The removal of two of the city volunteers who were killed in a skirmish at the River Place, the 4th. They were Germans. A fine rain commenced near night and continued two or three hours. The air is finely cooled and everything refreshed. Two of the F.D. Artillerymen were killed to-day by the burning of a puffing cistern top, two others hardly wounded.

WEDNESDAY 10

This has been a fine day but rather hot. For Marching orders some Regts. have gone over the River. And some have arrived from the North. A move towards the rebels is now making, and a battle or a race is impending. My impression is the Rebels will win. Myself and Julia had intended to go over to the R.D. Camps, but there came on another rain (a ordinary one) and prevented. There has been nothing like a "dry time" yet 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 pay our respects to the R.D. Camp. I went out and saw the Regt of Col. Small. It is from Penn. More Removals in the Office today. One Spant Reed and Afterwards Black. Rumors of fighting West. and odors of the Retreat of the Rebels from Fairfax Court House. We shall know tomorrow. More must come and we must count heads of us.
FRIDAY, JULY 12, 1861.

A pleasant cool day and apparently much enjoyed by all. Co great Many Soldiers, moving some just coming into the city, some going into camps back of the City. And some Marching for Virginia. The Virgin. Regt of Sloane. M.G. 27th Regt. Volunteers, came in last night and occupied the Camp on Friendship Square. The Lyons Co Capt. A. D. Adams, is along the River all night, went with Julia to the D. O. Camp. It was the first drill and parade I ever seen. Day of War weather. There were two Regts, or about 2200 men.

SATURDAY 13

A cool rainy day. Worn by the comforter, the office all day as usual. A crowd of soldiers in the office every day. Work one pushing on the River more 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 the lands behind the City. It is the Coliseum light, apparently, and very brilliant since the deep season of the 23rd. Capt. Adams came home and took tea with us. I sent the Lyons boys a basket of onions this evening. That with other bacon. They ran much pleased with the present. The boys are all well.

SUNDAY 14

This has been a cool day almost too cold 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 Captains of the 23rd Regt. His Regt leaves in the morning for Virginia. Went down to Williams with Lt. Swain, saw Mr. Courtney, and other gentlemen. Heard no particular news. Quite a crowd there. House filled with Military and all (all Lt.).
MONDAY, JULY 15, 1861.

Nothing in particular has occurred to day excepting the arrival of a number of Rept. from the North and the passage of a number over the Potomac into Virginia, crowds with the greatest show every day. The City is very full of strangers as well as soldiers. The latter are mostly in camp. Back of the city. Soon the Union Rept. parading at length this afternoon, was at the camp. With the officers of the Lyon Co. were some this evening. Their next is expected within the week.

TUESDAY 16

The Parkes quite are expecting Aoy or the Military has been moving all day over the line. The R.P. Rept. with Gen. Shafter at the head left their camp and passed through the city and over the Long Bridge about 5 o'clock. The 7th and the 23rd. followed. The Union Rept. also rode over at noon and left in two hours for the same destination. I was at the Long Bridge with Arouer and T.A. Dickinson when the four first Rept. passed over. A guard only in town left at the Camp of the 27th. Utterly thickening.

WEDNESDAY 17

All the Union of 27th Rept. were not go yesterday about a hundred men were left until 11 o'clock. They left this afternoon. Ellen and Buck (the children) from Lyon) and Lieut. Good of Rochester took breakfast with us. Some of the Men of the Lyon Co. took dinner with us and my wife sent her dinner to others. Nothing in exceed out of Gen. McDougal's Army. We expect they are at Fairfax City. Before this I was at McCandlis this evening, and looked around.
THURSDAY, JULY 18, 1861.

Rather too warm today to comfort but a good air stirring. It is supposed that a great battle has taken place at Manassas Junction as our papers were more than three hours. On account of the diminution business of the Patent Office a number of the examiners were removed to-day. Myself among the rest. The Patent Office found it pretty well enthusiastic. The expenses being about $1000 a month in cash of receipts for the last six months. Called at Willard's to see Mr. D. Pothers. Our summer arrives.

FRIDAY 10

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 Willard's at 9 o'clock tonight, I made an effort today to be comforted in my own case. The lines are not all promising for any one out of business. The time has been hot today but there has been a good air. As before, all any wife in his sleep last night got out of a time story standing on the roof of the back wing two stories high. I write in without accident.

SATURDAY 20

I have been about the office writing letters to most of the newspapers. With the money the instant I should be reinstituted. The excitement in the city is great as the two armies are more near each other and a decisive battle must take place. At any rate, a number of Congressmen here have gone over to the army to any as yesterday Congress adjourned into the Monday. It is understood that there has been no fighting to-day.
SUNDAY, JULY 21, 1861.

This has been the most exciting day yet.
I have heard the guns all day from
the battle which has been raging at 0
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 on
all day and last night. Now have left the city.
A rest kept the Union forces down the morning
and a heavy gun battery attacked by a most excited crowd
at McDowell and all sorts of common stuff.

MONDAY 22

Yesterday was a directions day to our men.
They were compelled to retreat and amount
of 1st. And squads of sailors have been coming
into the city all day. Most of the Rebs which
I saw pass the Long Bridge are not a go we have
returned heavily cut up. The two RT. The NH 0
the 1st RT. And the 1st RT. are here again.
Having lost at least 5 of their number, the Ellazarite
Zouaves are all able to see. Only about 250 left
out of 1100. My neighbor Sam. Andrews of the Wisconsin 1st
is said to be killed. Not yet confirmed correctly.

TUESDAY 23

Yesterday was a rainy day and the poor
Soldiers were cornering in all day not
and color. We had our house full
of woodmen from Lyssle. To keep them as comfortable as we could.
To day I have taken down to the bank further
the pair of pantaloons. But what for the gowns
are helped them "out" all I could.
The city is full of returning soldiers. Many in a
bad condition wounded + tied out.
WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1861.

This has been a delightful day and one full of excitement and interest. The city has been filled with all day with soldiers, small squads of them have been strolling into the City. and all had their story of hard bread to relate. Stories of how drenched in cold rain were the rooms of our houses, surrounding by our eager crowd of listeners. Most of the regts who were in the action have returned to this side and taken up their old quarters.

THURSDAY 25

This last engaged in the Patent Office officially. My time has been occupied from day to day the past week in looking about and visiting the Regts encamped around the city. This evening myself, with Julia and W.F. went over to the R.D. camps and visited the Officers Col Burnside Capt. Deptay 1st Deuce Surgeon Gent Wheaton. The 1st Regt left this evening for home from there we went to the Old Capitol and into the Second Rooms (over our house) Col Moore and many other were interesting there.

FRIDAY 26

This regt went to go before the Committee at the Capitol to day at 10 o'clock about Potter claims. The Committee is investigating the cases of clerks and others in the different departments and it is said to be deceiving or disloyal to the State. Went with police after Lincoln off to the Camps on Pennsylvania hill. Saw the Meridian Stone or pillar from which Longitude is determined. It took a long walk. I crossed very tired. Ed. Foster and Mrs. Foster of Frostcut stayed with me.
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 noon most of the time, Lieut. Linna and Mr. A. J. Ford of Boston, and Sergeant Major E. H. South, joined with me. I was at Williams this evening. Gen. McDowell (the great defeated) was here. Gen. McClellan is also there having arrived this morning. He is supposed to be a man for the place.

SUNDAY 28

I have been sick to-day with Cholera Morbus. We had a fair share of the same. I have not been out in the street at all. Nor have I eaten anything. I have not been sick this evening. I have taken hot tea, hot water on my hands all day. I am a little better now but don’t feel much better. I have been lying here for two weeks and am almost convinced that I am cured. I am not sick and feel well, but wish I could get a little out of the house.

MONDAY 29

Said Andrews and Lieut. Hill came home today. I am quite well to-day after my attack of yesterday. I went down town and old part of the city. Nothing of importance occurred in the city but the city is very full of strangers besides soldiers. I went down to the camp with Lieut. Judice. The Surgeon A. L. Barnes came home with us to-day. The news on the battle-field is quite as good as it was. A number of the Regt. 21st Ave. on the right list, but generally doing well.
Monday, July 30, 1861.

Another day has passed away and no particular thing has occurred of note. Little Holly had his face pretty badly burned this morning, but advised it and it seems to be doing well. Write to C. T. B. and Co.دار

Came home before 3 o'clock. My right foot is in my room and sore from some cause, cannot hurt it. It troubles me to walk. Do I fancy Dr. Long, surgeon of the W. 35, called today and left his handkerchief. Amended a little, also called. He is a regular fatso at Arlington Heights. He stays with us to-night.

Wednesday 31

This has been a hot day. M. 52°. I have been obliged to keep my room, owing to a cyclone. If I had been a "high liver," I should think it was the fault, but I am very clean of that. I have been in the house nearly all day, but went over to the "camp" awhile at Major Bollatts quarters. More removals in the patent office. To-day only three of the old gang left. So in go S. P. Andrews. My calls this evening. He is on a business visit to the City.

Thursday, August 1

Regiments in March betic today. I have been down to the office where I remain ever most of the day waiting. I think it quite possible that they will fire it. My friend would love to see one at my desk. As don't thing was removed yesterday, among others, I went down to the camp this evening with Mrs. Julia. The officers were very sociable. The list of a little drunk as usual, with that Mrs. Buyle went to church.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 2, 1861.

The weather is hot now a days the M. ranging about 90. I have been at the office part of the day writing letters to my old folks at home, but this has been boasting of his books, I have been clearing out my dresser, and throwing away some important papers and letters. I heard from Fort Leavener in time to write to one of the offices, evening for Frank's. I am with End of my Commander near Springville M. and with the Col. Small's camp called on our return to the Col. my name.

SATURDAY 3

Hot still. Went over to the Navy Yard with others and only hardly went around the ships and did board the Steamer Pensacola which will be completed in a few days. Nothing but cannons and that kind shell fill the air with a. Everything here looks warlike. No books can be found in the yard.

Now four hundred Marines in the barracks.

One of our neighbors who said Willie was killed and was badly hurt to day. The father is at sea. Went down to the camp with wife.

SUNDAY 4

The heat has been greater than ever to day. Went to church with wife and the boys.

First Sunday I went to church took breakfast with us. Had dinner at home to the dinner with us.

He preached at the Capitol this morning.

It was too hot for any of us to go out to church this afternoon, Mr. 27th Regt. and others are now restricted to their own "lines." The Col. is rather.

Lt. Col. D. have a bat from good friend.
Mondae, August 5, 1861.

The heat continued extremely hot, & the weather in the middle of the day. Swanson Rose to breakfast at ten & me, he going to attend the funeral of a boy who fell from a window. The boy is doing extremely well. I was at the post office about 10 a.m. and talked with the captain. He thinks he made a mistake in sending me but cannot retract just yet on account of other work. The evening at the quarters of Capt. Adams Camp Anderson.

Tuesday 6

W. at 9 30 this morning with but little wind stirring. The Lincoln boys some both not here after dinner by 9 o'clock. They made themselves quite at home in the house. Made my looks at the post office to day, shall try to get some papers. We eat once a day. Saw the court again cannot start more him but the shoorm in the act count for July. We walked down to the bank with Julia. The officers returned about 9 o'clock.

Wednesday 7

Heat still excessive, but a good one was on the best part of the day. Swinging, so we had plenty then as forming. They seem not kept in them greater. The "patriot" now has many civilian officers and all where furnished with a pass to go on as before. I have spent most of the day at home doing some small jobs, looking over my date books. The Lincoln boys were here again to day. They dressed up in the street uniform.
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 1861.

Very hot to-day. Mrs. R. here on the hill on the 1st of it stands 96. I have been busy all day on a Model of my boiler bucket. A good many balls at the home to-day.

Sergeon Barnes to breakfast here. J. Smith (Rev) Callis, Surgeon Varvaylch from the river. Mr. Wadlin of 12 1/2 Chas St. Sally and some of her friends. A very nice dinner I reached from Mr. Souza our neighbor.

From here been hearing all the evening from our morning about all the time.

FRIDAY 9

This day has not been so hot, rather cloudy and came to night. I was in the store and cut the list. Office got a house and lost from my Books and papers from the office. Nothing new stirring in the city. But Varvaylch was here to-day and Capt. Adams gave us a call. I finished my Model and did not do much else to-day. About the House. The boys have been playing soldiers in their tent.

Wrote the House keepers notes.

SATURDAY 10

The News of no particular news to-day.

The papers are not allowed to publish Army News. We see Rest Morning every day but hardly knowing where they are going to. It seems there to realize that the one in the midst or a Civil War of gigantic proportions. That in fact within those limits of the city. Deadly enemies are ready to cut our throats.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 1861.

A very short time went to church this morning with Julia Willie and Surgeon Barnes of the 27th. Boats with headlines, it commenced to rain about 3 o'clock and rained till near night. My hand. Huddling the howl of the city, guns were heard over the river. Some fighting. Probably. It would not have surprised us to hear a few cannonade or shells any day, as our attack. Maybe upon anything. The air is quite cool since the rain, and more rain is expected.

MONDAY 13

Went down to the Post Office this morning and saw the Post, could get nothing definite from him in reference to my restoration. At the office, business there is still dull. Few soldiers are seen in the streets now and none without a pass. The 27th has some orders to cross the river into Virginia and go into camps. Horses are accumulating here and also at Manassas Junction. Another collision must soon take place. It will be a life struggle, and the position, good. Barnes to night.

TUESDAY 13

News to day of the battle at Springfield Mills and death of Gen Lyon. My own friends were in his army. Co. E. 6th U.S. infantry. Capt. E. have been at the camps much of the day helping the soldiers pack up and get in readiness to leave. They go tomorrow morning. But Barnes came to tea. He presented Julia with a beautiful basket pistol. "Elioto self loading." Very smart. I shot it. I was at "Millard's" house today, not a quiet concert there. The city in a state of nearly constant excitement.
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 1861.

get up this Morning and went to Market. Bsat Barnes and Capt. Good, to Breakfast. Bsat Tonycky 4 to Dinner. Tho 29th left this morning for Va. I was at the post office awhile on the Act. Witness this evening the quelling of a Meeting among the 7th Regt. 4 strong force of Infantry and Cavalry and four pieces of Artillery were brought to bear upon them where they fell in and were paraded on the 14th St. The ring leaders picked out 36. No Number who will be convicted some of them probably shot. For Stevens in now the Ch

THURSDAY 15

The 3rd Regt. of Regulars are cleaning up the Camp on 7th St. Camp Anderson for occupation. I was in the post office awhile to stay but stayed at home. Most of the Army. The weather is quite cool and a fire in the dining room is comfortable. In the Morning, Capt Barnes received from Alexandria and took dinner with us. No particular news at all. All military movements are now kept as secret as possible by Gen. McClellan.

FRIDAY 16

Went down to the Navy Yard this forenoon with Tisdale. The "Peregrine" Steamer is nearly completed. The little tug boat "Resolute" lay near her with three dead men on board. A schooner was killed near Matlack's Point last night by the Rebels. Met two Westfall and Mr. Pennington of Lyons at the yard. Went with Westfall to the Provost Marshal's Office (Col. Porter) for "pass" to Virginia. Met Mr. Reafida of Elmira at Williamsburg. 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 except of cavalry from P.A. came in while I was there. Books are coming all the while but nothing is said or known about it publicly. Long lines of army wagons were loading and leaving. Saw a large quantity of Gen. T. H. there inCopy
army uniform. At Williams in the evening eclipse and Marriage with Miss Sally Woodard was published in the "Star" this evening. Man stole on the 23d July.

SUNDAY 18

This has been a very disagreeable day. Did not go to church. Have been reading and writing most of the day. Lab Skidmore and Green P.R. called to-day. They are just from the other side of the River. All quiet here. There seems to be one ominous stillness all around the city. Time to be broken by a deliberate battle near by, at least 10000 Men are within a few miles of the city. Which is all probably not called at this precise. This evening. Beauregard is quoted as saying: "The Union to many of the inhabitants is just now.

MONDAY 19

This will help for a rainy day and a disagreeable one. I was at Gen. Ayres office (Provo) Marshall, a great crowd there after "pale" to Virginia. The Court Marshall was sitting in the same declining form of the Munee of the W.R. who are accusing them next. They were hand enough to the P.O. office and was awhile at the office. Rumors of the Rebels among the River into Maryland. Hence fighting reflected soon near the City. Called upon Mr. Pipunot to sell him my furniture, think of selling the family North soon.
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." Similar rumors are constantly afloat. Went to the Express office and sent off (as suggested) Lieut. Martin's drink which needed writning. Called at "the National" and also a Brady's Photograph Gallery. Saw Maj. Anderson there. I was at home most of the day continuing that course to pursue 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 Courthouse Morning but could get nothing satisfactory from him in reference to my restoration to the Post Office, came home about noon. The Brazilian Minister wants to send my House Furnishings for one of his friends. I hardly know what to do. I called upon Mr. Conolly on the 1st. He has an appointment at the Mount Holyoke School when I may visit Jullia.

THURSDAY 22

Another rainy day. Went down to the Post Office, great crowd there for passes across the River. See Capt. Parker and Capt. Hoare there (of the 12th). Sent a line to the President by Mr. French a private letter. Will see him in the morning about 8 o'clock. Was at home most of the day but at the Post Office a while. 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 7:30. Many Members of the Cabinet then to see him. And officers of the Army. I was not able to see him in private. Genl. McCollum was there. And Col. Baker and Col. Duyer and Genl. J. P. Denes and other distinguished characters. Had letter from Mr. Walt. Today, Collier of Williams. Officers plenty there. N. P. Miller. There, and Capt. Russell the correspondent of the "London Times." Went down to see the dress parade of the Regulars with Julia and Charlotte.

SATURDAY 24

Saw the President this morning at 8. Appointed for a pay distribution in the Army. Too many already appointed. Gave me a line to Mr. Seward. Came home and found Mr. Browning of Lyon at the house. Went with him and Julia and to camp Browning to see the Anderson Guards. Col. Riker, continued a while with the chapel. Rev. Mr. Harvey from W. Mills. Divided to W. Y. There is one Co. of the Zouaves who are Freeman, some of whom serve in Africa. Mr. Seward was there and reviewed the last 1000 men.

SUNDAY 25

Went to church this morning with Julia and Browning. The day has been delightful. Quite a show of soldiers with 14th St. Infantry. Cavalry and Artillery of the Reg. of the with a fine band of drums. Coffee. A long train of army wagons also passed the house. Mr. B. and wife went to church in the afternoon, walked down to Lafayette Square and met me awhile at the depot with Browning. We much of a crowd there tonight. Saw Col. Black and Col. Chambers. How from Harris this evening. Came home at half nine.
MONEY, 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 27th of the 27th 31/2 miles up the city, and near Fort Charleston both morning and afternoon. Left Gen. Barnum and Lieut. Stunk of Augusta, Col. Sains and went through the fort with Surgeon Barnes and Lieut. Swan.

TUESDAY 27

A tent was put up expressly for Julia which she occupied alone during the night. I remained with her tent all night. I occupied a cot in the tent and she in the tent. Julia was very much pleased by the officer while we stood in the camp. We took dinner with Col. Barnum. Left the camp about 2 p.m. and went to Fort Rummy. Left Rummy and to Arlington House. Arrived there at the Long Bridge Capt. Allenger of Buffalo, spent the night. The bridge we got home before darkness and had a pleasant walk.

WEDNESDAY 28

Went to the Patent Office this morning with my Emancipation application and put it before the office in our hour. Went then with him, who to the War Dept. to see the Go Water Girl about knapsacks for the Army. Then went up to see the Washington House and the "Blue Boy of the Rock Creek."

Got home to dinner at 2 o'clock. It rained all the afternoon. At 8 o'clock, to bed. Goodnight, Major Smith of the 27th.
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 Rebel flags had been set up by Mr. B. left for home on the 2/3 train, I went to the Depot with him. The 13th, 14th, 20th and 31st Regiments from N.Y. were arriving all expected here tomorrow morning. Capt. McComb, who resides on 40th St. & 15 Ave. W. and Lieut. Martin 12th Regt. called today. A battle is expected soon over the river skirmishing yesterday and the guns heard nearly all day.

FRIDAY 30

Excitement is again on tip toe as a general battle is expected now nearly 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 supply skirmishing among the sentinel crews daily. The newspapers here say nothing. I went at the Post Office awhile today, came home and made a small model of Fort Sumter. Went down to Hollen's with Capt. Everett saw Maj. Chappell but saw Julia at O'Hara's room at 10.

SATURDAY 31

This has been a delightful day cool and bright. Large numbers of folks crossed the river last night 3,000 at least but we have heard nothing of any fight as yet. I have been Model Making part of the day. Was at the Post Office awhile, went to Market before dark. In the evening Julia and I went down to the Ave. We went into "Gardners" and got ice cream came up 18 & 17 some Company of German Band men giving Senator Southam a vocal Serenade.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1861.

Another delightful day, went to church with wife and boy in the morning and slept at home nearly all the rest of the day.

MONDAY 2

Pleasant day and went out with little excitement. People feel better since the recent disaster. Wetton is smoke on the Virginia Hill and thought it might be from the battle there.

TUESDAY 3

Bright day, firing heard on the river nearly all day. Several to be fighting going on, collisions between the pickets occur every day. A battle cannot be far off.

Call with Mrs. Hamilton and Dr. Hamilton to call. Smith this morning have spent the evening at home. Wife went to meeting.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1861.

Beautiful day. rather hot in the room called on to see Smith which amounted to nothing. I think he likes to have people think that they are under great obligations to him. got my last pay and closed the bank windows sent $450 by doing it myself. sent my icel bill paid. It is suspected that fighting is going on this afternoon up the river where the rebels are attempting to cross. The balloon was let up over the river on the lookout. large bodies of troops have arrived today. Our Post Office our dog. The death of Jeff Davis is confirmed in the evening papers.

THURSDAY 5

It has rained nearly all day and there has not been much stir in the street. 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 camps. There does not appear to have been any "fight" yesterday, but the report of cannon on the other side is heard almost every hour of the day. I spent an hour in town at the Post Office, but have been at home most of the day.

FRIDAY 6

Beautiful day again. No particular news of a battle. spent part of the day at the post office, wrote a letter there to Brother C.P. found that an application was had been made for the patent for my old invention the water vaporizer. There is interference declared between there. I must attend to it. Came home and found my old model attended. Fit & Majesty. to Mrs. Young. Married Swiss got home at 11 o'clock.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1861.

Very hot sun to-day, and the atmosphere oppressive. I went down to the P.O. My gone this for the month or so, came home about noon and found Dr. David. Went to Market before and went with Julia home to the river. (the Dr. and wife have gone to the President.) Have been preparing some with Perad, studying where an self cooking and self loading gun with the rotating tupper. No news yet from over the river. The Union cause now looks much brighter and are are looking for success all around.

SUNDAY 8

Pleasant day, cloudy but fine. Went to church in the morning. Edward Dickey called before church. And Dr. David went over the river with him. Everything quiet among the military. No news. No movements of note. Notice, Half Salary. Called in the morning and we went down to the camps to hear the music of the regular band. No hot seen over the river and signal lights, but then does not appear to be any commotion. But few soldiers at church and but few seen in the streets.

MONDAY 9

A little rain this morning. Went down to the Post office and there to the State Department to see Mr. Sec. As he was not in. Have been at home most of the day, have not felt very well. Left letters of the Anderson family’s and with us to-day. He was formerly in the U.S. Navy. Dr. Daniel returned this evening from Virginia, he wrote everything quiet over there. Now have been coming in. The Union have been beating most of the day.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1861.

Went to the Navy Yard today with Srt Daniel and Julia, but Jallieare also along. quite finely today. The Navy yard doing well. The steam vessel is nearly complete and was taking on her stores, 200 sailors for her. We saw her at the yard this morning from the navy yard. We could see the reception flag at Munsom Hill Va. with a gun. got home to dinner and went down to see the Regulators by Parade. Then from there.

WEDNESDAY 11

Was at the Navy Yard this morning with B. Vinton. The hospital there. Called upon Mr. Searce. got letter of introduction from him to Mr. Cheere. could not see Mr. E today. There has been heavy firing on the rivers all the afternoons. The report tonight is that there has been a very smart skirmish near the chain Bridge about three miles above Georgetown. I was at Williams this evening but could not get an accurate account but large train of troops have gone up that way and we may have a battle tomorrow.

THURSDAY 12

This has been a delightful day. I was at the Navy Yard and at the Treasury Dept. did not see Mr. Cheere. The fight near the Chain Bridge yesterday missed the only a rather severe skirmish two of our soldiers killed. went with Julia after dinner up to Camp's Corner to see the "Anderson House," visited the Head Jr. of the "Madison House," with Capt. Weeks, Capt. Lafolata, of the French Army Company. No war little. He is an Italian. 15 or 20 Cadets by our door but big long trains of Army officers. hope all accept home leaves.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1861

I have been much of the day at the Treasury Dept. waiting to see the body on business. While there saw Prof. Snow, Gen'l Mitchell the Astronomer who is now in the Army also saw and conversed with Genl. Bumstead. Genl. Sumner of Kansas notarity also. It is reported that our batteries on the other side of the River have been active. There seems to be signals lighted there on the hills this evening.

Mr. Kenmure of White was with us and we walked up to Franklin square.

SATURDAY 14

Weather fine but a little too hot 118°. Have been at the Post Office part of the day had an interview with the Com.[o] and a long talk with him, and a pretty pleasant talk. But all the mean happenings in the world, the most repugnant to a proud and independent man is hearing of those in power, Sir Daniel. Get in this evening from the other side of the River. I went at the National on horse or at also called at Williams City, quiet.

SUNDAY 15

A hot day M. 80°. Went to church this morning with Julia + one of the boys, and heard Dr. Sumter's church. Well filled, John went in the afternoon. Chat. + Sally went up to dinner with us. went up with Dr. B. + Shot up to Camp Cameron to see the "Andersons", new Co. Capt. of the Co of the French Zouaves. He is an Italian. Came down to tea and went over to Camp Anderson to hear the music of the "Regular" Band. It was fine.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1861.

Today went with Mrs. Davia to the Smithsonian and to the Washington Monument, and to the Treasury. Saw Paul Simpson, the cashier. He told me the interest $800.00 in day notes now paid out, on the average it looks. I notice a bouquet from the Post Guard for the 9th to take home to his wife. As left on the 9th train. I went in the train to the Depot. We call the D.C. Mary Nelson. I saw him before. Left, think, spent an hour with her. This evening, left for the camp. If next goal.

TUESDAY 17

This has been a very cool day until near night when there was a violent rain for an hour or two. flooding the streets. I saw the corn of detective today. I shall go back into the office again in a short time. There is no particular news. Some people are expecting an attack upon the city. New York have a large army within thirty miles of the city, probably near 20,000 men. They must do something soon. I am at the top of the W.S. in three hours. I think that Mr. Schell will go into the army soon.

WEDNESDAY 18

Delightful day bright. Went to the depot to see about freight to WJ. Went from there to the Western Wharf's "Illinois & Rhinehart" on the same freighter. Visited the Govt. Corral 3000 horses, and some 2000 Mule teams and cases of Govt. wagons, on my return. Purchased 500 boxes of rope on the way for packing furniture, intending to have on sale of our bulk goods from 9th and the children will go to 18 for the present, until times are better.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1861.

Weather continues delightful. Spent some time at the post office. Searle was not there. The current order got no decision ams, as to the precise time. That I could go back into the office it would not be long, saw the auctioneer. Informed to buy our furniture. Next Wednesday is the day for but 10 a.m. Turned over some of my furniture. Went there some. I have been with family at what room. Attended a party. Miss Berkeley. There, they are fine singers.

FRIDAY 20

At the Indiana Hospital. It being to-day 100 patients were taken. Made Boice for Picnic. Quit a Deed from the Land Office for His Pollard of Lyons. Attended the Parade with federal, if the regular on 7 square called me to her expense the Woodbury. 12 in a fine, educate people and much devoted to the sick soldiers. Notes are pouring in rapidly now, from five to six Regiments. A day arrive by the cars. Large numbers have gone over the river this week, an attack upon the city expected.

SATURDAY 21

Nothing new. Has noticed recently although are now surrounded on all sides with elements which may be put in motion any hour carrying destruction and death. Thousands heavy cannonading over the river almost every day is heard from the forts. Practicing cannon getting the range of their guns. Have been at home most of the day fixing up things and preparing to sell out. Was out on the five in the morning with Julia.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1861.

Went to N. this morning with wife and the three boys. Wife and Jack went in the afternoon. E. D. Richardson came in the evening and took tea. Col. Fallis also called about the same time. Went down to the Camp to hear the \underline{Music} of the Regimental Band. It perform every night from just after 9 o'clock, a large crowd usually attends. Everything remains quiet on the River and Nothing but the long wagon train today could indicate anything unusual going on.

MONDAY 23

Have heard these days work packing up and getting ready to evacuate the premises. It is one of the worst of Washington life. Most of it. Inhabitants feel at home. The population is constantly changing at just at this time a regiment here in the disbarred. There was a draft for 1000 although their eight years are not sufficient. The city will be taken by the rebels.

TUESDAY 24

This has been a delightful day and our sale of furniture has been good. It mostly sold at a low rate but it was mostly purchased at auction two or three years since. The dollars nothing but the building alone amounting to only $14,000. Fire seen tonight on the Virginia hill, Julius was at the President today saw Mr. Lincoln could see the calk flag on "Memorials Hill" with the boots my ship. Julia and Phy. love are treated with particular attention. By Nov. 2 I brought home two beautiful Bayets.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 1861.

Busy packing for most of the day. No 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 very graciously received by Mrs. S. and assured that if she could do anything to keep our family here she would do it as she was anxious to have our lives come thus as companions of playmates for hers. We are writing a very strong letter to our son (with a Augur to Mr. Chase) of the meaning.

THURSDAY 26

Whitewashed considerably to day of taking another house any remaining in the city. But accost houses for rent are extremely scarce. Now two months ago half the houses almost were empty, and for rent I was at the White House last evening saw Mr. Whitman and called at the residence of Mr. Chase. He was not at home today. Have nearly finished packing it. It has been the National fast day, business suspended all over the city. Stores closed. Julia has gone to stay with Mr. Hattly and Carlisle called just at dusk.

FRIDAY 27

It has rained nearly all day and is very cloudy tonight. Called at Office of Mr. S. to close. He and the Assistant Secy. Harrington have both gone to NYC. I was at the White House. Mr. Schell, who is soon to be an Brigadier Genl. was there wanting to see the Post. I had a conversation with Mr. Watt. He says that him I always succeed and is entitled in my behalf. I was at the post Office our horses very dull there. Went home at home.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1861.

A cool delightful day. Have been looking for a residence some houses very scarce at present. The fact indicates confidence in the stability of our Govt. The hotels are not overcrowded but the city is unusually full for this season of the year. I was on the "Island" today also called at the President's. Julia is staying at Mrs. Hartley with illness by invitation. Quite a movement of troops today in the city. But all seems to be quiet near the Riverfront. We hear the blowing of cannon every day at the Fort Breeding.

SUNDAY 29.

Went to church in the morning with the boys & Smith preached "Unity the Lord keep the city the watchman can't see in vain" from the very he handled the text it was to be inferred that the Army now then was of little or no account. He does not believe that the Lord is usually on the side of the "heaviest Battlefren" as Old Waggoner did. The Sunday are very quiet here now but the long wagon trains keep moving. We too expect to move tomorrow.

MONDAY 30.

We have been all busy here at work getting ready to leave our residence on S. St. I have rented a house on the 9th St. next door to Cornwell Smith No 346. Having 9 rooms and been building sent 9 rooms plus. House is tolerable repair and convenient shall move in tomorrow. The house belongs to the old " Bounty Estate" and is one belonging to "Bounty Rose" between W & S St " that weather in delightful."
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1861.

There had a hard day's work moving down our furniture. Had tip top vase left after 2 or 3. But I take back some articles from Mr. Puck as he had it having concluded remain in the city and while longer. We are in a very pleasant neighborhood and pleasant part of the city. Our dogs have advance somewhat within a day or two and on the other side of the river next to fighting yet any account.

WEDNESDAY 2

called at the treasury can't see the lady, then at the post office our hour to go Mr. Schreiber has quit his commission as Brigadier General of Volunteers for the time. Work keep coming from the North and some are moving over the river they are kept up here. Our hope today and have been setting matter 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. It at 50 in the middle of the day. It has rained away without any particular incident occurring. Met Edna Milling in one of the Car. He agreed to meet me at Williams this evening. But he probably to go to middle of town as I did not see him. Met Govt. Schedy there. Called at the treasury thing is low. But did not succeed. He was just returning from the East feel quite and sick with the heat.
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1861.

Another hot day. Much as yesterday. "Clung to attend." At the meeting most of the day. Without seeing the sea. It was a Cabinet day. And became engaged. Think some of getting a room for compounding various medicines. And articles for sale with the assistance of that. Must do something to make some money. As possible.
Julia has been out to the banks of the Anderson "Yours." With Capt. McAll. Prof. Lord's balloon was high up over "Deep" this evening. Heavy geysers have been frequently heard recently.

SATURDAY 5

Very hot again today. 90° in the middle of the day. Went to the meeting again but did not see the sea. Was at the Post Office awhile and at Charley's rooms. He has rented the basement room of the house here. He is in a laboratory. Get down the Aquarium from Peck's to night.


SUNDAY 6

Still very hot with some wind and much gust. Been to Church all day. Young Mr. Hopkins from Westmore. Maj. preached this afternoon. He is a son of Capt. Hopkins president of Mrs. College. He is a very promising young man. I spoke to him after meeting. Being introduced by boat Smith. Mrs. Watts has been ill for some days. Threatened with inflammation of the lungs. Very hot and feverish nights. Better during the day.
MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1861.

Next for Fort Rippe this morning for Willie, he has I think only a bad cold on his lungs and will soon be well. I went on the An TRE.

This morning see it filled with cavalry for our Trots, I went at the post office in
Col. Harper's room. He was going to have me in his room as 1st assistant. Fields at my arm in this afternoon in our dining room. It began to rain about dark with constant thunder
and lightning. Tomorrow there is to be a grand
Review of 4000 Cavalry by Genl. McElhenny.

TUESDAY 8

The great review came off to play 108 pieces of
Artillery and the 64th Cavalry. Julia went with
Capt. Meier. I was in her one hook.

I went at the "White House" this morning with Capt.

Dr. of Chicago. Mr. Lincoln helped us on the steps
He hill and shook hands with both of us.

He was going to the Review. Have spent most of
the day at Home. Write to Brothet C.R. and
To Mr. Brown of Lyons. Mr. Grant and some call.
This evening she heard her "white horse" child with her.
The sent to the Mather. Mrs. E bought them both pon

WEDNESDAY 9

Change in the weather, back to a cold. Saw Mr.
Huntington Assistant Secy of the Treasury. could
not see the Secy to day. A Movement of
Military to the other side of the River Den optic
force are slowly advancing and fortifying as they go. I do not think there will be
much fighting here. The Govt is too strong now
and too well prepared. I have been setting
up windows - certain this evening Ed and Jackson
latter, Fort Rippe. Attended Willie, he seems to be better.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1861.

This has been a quiet, rainy day, but the streets have been quite lively and the clerk crowded as usual. I saw a large body of cavalry moving over the River from this side this morning. No news of any advanced firing on the other side, but I think that no important battle will take place today. I went to see a show, but the pictures on the Civil with a view of purchasing some. Spent part of the day firing up matter about the house. Miller has been quite smart all day, spending his & whispering on my right.

FRIDAY 11

Successors to day in seeing Mr. Lincoln after getting a look from the Post. Made a speech. Mr. Hay, but the assistance was of little account. I called on Mrs. Lincoln this evening, with Julia and had quite a long conversation with her. She was quite incensed that I had not been allowed to office. The President left the White House last evening and set down to Alexandria when the river lies. Hoping on tomorrow about 8 A.M. and as soon as possible.

SATURDAY 12

A delightful cool day was at the Park. Sent Mrs. Lincoln a note telling me with my wife, and called upon Gen. Schofield and spent an hour. He leaves for Kentucky tomorrow. He crossed us in the Austrian Army and descended to the Hungarian when the Revolution of 1848 broke out being himself a Hungarian. He fought through the war. Went to Turkey, entered the service of the Sultan, went to Aleppo. I came home last some word about 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 and all went to church yesterday and all have felt smart again and also the allowance. The weather is rather chilly, 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 probably the point.

MONDAY 14

I have done but little today but attend to my cold articles. 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 since the 32nd and 12th Regiments. The 27th Regt. is on the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at the Ave. The 27th Regt. at

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The weather is most delightful now and the nights beautiful with a full moon on. No thunder storms.
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1861.

I have not been out today, but kept close in the house feeling quite miserable and anything about half the time. The have had “Call” my friend Mr. Washburn and Mr. Blackburn from Lyons were here sometime. It begun April 27th and as good many others. The door have been singing half the time. I have taken pitch and cart on oil. Have not heard so much noise today as I did yesterday. I think I will get well soon.

THURSDAY 17

This 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 Muskrats took up all my attention. Did not go out except to walk down to town to or 11th St. and back. The “Military” seem to be doing very little. The Rebels have been allowed to construct Redoubts on the Virginia side of the Potomac for some months past at their leisure, and the Potomac is more sense to be “Closed.” I think that something will have to done.

FRIDAY 18

Wrote a note to Maj. Watt this morning, and it by “Brig.” He returned with a fine Boquet from Mr. Lincoln for the 6th of the future B. Smith. Maj. took it down to him when I came up from him about noon. He said he would confer with the Colonels and see what could be done for my restoration to the office. I heartily desire this relief of them and would ask no favors in ordinary times.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1861.

A dense fog all over the city this morning and it has been a very damp day. I have not been out to-day yet to do any work or play, had an early night and some fever but feel better to-night. A great deal of heavy firing all day over the river, some fighting down with the Battery last night and this morning. No particular news of late. Everybody seems to be reacting like Mr. "McClellan" for "something to turn up."

SUNDAY 20

Here kept very close to-day confined to the house. Had a regular old fashionedague severe last night, felt quite weak but suffer no pain, but Dr. Penelton came to see me and left some medicine. Ate my dinner with great appetite, but + feeling none too well in the evening.

Though the boys all went to church it has been quite reason during the week but no face at any during the day, it is too cold to stay. There does not appear to be any need of particular interest.

MONDAY 21

This day has passed much as yesterday did as regards myself other than to say not all. And I took a short walk so since the fog was just before night much against my wishes with who insisted that I am sick and must not "go out." I told her that I was determined not to be sick. News of some fighting up the River, my friend Judge McNeil went up there on his own hook he is "on home" where there is fighting rebels there.
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1861.

Ed. E. B. Baker was killed yesterday in the fight near Leesburg. The event has thrown a general gloom over the city, especially at the "White House" where he was esteemed as one of our intimate friends. I saw Judge McBooth today in the office of the Secy of the Union. He spoke of the recent event with the sensation of the grave of a ball and his prediction I did not see the Secretary 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 dull day. Some rain and mist and some sunshine. I have staid pretty close and have not been out. Had Sallie over here an hour or two and Dr. Smith (Rev.) called in the afternoon. An important battle is supposed to "come off" up the River to day. The Union forces look a little brighter and the Union forces seem to be getting more into action. The Ottomans are now pretty well blanketed with red batteries for some twenty miles.

THURSDAY 24

This has been a bright cool day with a bracing wind from the North. The event of the day has been the funeral of Ed. Baker. There was a great display of Military and a long procession proceeding a mile or more. Wife and all the family went. I walked down to the arm and saw the procession pass from the "Richwood Hotel." I am an hour or so at the Post office and a letter from Lieut. Seaver dated at the camp near Alexandria. Mr. B. and his party are to return from the River this evening.
a cool fine october day just right for outdoor business and Military parade. Went down to the Post Office and read the papers in Varssant Wood room. Called at the Key office, sent in my card but did not see him. Went up to the President in the evening and saw May Watts. gave him a New Start on the old matter of my appointment. He will see the Key tomorrow. And Mr. Lincoln in the morning. Caught a little cancer cold.

SATURDAY 26

A cloudy cloudy day but no rain. Wos down to the post office, called at the Office of Trenchard Lawrence. Here spent most of the day at home reading the News. Wood being $500 now I cannot afford to buy it. Saw it myself. No boys carry it me split the kindling. There is not then news affect today. Heavy firing has been heard nearly all day. Practicing at the hands of President. Introduce by Maj. Watts. introduced by Maj. Watts.

SUNDAY 27

This has been rather a still Sunday. Have not been to church. Have rather too much of a cough left. Have written a number of letters, one to G.P. Tafir at Fort C. Taff and one to Prof. Sloan. Some more Field. Called this evening he belongs to Co. 8th Regt. of Regulars long songs of Army songs continue to resound through the streets to remind us that a terrible war is raging.
Monday, October 28, 1861.

I was at the Post Office awhile to obey orders to go there. And the Head Quarters of Genl. McDowell came on the 14th or 15th. His rooms are at the corner of 11th and 16th. His "rooms" are not very "private" as they are always crowded with officers. I was at home most of the day. Post orders called, and took a room with an R. a letter of Bos Col. Moorel's letter to a jeweler in the north. Shot & shell spent most of the evening with us. No particular news.

Tuesday 29

This has been a most delightful day. I have traveled a good deal about the city mostly on business for other people. I was at the head of Genl. McDowell. Seen the Genl. and my old friend Mr. Washman. I was at the office of the Secretary of the Interior on my own business. Was told that I could have an appointment very soon. The city is now full of strangers mostly Indian contractors in some way with the army.

Wednesday 30

Another delightful day. Have not been round much. Was at the Post Office and while there my old friend Barrow of Fency City, have been trying my hands at soldering up holes in the wood secured pretty well. Wife and Julia are at Mr. Middletoom's. Our neighbors. Julia spent last evening at Fort Exmouth. Went back after her at 9 o'clock and stayed over there. News in the city seems to be as then use.
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1861.

Fine weather again today was at the Post Office to buy but could not enter the Post Office. Have been at home most of the day. Dad is at our house sick. Father is with him and takes care of him. He has a cold cold upon his lungs and is threatened with pneumonia. My own health is quite restored. Haf to cough some yet, and is generally advised not to be rather delicate. There is no news that I hear of.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

The day has been rather cool and windy and it rains at times to night. I called at the office to see new letters to have patience. Met I should have a position soon, went on to the A2 and was at Willard's at nine o'clock or so. Great many officers there. Think they had better keep it. The city seems to be very full at present. Mine seems to be no place for the Congressmen who will be here two months. Nothing new 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 fears are expressed that the vessels of the great naval expedition will suffer. The fleet sailed last Sunday. I have not been about in the city but busied myself at home attending to the theater, making a bunch of...
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1861.

It has been clean and pleasant today. Yesterday Genl. Scott resigned his command of the forces of the U.S. and left the city for N.Y. in the Early Morning Train, he resigned the day before. He was old and infirm and about "useless" and considered an obstacle in the way of a vigorous prosecution of the war. His family were stationed in being let down as gracefully as possible. Went to Milnor this Morning with Julia & Holly. We went in afternoon & brought home feet Barnes & Lacy to see they went with her at Church.

MONDAY 4

The East Hospital or the Washington Infirmary to call was dismissed by fire last night. It contained over 200 hundred wounded soldiers and three

TUESDAY 5

This has been a pleasant day. There has been some speculations in consequence of the report that Genl Rosecrans had taken Floyd and the army in Missouri. I do not think it is true

and Genl. Randall and Genl. Halleck were with the fleet. I called at Millen's and also at the National.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1861.

A cool, cloudy, misty day. It is now pretty well known that the great fleet laden with charcoal from Charleston S.C. Mauch's anxiety is felt to bear down from it. No news to day. J.B. Fremont in command from the command of the Army the M.S.9 Fred Haden takes his place. The 60th N.Y. Regt. arrived and bared its flag. At just before dark it appeared in first rate condition. No news from Rosencrantz today. Capt. Meigs of the Anderson goes across the Potomac. He was well mounted and his command at the Bronx Bridge. I was at the Post office awhile. Justice has caught a cold.

THURSDAY 7

A fine pleasant day. I have not done much. Went to the office of the Secretary of the Interior was told that I was certainly to be arrested to day but I must have patience. Well, patience is well enough, but it will not pay for provisions and fuel. One consequently rather impatient. As noon four months' inactivity has naturally reduced my finances to a low ebb. Oak wood from the 10th ordnance pine $400 each. $2.00 per pc.

No news of information. A large Regt. with a fine band passed to night, just arrived. PA 104.

FRIDAY 8

A warm pleasant morning. Went down to Gen. McCollum's Head Quarters there and his brilliant staff with the two French Pinsac. Mount their horses and gallop off to the Reviers. Stop at the Seco's office. Got a letter to the Provost Marshall, which secured one of the Virginia Regts. One of the 27th N.Y. Regt. about three miles on the Leesburg road from Alexandria arrived there about dark.
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1861.

I was heartily welcomed by my Officers and the rest. I took up my quarters with my old friends Lieut. M. A. Swan. Found the "boys" all in good condition and in fine spirits. Attended the Boy Parade this morning. Rpt. are quartered sound in all dilpositions. Mack Scott's boys marched in the 27th last night and discoursed some fine music in the evening. It has rained all the afternoon but the tent is dry and the fire good.

SUNDAY 10

A bright fine morning. Went out to the Sunday Inspection of the Rgt. Sear all the officers afterwards visited the 9th of the 9th of the Legion Co. The men were all extremely glad to see me at the camp again. Chaplain Black held service near his tent about 3 o'clock and a real Methodist Meeting in the evening for his tent with a Bonfire in front. Made bread that night once to the Fannyn Peninsula with Lieut. Swan's tent in tow to the river, had a most splendid view of the surrounding country, Potomac river.

MONDAY 11

A blinding morning with a storm threatened, tent rather cold. But slept pretty well. Went round and looked at my friends and then started for home with Lieut. Swan about one o'clock in a hack which took us to Alexandria taking us to the boat for Washington got home about 3 o'clock. The Lieut. takes us out in short time. Was at the fight of the taking of Alexandria by our expedition and fire works. Mess for two hours. Emlyn has been quite sick and still cancers badly.
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1861.

A delightful day. Went this morning with Lieut. Gaul to the Paymasters Office, and from there to the US Treasury, thence I went to the Post Office where I had an interview with the Comr. He requested me to call again on Monday. The question is a place. He talked favorable. No more news from the fleet. We do not know that Charleston has been attacked. The fire works last night were part of a secession to end McLellan by Genl. Bledsoe's brigade. Which was a splendid affair. I had a cough.

WEDNESDAY 13

Another warm pleasant day. Went down to the New depot with Lieut. Gaul to see the Assistant Genl. Came back by the Post Office. Have been at home the rest of the day. Some practice lessons from the boys in their school books. Positive news from the fleet obtained at last. Very much improved. An immense Union force now on the other side of the Potomac. The Camps are back 8 or 10 miles from the River. Julia's sister letter.

THURSDAY 14

A cloudy day with rain to night. Lieut. Gaul is still with us waiting for his furlough. I went out the Post Office and saw the Comr. get not much satisfaction from him. Shall now look to the Seabrook settlement of his promise. Have been at home most of the day. Julia is getting letters slowly, all the rest of us are well. Letter from Mrs. Bowmar and the news is generally favorable to our Cherokee.
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1861.

A very mild day and very chilly. Went down to Fort Meade and Head Post for Lieut. Paul in reference to his furlough. Went from there to the Post Office and then home. Homer & Alexander brought letters of the 25th called with letter from Lieut. Paul, Elder Black came with the furlough of Lieut. Paul on the steamer. They are both in the law firm.

SATURDAY 16

The coldest day yet but no frost. A cold storm and the 11th Maine Regt. passed through the city just arrived. Capt. Rogers of the 25th called today brought letter from Lieut. Rogers, ending 11.30. The city was thrown into quite an excitement by the news of the arrival of 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 their chores in the forenoon. They take to their studies at home very well.

SUNDAY 17

Cold, pleasant day did not go out to church with the boys went. Julia is still confined to the house and coughs a good deal yet. Took a long walk this evening, brought tea at Willard's Hotel. Saw Mr. Stillson there. From Rochester Hotel very low in fact the city seems to be in mourning now. When will the Congressmen go with all the honors are no news the day of any importance.
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1861.

Cold, clear day but no frost. Went to work in the morning to pay my rent. Got there an hour too early. Waited in the hotel (reading the Morning Paper) for Mr. Bangs, walked over and rode in the Omnibus back bought a fire board. For the parson here concluded to discard the old grate and have pot in a wood stove, oak wood $1.00 per cord pine $1.50 Hickory $1.20 all going to the Brotherhood of the Potomac. Li. McFarlan called this evening.

TUESDAY 19

A delightful day. Bright, but cool. Called to the White House this morning to see Mr. Waite. Did not find him. Walked into the East room to see the New Carpet and papering. All very elegant. Called at Williams. Met Capt. Harris of the P.I. Brigade. He was released from Richmond on his parole and received letter from Surgeon Barnes and Col. Barnes. Went to Wall Stono’s for Barnes and to Shlees for Barnes. Made fine Board for Bender. Spent the evening at some reading.

WEDNESDAY 20

Another fine day. Much as yesterday. The great event of the day is the Grand Review, which took place at Ball’s Farm some six or eight miles from the River in N.A. 75,000 Men or Eighty Regts. of Infantry, Seven of Cavalry, and Twenty Battalions of Artillery, or 120 pines. The Best and Most of the Cabinet have with Genl. McCullough his staff was very brilliant. No news of any particular importance at all in the City to-day.
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 lesson. Went to the store and got some oil cloth for our Pastor's stove and cut it down to fit. Wife went into the President's house and got a strong letter from the President. Letter to Sec'y of the Interior. No reply.

FRIDAY 22

Saw the Sec'y this morning and presented Mr. Lincoln's letter. He says he's too occupied to see me yet. I occasionally visit the Patent Office at present. It would give me a day's relief from this town. I wonder if I should accept it? It is $4,000 per year. That is certainly much better than the binding in this extravagant city, and I shall take it till I can do better. But that office I can take most patiently.

SATURDAY 23

Rain last night and was a rainy morning, but it cleared off about noon. Went to the land office today and was examined as the law directs for all clerks, but it is my wish to be hanged if it is intended to keep an applicant out. It is a very easy matter to do it. I go again tomorrow to learn the nature of the report in my case. Perhaps I am to be hanged, or a demonet doth not for reality, hence much chance for a place in that Department. "We shall see."
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1861.

This has been rather a cool Sunday with the first snow of the season this evening, the hae been no ice yet. and no very hard frost. Wife and all the children were out to church this morning. Myself and Julia went this afternoon. Chad and Sallie called and spent an hour or two this evening. The boys went to bed at 8 o'clock. Wife is writing to her Aunt Peers to occupy the Parker evenings with curiosities.

MONDAY 25

Coldest morning yet. Mr. Snow to 30°. Went to the Post Office and got my appointment from the Com. after going to the Magistrate and taking the oath. In such cases prescribed by law, have been engaged in filling out certificate of large horse. Nothing new in the Military line to day or in the papers. To night got Barnes was over from the camps to see with his wife. She returns with him being quite enamoured of barnes life. Kate has been moving all day, and burnt hearing all the evening.

TUESDAY 26

In the office all day. Weather rather cool and unpleasant. Wife and the two older boys went to the Review of the Regulars. A little East of the Capitol. By Capt. McCollum. News to day comes through Norfolk of a Battle at Prison Cove. Nothing definite known. I went down town and spent an hour with Chad and Sallie. Came home and then went after Sallie at Mr. Harley's.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1861.

A sunny morning, went to the office as usual. It was very busy. Writing all day. Got another new stationery, dry to keep a new pocketknife, and a good 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 are very scarce this year, and we shall have rather slim "Thanksgiving" without one. I have spent the evening at home.

THURSDAY 28

A rather busy day with writing and so on. It being "Thanksgiving," I did not go to the office. Did some writing around the house in the morning, and then went to church with all the family. After church, and after dinner, we went with the three boys to the "Monument" pond after aquatic plants and fish for the aquarium. On our return, met four regiments of our troops on their way over the River. I was glad to see their troops have increased.

FRIDAY 29

A cold day and quite warm for the season. Have been busy at work in the office all day recording and patent deeds. Find it my tiresome. Have spent most of the evening at the room with him and Tadie. Miic several southerners look favorable, and in fact we are looking for favorable news from our forces everywhere. Our troops are now in earnest, moving.
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 men paid off to-day, my pay not
being a very large amount having been in the
office only two days and not got to business as I did
yesterday. J. H. Granger returned to-day from
a visit home to Ontario County, N.Y. He called
where I was last week, he was called to "Aid
Shepherd", called for supplies at the Hardware.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

This has been a fine cool day, no frost, but a
faint wind, while one of the boys went to church
Julia went to the Episcopal church with Miss
Harley, it was in the Redstone church.
I have been in the house nearly all day
reading, etc. Went down town this evening
was at the "National" an hour or so 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 content 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 once a great crowd was
there. No particular news today.
Young Cuppy is making an effort to
get the place of Page in the House.
Went down to the Cape this evening, bit
Harpers Mag, went to Frank Leslie's Post
office at Bowd & Mitchell. Came home
by seven o'clock and stayed there.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1861.

This has been the coldest day of the season yet. All this morning stood at 25°. Have been in the office all day, no particular news of late. Went down to the bat after dinner, but some consisting of "Burned and Mitchel" 30 yrs. for being so and 25 yrs. for being so. Went down stairs and carpet, like went down and selected it. Called at Hallowell, Davis, Sticks, Hastings of Albany and some other gentlemen who I know from N.Y. came home about 7. The need the President's Message which was delivered to Congress today. A plan practical document.

WEDNESDAY 4.

Mercury at 24° this morning. The air fine and bracing in the office as usual all day. Bought some wood and coal this morning. I bought 100 and 3000 lb., good wood, enough to last till New Year. By that time I think the Potomac will be open to clear of ice. But it may be closed with ice. Some indications of a movement over the river according to the Report of the Secretary of War, we have 60,000 men now in the field. Mr. Seward says "We do not want any more men. The war is nearly over." Spent one hour with Alen Williams at "Brower'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 busy. Our evening room is now quite comfortable with a good coal stove. Lieutenant McFarlan called this evening. Everything seems to be quiet. No news or any question of importance to bed at 11 o'clock.
Pleasant day, fine as could be. The city all alive with people. Penn. Ave. is smothered from morning till late at night. Lives in the office all day. at night went down to the hotel. Called upon Judge Quanger at the "Washington House" at the "National" Met W. F. Aldrich from Pohang, a great event at all the hotels. Only hardly spent the evening with Julia, her Father calls for her at 9 o'clock. No news of importance of the fleet. Consp. adjourned til Monday.

SATURDAY 7

Another very delightful day. But it was a foggy morning, busy in the office all day. There has been heavy firing heard all day over the river. There has been no 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 less than fifty thousand. They keep coming all the time. I have not been on to the lake tonight. The boys go to bed at 8. The rest of us about 10 p.m. We got up about 2 p.m. Breakfast at 8.

SUNDAY 8

A very pleasant day too. Narrows for an overcoat to church all day. with the family. Don't Smith preached in the morning. Mason Noble in the afternoon. Don't Smith attended the funeral of Mr. McGinley. Mr. Col. Price church. Walked with life up to Franklin Square. Called on our return at Mr. Bartlett's. Arrive at Mr. Potts in the evening went down to the National and spent an hour with Alonzo J. Palmyre and Mr. Bruce to Detroit (formerly of Syracuse).
Monday, December 9, 1861.

The day has been warm and soft as May. We joke about being in the snow. The Northern soldiers are highly delighted with this kind of winter—nothing new in the city. The commissary near the city keeps so quiet that we have reason to believe that 250,000 soldiers are within a few miles. Yes, there is a great deal of practicing with the guns at the forts some days. It is a constant cannonade. I did a little glazing tonight. Then called on Julia at Mr. Fenwick's and went over to Mr. Munson's. Charles and Harriet were there. He is the father-in-law of Mr. Fenwick. Very intelligent man.

Tuesday, December 10.

Too warm to stay for comfort. The sun was quite oppressive in the middle of the day. Nothing new has taken place that I am aware of. Worth mentioning is that I spent the evening at home. Only Mrs. Longbridge called, and at 9 o'clock I went over to Mr. H. for Julia. She being at Mr. Hartly's. Julia and Martha seem to be inseparable companions. Willie again unwell to-night, complains of her head, all the family except myself were up to the President to call. But next day a Water Lily for the Aquarium. There were Indians from the West at the President last night.

Wednesday, December 11.

Quite cool and very wintry to-day. Willie is quite smart to-day. The trouble with him was all owing to his stomach. He is leaning against the unconstitutional demand which he is in his capacity made when it was a first of Easter. I did quell the insurrection and all his internal operations returned to their accustomed quiet state. Nothing new to write. Went down to the cellar and made some small purchases but some iron brackets for the Mahogany shelf which is a leaf from a table of J. J. Stoddard, Washington. Most away from his accustomed home by the following...
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1861.

A fine cold day, but not freezing. No special event has happened that I know of. I have been engaged in the office as usual. To-night I put up our shelf in the corner Hall for a hat shelf. I lost it from one of the camps over the river. Much of the furniture in Mr. Washington's house was destroyed, he being a rebel. This leaf of a table was lost to the camps and presented to me. I left it in the corner Hall for a hat shelf.

FRIDAY 13

Another fine cold day. Just comfortable with a fire. Was in the office all day. Put up bars called upon me and I spent sometime. Mr. Davis OXO brought a Mr. Eldridge to see him from Williamsport. He is here after office. Think he will have a hard road to travel. I have been at work this evening and made a little bench for the kitchen. Have plenty of tools and like the exercise. There is no particular news. It is singular how little a half million of soldiers care. But they are all in the field.

SATURDAY 14

Weather fine yet, clear and not freezing. Nothing new of any great importance. I was in the office all day. One of the halls in the Patent Office is used as a Military Hospital. About 100 soldiers from the Ordnance Regiment sit there. Two girls came canned out to see us. R.J. Spark the printer called at our house and spent an hour at the this evening. I have spent the rest of the evening in making a spot stool for the pew in church. I work in the North House.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1861

Pleasant as ever to-day and the night are now brilliant with a full moon and clear atmosphere. The Military Band on sentinels perform almost every night on this street announcing most splendid music last night. They were Saracens and Core Mothers. The Captain of Shell & Mason, I did not go out to church, family went both the Lincoln boys were here this afternoon looking over the pictures with Rail & Haly. They are evidently not kept on Sunday with paint & ink. They like to come here and feel quite "free and easy" with our boys. Went down to see this evening called at Chiehup's at noon.

MONDAY 16

Delightful day. Some excitement in the city at the news from England re relation to the arrest of Illing and Shiloh. Some predict a war with her but I do not it is only giving her a dose of her own medicine. The Secret Nation is also on our side and she has always mistrusted even the night I search for herself. Have spent the evening at home, making Willie a picture frame. Mary Heartly spent the evening here. Mr. A called about 9 for her. Cool + Sally also called just a night length on the stelle.

TUESDAY 17

Most beautiful day. Came as near as they could all day. Two dead soldiers were carried out of the hospital. They say that there is about one death per day here. Bright moonlight and life went to the President's Speech first of the season. Greenfield, Bellamy & Long near there and we were frequently near him and had a good opportunity to observe him. He was the "leader of all observers." Many other distinguished personages were there. The crowd was not very large, got home at 1/2 past 10. Took a cup of tea and to bed at 11.
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1861.

The weather continues delightfully, but there are no indications of rain. We have heard all day heavy guns, some in the distance as the rebels grow at Centreville. They are practicing too. Troops have been moving about the city a great deal to-day, the air is full of important news from various quarters. While the public opinion is considerably agitated, just now our forces now appear to be nearly ready to strike at various points, in Missouri, Kentucky, and at the South. I have been at home all the evening.

THURSDAY 19

Foggy morning, but clear during the day. No particular news to-day, I have been in the office as usual. The boys have been with the President most of the day. The two Lincoln boys were here after them. They did not return till dark. I have made a wooden model of my Portable Door-opening this evening. Prof. Sparks called, and both Julia & Friends came. She has spent the evening at Mr. Harley's. I called there with the Prof. and Steed Colburn &co. We are all anxious to know the contents of the dispatches at from our Monitor Mr. Adams, in reference to the Mason & Slidell affair.

FRIDAY 20

Wame and pleasant but indications of rain. In the office as usual. News to-night of a Union victory in Missouri. Other Union victories will soon be heard of. I called at the Chronicle Office this evening, subscribed for the Chronicle and the "Philad. Rep." Called over to the Claremont Hotel and there spoke with Mr. Davis, Mr. B. Then got the evening paper. Called at Harlow Room on my return home. Mrs. Hartly has spent the evening here. Mr. H. called at 11 p.m. for her 10 o'clock dinner.
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1861.

It is colder to night and freezes some. The news from Missouri is not with great satisfaction. It now looks as though the Rebels would receive but little else. There have been knocking everywhere. Our troops have got up to the "fighting pitch" and now become too heavy to be caught in any worse traps. The maid bag which was stuck the other night on the river contained letters from many people here. Unbearably some of them in reasonable patience. Some have been arrested, and some of the winter will be. I have been at home all the evening with the boys. Wife and I went to Market. It is a place which I abhor and this living from "hand to mouth" is our way to live independently.

SUNDAY 22

It is colder today. Last night with a prospect of a long rain. I have not been out to church to-day, but stay at home to keep the fires up and with hominy. Went down to Miller's farm a great crowd. But Capt. Deeter of the R.D. 1st. Regt. which came here in June 3 months. We are now in the service. Ed Dickinson came up tonight and spent an hour or two. There is no news of importance but the news is hourly expected of a fight in Kentucky. Emerson Field back at afternoon. Trewing in his old quarters. It rains steadily tonight.

MONDAY 23

Cold and rainy with some snow, but not enough to remain on the ground. News from England looks squalidly. England is seeking a pretext for engaging on the quarter on the side of the rebels. We are likely to have our hands full, for people are "fighting mad" with England whether the fight comes off now or not. Nothing new from the War. Genl. Scott has returned, probably on some important business, connected with the matter with England. I have been at home all the evening putting the boys through there lessons.
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1861.

A fine cool day, just freezing everywhere, preparing for Christmas. Turkey from 8 to 9400 beef, another storm that day. Not been to town, it will be a general hubbub all over the city. The day will open with guns and firecrackers. More I think for the shoulder shop one meets on the car and at the hotels. The town would almost be lost sight of, the Army, if not a quarter of a million of them. Near this city remain my guest.

The long trains of Army wagons horse drawn one after the other. It is something unusual going on. The boys stockings are stuffed with nuts, candy, firecrackers, etc. I'll check.

WEDNESDAY 25

This has been Christmas day. A very pleasant day. Not cold enough to freeze but the air clear and bracing. Have spent the day at home doing up things and did not go out till evening when I spent a couple of hours at the opera with Mr. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Wells and Miss Hallie. It has been quite a noisy day about the house. Our three boys and the two Lincoln boys have been very busy seeing off breakfast guests, Wm. T. and Thomas Lincoln. Steve and Dinner at 7 or 8 o'clock. Julia has been practicing some with her pistol.

THURSDAY 26

Another moderate day. Went to the office as usual about 10 A.M. Col. Joe Merrick from Lynn called with Ex. Dickman. I went out to Bethelmore and I went to the Capitol with the Col. visited both Houses of Congress. The Col. came up to Dinner with us. In the evening he was taken quite ill with a chills in the head, hence is quite ill yet. We have spent the evening at home. Matto and Harry Grant spent the evening with Julia. Mrs. Wm. Castle called, and spent an hour or so. Nothing new to day.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1861.

Deather cold to-day and windy this evening. Col. Howard has been in bed all day and complains of his head very much. I think it originates from a bilious stomach. It may be congestion, a fistulent quiet distemper, some gas, stool, and bismuth, & some hot water.

End Scott's letter came at 12 o'clock from France. Well to-morrow. Nothing new from the army but news & reports all the time. The game now seems to be with the great north and they have only to move to meet with success, as our soldiers are now up to the fighting pitch. They have made up their minds that the war must end at some time and that it & the people that somebody should lead them.

SUNDAY 29

A mild cold day. All the family went to church but myself. I stayed with the Col. who is improving and has spent most of the day alone in our family room. It has been quite a still day. No noise, nor birds, have passed. There has been little writing and plenty blowing has been heard. I went out about this evening called at boshy's and ate some pear preserves, cream, a little rich cake, some pickles, and drank a cup of milk. Besides eating a little mince pie, if my stomach don't rebel it will be well for my sort to night. I do not after meat it so badly.
Mond[may] 30, 1861.

We have had no winter weather as yet. The snow is all to lay on the ground. It has only been cold and fine. There are some snow showers coming to. The River and ice may soon repeat likely time. I have been in the office as usual to day. I lunched at the Albion Hotel. Nothing new in particular, almost snow coming on the lake. The Mountain Guard (Caraboe) stand as still as immovable as the bronze statue on Lafayette Square.

TUESDAY 31

The old year goes out to-day bright and dry. I came home with them. stepped and bought wood coal. Dinner bought some coal and went down to the store with Holly and bought him a suit of clothes and an overcoat for Burt and paid my fuel bill for Dec. 30th. Groceries bill paid. Beet (HM. Jr.) went up to the President. This evening the boys threw a dance in front of the exhibit. The President looke[? at the show. G[aylter] M[cteer] is sick and bed, a fight in Parliament over the tax. Now any time. The County seems to be getting ready. The Banks in all the cities and also the U.S. Treasury have suspended specie payments to day. No particular excitement in the city to night, but the U.S. 7th St. are streaming with people and business was never so brisk. I have been over to Mr. Hartley's after Judges. The Board of the Regulars on Franklin Square are performing. Now and our Sarge Wright. Venetia called to day. Co is improving.
January 1st 1862

MEMORANDA.

This has been a warm pleasant day rather too warm in the middle of the day with an overcoat on. Called in the morning upon Mr. J.F. Smith our patrician went from thence up to the Miranda House an immense crowd then outside cards but got in on account of the crooked fellow. My former City friend, Barmus Apule, then the left and began our call on the Sec. Mr. Sedgwick first came down below four policeman at the door cards red below. Once the Reception stairs Mr. S. friend and Lady Name announced at the Hotel above Mr. S in proper pants and scurf as in a Centennial No Department cut any of the Secretaries. Called next where Comrace Webster the Secretary. Then Sec'y of war for Navy and all the rest of the Cabinet Office. Then at Genl. McClellan. He was with confide to his room. Genl. Plecker and staff in the most Brilliant Uniforms I have seen to-day went the "gallants" Refreshments were furnished at all the "houses of those who do call". The Courtly severely comes I called upon Com. Holloway before I came home. Col. Monroe very in able to go out with me to-day. The day was a heavy commencing, hence 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 in the New Year. It is said they sent over a purchase 1500 US puerger and two cases of ginger for the occasion. The rest of Lemnes present on the market present the day in the city as it Marches through avenues about 100 long. Carried almighty with a snuff red fleck to each 1000. Though went down 7th street with Willie after his magic sanctum sort home after church. Willie and Jack Sinclair were there to dinner and the boys 7th at Holly went home with them. The day has helped off pleasantly and peacefully all over the city.
MEMORANDA.

Jan 2d, 1862

It has been cooler today, but not freezing until night. High winds last night which changed before morning. In the office to-day, nothing noteworthy. The President comes here again to dinner with our boys who went home with Thier and cannot return till near 9 O'clock. The boys have a show at the White House Magic Lantern & The President usually looks in Thursday they send him a free ticket!! Mr. Our Lincoln takes part in a dinner of our boys. They have dinner with the President on two or three occasions. They have the name of the "White House," Col. McNeil, and I went down to Washington this morning the first time he has been out. Sec. God told me to take some other notable, came home before 7 O'clock. My Secretary 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 3d.

Went to the office as usual, about 8 a.m. 11 o'clock went with Col. McNeil to the War Department. On our way we passed through the Treasury, to the White House. Went into the East room and about the House some at the War Department we found a great crowd. A patches coming in and going out all the time. Officers with shoulder staffs, with guns, and flags, and with Eagles, and with Stars. Hurrying through, many anxious ones waiting for an interview with the Secretary, some sick looking soldiers waiting for their discharge. Orders to be issued to the next out. The Col. had his trip, getting the discharge. A solider from Rose Woods Co. The officers were obliging until the application was satisfied. Col. Dickinson called and stood an hour.
Saturday Jan 4th 1862

MEMORANDA.

Nothing of particular note occurred to day. The morning was the coldest yet this winter. Mr. Steele 23°F at 6th St. at 6 o'clock. The night with a little snow. The ground was nearly covered. It has been quite wintry. Slept soon after about 11 o'clock. Just before dark and stood about an hour.

Col. Monroe was out and lunch was not served him. I went with them to 'Williams' Quarter Master. Hamilton was there, writing for him.

Col. Bantlette of the 25th was also there on his return from home after a severe fit of sickness. Invited him to spend Sunday with me. The hotel was quite full, saw some officers of the 'Duck Tail' Regt. (Pa) who were in the Drumsville Light. The last I saw was quite a graphic description of that brilliant affair. The Drumsville Expedition is now about ready to leave next week. And the public is on thequi. I hear to know its destination, much is expected from it.

I came home, went to market, and then called down to Mrs. M'Dettie, who had been spending the morning there. We left at 11 o'clock.

Sunday Jan 5th

The coldest morning yet. No. down to 14°F. The Col. is getting homeward. Says he must take the cars in the morning. I did not go out to-day. Everybody all went to church. I stayed at home with the Col.

I went some to-night. The cars go at 6 o'clock. The Col. wishes me to go to the cars with him. Not a very pleasant performance in the snow. Before daylight but a carriage would be too expensive for the Col. He has been with us sick for days and we have done the best we could by him.
Monday July 6th 1862

MEMORANDA.

got up this morning before 5 o’clock and went across 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 called at the house and at my office to say he has recently been promoted. Surgeon & Assistant of the 27th ranks on 1st Lieutenant. 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 panic preparations are all sides of the rebellion States are about secretly and complete. Winter quarters are not thought of and the blizzards will soon fall last and freezing as the head of the Rebels. I think that Gen. Burnside will open the ‘Fall’ within a week.

To-night Willie & I. had quite a job getting in wood and Co. the other boys were up to the President. Willie thought he had Found a “leg” which I praise him. The boys are not return till after dark. They dined with the President and Family. Mr & Mrs Lincoln and their two boys. Their “no boys” dined with us about every day during the Holiday. Willie goes there sometimes. Col. Merrick thought it quite a vanity to dine with the President. Boys eat our table. They are two nice tall lion lads, and we make our legs over them and let them have the “sum of the hour” with our boys in all their ways.
MEMORANDA.

December 7th, 1862

Me to Cole to day. The snow mostly off. It was only about 2 inches deep. Took my best black coat to the tailor to get it renovated.

Looce cut the bust to night. Bell & Alady went. We were with the Lincoln boys all the evening and had a race.

Ed. Dickinson was here and spent an hour or two. He stays in the city now of the time. I went down to Westards, great crowd of many strangers. Called at Charles Room on my return. Dec. 11.

Wednesday, 8th 1862

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

Our boys were at Grod. McClennans house to day with the Lincoln boys. The God was out riding his horse in queries persönte. There is a good deal of alarm in the city on account of the secession of the South for there are cases of it in almost every street in the city there is need to be over 400 cases in private families. The city authorities have as not taken notice of it in any official way. The one getting vaccinated again.

Home spent the evening at home. Hearing the boys recite their poem. The Merseys was down to 142 this morning but it the west 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. Hartly. I must go after horsecar, our family room has a good coal stove once the fire does not go out all night. It is always warm and comfortable. am been served in the cooking room, oak. at $1.50 per cord. Hard coal are around $1 per cord and $50. Went to Mr. Hartly for pills. Mr. Greenleaf was there. I stand an hour in pleasant conversation.
Thursday January 9th 1862

MEMORANDA.

In the office as usual. It seemed most of last night warm to day. Very foggy to night. I have spent the evening at home. The boys read, write, spell & cipher and I read a Saturday Evening Post. There is a good deal of sickness in the City, and many deaths at the Military Hospitals daily. India was vaccinated to day by Dr. Gibbons for Rine Pox. The small pox is prevalent. In their little city to day, Everything quiet. Congress seems to be doing but little. The Republican Party is split between the Abolitionists and the Conservatives. The latter support the dreams 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 January 10th 1862

This has been a warm and foggy day. Very muddy. Nothing new in the city. County of Warren. The Burnside Expedition leaves late tonight for Olustee Point, its destination not yet publicly known. But it is expected that it will go up some of the rivers into Virginia. Success attendance the gallant General Burnside. I became acquainted with him when he first came on with the first R.S. Riff in June last. I have been in the office all day. Writing County, census, Patent Deeds. That is my business most of the time in the Senate. Have spent the evening at home, always find something to do, about the house, or for the boys, if some writing, reading, or writing letters or something else. Fruits in quiteexcels to Right from a had cold. She is taking hot tea & to make peroxide. Hope it is not going worse than a cold.
warm pleasant day. With Monday afternoon.
The public mind is now on "tense" It seems
no news in reference to the two great expedition
Gen. Bennings, which left Manchuria yesterday, and
Gen. Grant's Ironclad Fleet Expedition
which left Cairo the same day for the south.
It is thought that these concentrated blows will fall
with crushing force when they strike. It is estimated
that over 80,000 men were with Gen. Grant and
some 40,000 with Gen. Bennings. Both armies are
proposed to the perfection. No particular news in this.
A woman was killed by a man on the road by her coming
convers in contact with a German Jew's team. It
was a Cord Levens. The young Lincoln was less to turn
our three bags sent home with them and at 5 o'clock
took care the linen with the president and his family.
Mr. S. sent a servant to call them while they were at play.
They sent again. They had been to Lincoln at home
she sent again the first saying "The Doctor says you must
come with her bags. They get home about 1 -
the bags are having a drink under the White House
The roof of the old house was a high stone Bellstone all
painted. They have a yard in under where they call the
"ship of state," or rather the "Futer deck." they are a ship
and report all strange ship on the River and direct
on the Virginia shore. They say that Mr. Lincoln and Mr.
The cabinet, are offixen but they tell "The Ship of State"
I cannot come to the D. A. post. My son, called
when that was Salier, got home about 8. A. i am
have to bed till 11, memory a little.
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A warm pleasant day. Julia is over her cold and went out to church. Chaplin Booth of N.Y. preached all day. She is a delightful young Milton (Dad) came up this morning and went to Sunday school and to church with our boy. I was down to the Hotel this evening saw good tickets at the "National." The informer who had the "Peninsula" or steam which left her anchorages at Alexandria yesterday had safely won the blockade of the Potomac. The Nightingale Party and the men not seen. Only two boats were fired at her or in the direction of the House. No news of a last to night but it is expected that this will be an eventful week in the history of the War. It is thought that at least 400,000 good Union soldiers will "move" this week, and that will bring a quarter of a Million more stationary. To what immense proportion has this been grown, such a demonstration of power. Made in so short a time the world has never seen. The pecuniary affairs of the Country are just now in a critical state. Receiving goods at a discount of from two to four percent and gold at a premium of 4.5%. All parties are questioning the action of Congress to authorize another issue and to make them a legal tender. It is said that the House of the Lord are now near two Millions in debt. If the men leave a year hence there will be a thousand Million more in debt. Let them to nothing compare to the value of the Union and the integrity and pre-eminence of the Constitution inviolate.
Monday June 13th 1862

CASH ACCOUNT: MARCH

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Collector to arrive Mr. Moses Brown down to 34.2

To Wright at 25. Have been in the city all day

Nothing much else to report in the way of the

Next week to mine. Mr. Richards, Mr. Osborn are
also on the same. Room A. Room 10 contains
Mr. Stevens, Mr. Cornell, Mr. George (a German),
Mr. Ethenade of New York City, Mr. Barnes of Detroit,
and Mr. Reebuck of California. It is said to night that
Mr. Barnes the boy has resigned. It is said to make
I called on Mr. Reebuck this evening. They have a very
boy, he has been at home a part of the time.

It is my birthday today. I am fifty four years old.

What a rough, smooth, sorrowfull, pleasant, and

Nate, rode a horse today. For forty near part such a life.

I have been quite active and busy and with a quick step.
and gave aid and I really feel that I am growing.

A man of 45 years, my eyes are bright with pride and

Our family about 15 or rather pale and languid
not my Aunt's. A proud Schollor, Halsey C. 17. All Motion
and Activity. Never idle. Impatient of restraint. quick to learn
when he tries. In short all "go ahead." Willie, S. dark

Hein's eyes, a ceaseless talker, ambitious to know everything.
always asking questions. always busy, never setting still.
like "Bird." "Willie" & "Bird" are much alike in their appearance.

Judea 17. 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 kind hearted one grows she is not quite well.
does not like study much. needs writer. Most of the time,
January 14th, 1862

Cash Account - April

Date | Received | Paid
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This has been a winter day. The ground was
with snow. Our men plastered shingles. They about 27
Cannon. The S. of N. has resigned. Col. D. M. Stanton
takes his place. He is in the war department. He
is in the war department.

Nothing new stirring. I heard a great deal of news
from the West and South.

The day has passed with me as usual in the office.
I have spent the evening at home. I have been at
home. I have spent the evening at home. 

Nothing new over the river. All quiet and comfortable.

Monday, February 15th

Nothing new in the city, or from the army.

More Cabinet changes today. I and I think yesterday.

Julia had a letter from Mr. B. Barnes of the 2nd Bn.
She has been staying in camp the last few weeks. 

This letter is under a tree and pleasant. She is staying in the
a tent. She also had a letter from Mr. Madison.

It has been a cold and unpleasant day. Thundering until

Wednesday night with a dusty sheet falling all day.

The ground is covered with snow. Tonight it thaws
and the snow melts, leaving the ground. Cannot rubbers
an absolute necessity. Meet the poor soldiers as
it is hard to tell this 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 hospitals
is very great. Forty or fifty for day are carried off to
their long homes. Had Management.
Thursday, June 16th
Street, all ice this morning, and all the boys out skating before breakfast.
In the office all day, Geo. Prentice of the Louisville firm.
I've seen a very fine plane appearing over the hills, in big and holding anything but a list.
She keeps the whole country laughing.
Went down this evening to see a fire bomb burst and burn on the ground south of the President's Home. It is designed to set fire to buildings erected from a motor.
The Sunday boys went home to dinner and brought a request from their mother that our boys "Bud" and "Jolly" would go home and sleep with them tonight, and they are there. War hostiles appear to be coming to a close and it is almost certain that there will be an armistice soon. Emile O'Callan is again in the saddle after his illness, and expectation is on the rise to hear from the Bermuda Expedition. Mr. and Mrs. Drummond of the bridge called upon Judge Mason to take them to the Festival of Buffalo at Willard's, a perfect place there this night.

Friday, 17th
Nothing new to day. Soft moderate rain the crossings all slick, very muddy everywhere. If the race would
not particular these weather. The financial affairs of the Nation look better. The 15th, 000,000, Lee Hill has priced both houses of Congress, which is a basis, whose internal loans can be made as it makes the internal loan.
G. D. Prentice was writing in our room one hour or two
to day, he is quite a sober looking man.
I went out to the city and met him a pair Rollin.
Mrs. spent the evening at home. "Holly" has a back cast.
The rest of us in pretty good health, but all fearing the small pox. Julia has been re-vaccinated. The rest of us will be
Saturday, January 18th, 1862

The weather still soft and the air growing more sultry, for the first time in Washington. I began by cleaning off the loping on one street, and cleaning the upper levee. Mr. How of Buffalo, the "Greek fire boat" inventor, called upon me today. He says you must consider, long ago, expect him to go to church with us tomorrow.

There was quite a lengthy conversation with Dr. Pate in the office today. He questions a great deal, listens attentively to all that is said, but rarely offers an opinion in conversation. No particular news in the city, and not to go on to the city tomorrow, stayed at home.

"Bert" came from the President as usual at dusk. Young Bob Lincoln has just got home from Cambridge to spend the vacation.

Sunday, January 19th, 1862

A rainy day but Julia and I went out to church. In the afternoon, Mr. Dwight visited us from Conantville. We, with a few "Horse"

Mr. Smith and I went out, on account of the rain.

Praise God, it rains finally. It is very foggy. This evening, I have just been home with him to rest. She is a very pretty Baptist, but somewhat specific, as her Sunday evening visit might prove, but she is and she agitated.

The City has been very quiet today, but the drums are beating this evening. Last year at this time we were reflecting an attack when the City came in public mind and there was great excitement. The business from of reason was just showing its head. None of their imaginations about the Civil War then threatened, cordially attain anything like its present condition.
Monday January 28th, 1862


Date

Another wet Monday. The streets are a complete bed of muddy water about three or four inches deep, over the road way, and two or three inches over the sidewalks.

News of the news of a victory by the friend Schofield over Bolivar in Kentucky, will get more news soon.

The citizens are much alarmed now on account of the possibility of the small pox in the city. It is in fact all over the city, between my house and the post office on 9th Street which I travel every day. There are fifty cases. The small pox ambulance with the yellow flag carrying soldiers suffering is seen every day in the streets.

It is generally given as a wide berth. Called with wife this evening at Mr. Reeks and at Mr. Bentall. Wife got a letter today from Dr. Bowman, which was quite gratifying, with a photograph of Willie Bowman as Midshipman at the Naval School at Newport.

Tuesday, April 21st, 1862

Weather continues soft and unpleasant; a light rain nearly all day. Battle in Kentucky last night death of Collopo confirmed. "Desert" must now take a succession of hard times, our will ever more discipline and more in earnest. In the office a usual bust about to the National this evening about an hour or two in the street, now seen fire battles on the "Fire Boat," Syman & Scott, Mr. Fernie, the Engineer of Buffalo. Maj. Colvin from over the River. The "Elmianna" Reg't I came home about 10 o'clock. The Maj. thinks, there is to be an advance from People are anxious for it with a great deal of excitement. Our armies are in poor condition and eager for a "fight."
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Nothing new to say, save two of Short & Smith's 'Grek's fire Cornet' hunt south of the Rendezvous. When our appreance was quite a success.

The streets and crowds are more than I have ever seen them before in this city. Called at Mr. Huntley's store on my return from the store, and an hour on reading home, I formed Ed Dickinson. We spent an hour or two here. He made me a present of a bill of fine after tea, which was sent up to a merchant. They were not acceptable, once or twice.

Mr. Strickland and S. H. Morgan called on the move of the Senate.

Thuersday, Jan 23, 1862

in the office as usual. We go to town upon a little cooler but do not freeze. We had an hour or two of our own today, quite social.  

Weber, Schoof, and the lighting at Somonat, whether he gets the credit of it or not, and I think so too. I must call upon Old Schoof tomorrow.  

A Senatorial committee visited the rooms of the Land Office today, in company with the Capt.  

We spent the evening at home. Put a stove in a kitchen, which was done and put a lock on a cupboard door, for the better preservation of the barrel of apples, they will undoubtedly keep better. Under lock and key, with three keys about the house.  

In our movements about in the town, since expectations are now on the move in all directions. And 'Scrocc' is getting into the right plan or great deal in expectation of the force. Now in this file the month to come, since I think that a great deal will be done towards 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 cold night out. I cannot but think of the hundreds of poor sentries on duty who have to stand and take it.

Our particular news today is in the City. Gen. McDowell is either going to advance from or intends to make the rebel believe that he is. I am inclined to think the first. It is his policy to hold still at present by so doing he holds the bulk of the rebel force at Richmond who are daily getting more and more in a desperate case 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.

Sextuogenary January 25th 1862

Weather more favorable to carry a boat like our but plenty of wind in the streets. No news worth mentioning. The newspapers are dull, for want of some new location got out of their one location. Mattock & Rocker to carry cane seats are the best I can afford for my partner. Went to Market and to Adams 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 Boy. Wife went in the afternoon. Met Ed. Dickinson & took him to church. The two Lincoln boys were here, after our boys to go up there to see their new money. Our boys could not go on Sunday. So D. came home with wife and stayed to tea. Mrs. Van Wart, Lady and Mrs. Alexander Williams of Lyon. Came in and stayed a couple of hours. They one down at Barrow Hotel.
Monday January 31st 1862

CASH ACCOUNT - OCTOBER

Date| Received, Paid
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A pleasant day & good air.

There has been no hearth light.

These notes in the office all close, and not to be used.

Mr. Williams, Mr. Van munster, D. Staph and Dickson visited the President with my wife, saw the President and the White House.

This evening myself and Justice spent the evening in town or with them in May Williams room.

Mr. Van munster there also there and Mr. Bonney.

The Member from Cuyqea, we got home about 6 o'clock. It was pretty wet and rain at night and could not go. The Boys have been at the President to day riding the Pony.

Some of the "sympathizers" with the rebellion are in the habit of starting reports of terrible disasters to our arms. Last evening it was reported at one hotel that our forces in Kentucky had totally defeated. It made some long faces for a while and some jubilant ones.

Wednesday, 28th

Raining today and the streets again in a bad condition. Mr. Tennish and lady Miss[.] Ingram Munro and her sister and Mr. Cole.

Spend the evening here. Mr. Van munster, lady Miss Williams, and Ed. Dickson call in a carriage for Judith to go with them to the President's house, the got ready while the ladies waited in the house and went.

There is no particular accession in the help tonight. Everything seems to move along as usual.

Ed. Bernside has at last been heard from, but has lost his horse.

At Mathews' Stable, one trod, and compound, lost in the storm last week. Three times also lost. Officers, Col. Allen, a sergeant, and mate.
Wednesday, January 29th 1862

CASH ACCOUNT—NOVEMBER.

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Received half the day, and the streets in a bad condition again. Nothing new to-day. This evening Mrs. A.B. Williams and Mr. Vanaman and David Griffitt came up and talked with us, and spent the evening leaving about 10 o'clock. Alva and Sally were also here. We all had a very pleasant time of it.

“Brad” has neither a cold nor cough, has not been out today. Polly, after getting her supper, went to the “White House” with the Lincoln boys, who were often seen.

Thursday, 30th

Rain again to-day. The boys’ friends left for home.
This evening the boys have spent in the house and attended to their lessons better than usual. I have not been out to-night been drawing some and reading the "Star" aloud. Mr. Burton has been here but a short while. Ellena and the boys went to bed at 9 o’clock.

India at 10. A.M. now. Monday, Nov. 31. While in evening boys’ clothes. had a great deal of their business to do.

Friday, 31st

A clouder came over us. In the office as usual. Engaged the post office draughtsman to make drawings for my door. For the wall. I shall make application for a patent. West creek remained at home this evening. Expect going to Mr. Kelsey for India at 9 o’clock. Have been writing the specification for my patent.

The boys are all happy, as the promise of more books tomorrow, paid some bills to-day. Thought to have more money. Went back for it. Mr. Green only paid 25 cents, the one by saving of fuel. No servant this winter to write it.

We are all servants this winter.

Indications of snow tonight, which means more pain if that were possible.
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Nothing of any particular note has occurred to keep the ground clear away with snow this morning, but it has been all day. Went down after dinner come with the three boys and got them all new boots with which they were highly pleased. Paid $4.25 for tallow, got “Red” also from Mr. Lewis, $2.50, paid the Baker $4.25. Milkman $1.90, got my dressing to dry. Well but in my affliction in two or three days. Have not been but once since. Have been reading the papers, writing, Wife got a letter from her Uncle Dillon, Mrs. B. Cook. It is now a quarter past ten. The boys went to bed at 8. Wife long waiting on several evenings. India is writing, Off Poets, now a newspaper, and I am going to be.

Sunday 2nd

Rose a little last night, but had thickness in the same all day. Went out to Church with Wife and boys. Calhoun, both of the 5th Regt Sibley’s Brigade preached a pretty smart sermon a crazy man in the church. Made a disturbance by giving one extra discourse. He was hustled out by one of the Deacons. Ed. Dickinson came up and spent an hour or two this evening. The people are in such a culled condition that a movement of our “clerical” would seem to be simply impossible. Bills and deep parables in the country are in most cases dispensed with. There is a great deal of teaching in the city but we hear of about the small pop. There we are a month ago our family is in good health
Monrexy 22 Feb 1862

JANUARY BILLS PAYABLE.

| Date  | NAME | Dolls | Cts.
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No particular news to-day. The streets are in a useful condition but the sidewalks are anxious to gain a heavy -kept the engines in tolerable condition for to-mor. The hundred of Army wagons which are constantly passing keep the road uncommon well dusted up.

Tuesday 4th

colder, but not much frost. M. stands 76° tonight.

I got a letter from R. tonight. He is now on a road.

Tuesday 5th

Colder, but not much frost. M. stands 76° tonight.

I got a letter from Brother C.R. Mast H. has been sending the deepest cordial sentiments. The city now about the small pop. 15000.

Wednesday 6th

There has been a bright and pleasant day, the first in a long time. All the morning stood at 20°.

The snow has mostly melted off in the streets.

G. W. Stevyns went home yesterday. Mr. Bright was expelled from the U.S. Senate to-day by a vote of 32 to 14, a deserved disgrace for his loyalty to the "Barnside Expedition" and also from the West.
Friday Oct 7th 1862

FEVERURY BILLS PAYABLE.

| Date | Name | Description of the taking of Fort Henry on the Tennessee River by Colonel Fort and the gunboat squadron. The news creates quite a sensation in the city, as it is considered an important point. The weather is damp and chilly, and the roads are muddy and wet. When the roads are dry or are at least passable, I continued to go over the River with the boys.

SATURDAY 8th

Nothing new at all today. A little swimming over the River. Some Rebels killed and fifteen prisoners taken and brought in last night. I have not been out, and have not been on the road for some time.  

January 9th

Have been out to shingle all day with all the family, but have not done much. The air has been cold and the ground is very hard. The wind has been from the north and the sun has been shining. The sky is quite magnificent.  

Thursday 12th

A pleasant day spent in the morning and the afternoon.晚饭 at the diner and the evening was spent in the theatre. The theatre is certainly a great improvement in the theatre line.
Monday Feb. 10th 1862

MARCH BILLS PAYABLE.

Date.  NAME.  Dolls.  Cts.

ENTERTAINED yesturday for Norfolk and sent to Fort Lafayette, New Athens through
Norfolk that a battle was going on at Roanoke Island.

Is Bermuda having attacks? I Am particular new
from The West It has been a beautiful night day.

Wednesday 11th

Cloudy to day and snow towards Easing.

Despatch 20 today by the War Dept. that Bermuda have taken
Roanoke Island with many prisoners. Perhaps tomorrow.

Sent 4 to the O.R. Depot afternoon.

Then left the Act to Williams Hotel quite a crowd.

There are great many army officers. The Flatvil, the Dergins
were stationed all along the Act not as A correspondent of the
London Times, Russell, says to prevent a raising of the people
that to prevent fort firing and to keep order in the streets.

RECEIVABLE.

Wednesday 12th

Great excitement in the city today at the news of
of the Battle of Roanoke Island and some particular conscript,
but it must have been a desperate fight. "Seeds" is
now occurring nothing but hand knocks. Many more are in
secret for her. Norfolk will soon be taken, it is said.
The boys called above Mr. McClellan to day the End was out.

I will send the he could hardly help from xraving his hat
in the street he was so elated at the view news.

I wrote to Blenheim to day in reference to the affairs while
she sent me. I have not been out to night. Willie has
a bad cold. I have made him a little box to night for his
"more endays." the head turns on a post in the box one side
of the head is in a merry face the other in the aches face.addin
has gone it through. This has been a delightful occa.
Thursday Oct 13th 1862

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<td>A bright pleasant day. No particular news. Left many groups of fighting. But I have been in the office all these days. They told Patents or Deeds recording them, Judge John, Mr. Hasty, and two of the War gentlemen. They told me tonight I have been down to the National. Called at Chez on my return from the store. Mr. Hasty called for what city part of Miller could a second deal. Bedford went to the Capitol today.</td>
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Friday Oct 14th

Nothing of note has occurred to day. In the city arrests are made of deserters. almost every day and many more might be made with certainty. The roads are getting better and exciting news is expected all the time from almost every front of the country. Went down to the Art. The Evening Boys went with one, the men at Williams and the National "lost their proper home at 8 o'clock."

The North side of the Avenues closed. The Broadway Video.

Saturday Oct 15th

The city is quite alive with settlement. The official Captain of Fort Donelson is dead. He said prisoners. It is not yet confirmed, but all hope. No word from Lord Sanders he has made an important lesson of gold. He has sent stores near Winchester. Captain White of the 27th came over from Camp to say which gone in a call be returned. Their Evening Union Stock has risen. Extraordinary within these four days. They have been somewhat getting ready to fight and a whirlwind is then. The obstruction over most Bank roads. Went to the是否 at home. It has been a success all day.
Sunday May Bills Payable, Feb 16th 1862

Out to Church with family. This morning, Emerson Field came out from his quarters and went to Church with us. Pvt. Smith spoke in the Church a wonderful sermon. No further news from Fort Donelson yet.

Monday 17th

After a day or two of great anxiety we have to day of ample confirmation of the report on return to the great victory at Fort Donelson. 15,000 prisoners. General Grant has received a large quantity of Military Stores. I must have been a most desperate fight. He has no particular to be relieved but it is reported that the Rebels lost 10,000 killed and wounded. It is also reported that Savannah has been taken. The streets here were filled with ice this morning. This afternoon it has received snow going off fast. Called into our streets. Neighbors, to Wright with my wife.

Tuesday 18th

Nothing new to day. Extensive preparations are being made for celebrating the 12th. I went down to the Ave. and in the McClellan Valley. Ed Dick went up and spent the morning. Pvt. Barnes & Lady were over from Camp and called upon us. I spent the evening at home.

Wednesday 19th

Rain all day and roads are muddy and crossing are in a horrible condition. The rain looks favorable for further victories. To be heard of before long. The whole country is jubilant over the past. None not been out to night. After dinner I cleaned out the aquarium and put it fresh water. The fish have been browned in the sand and all winter have not seen him before in three months he is very active. Got a picture of the newspaper and here reads all the evenings.
Thursday Oct 20 1862

This has been a bright pleasant day, quite a variety for a month past. There is no particular news in the paper. I have been down onto the A. M. this evening. Called upon Mr. Davis M. C. who is sick at his room on 18th St. Have bought some flags, and two banners in honor of the celebration of the 22nd. I must make arrangements to go over 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. "Belle" has been to see him or to inquire about him about every day the last three times I was there yesterday about noon. Willie was then thought to be better. He was a amiable good hearted boy, was born with our boys about every day or our boys were there. He was put much attached to him. "Pete" his brother He had more judgment and foresight than any boy of his age. That I have ever known. Mr. Willie's uncle called.

Friday 21st

RECEIVABLE.

It has been pleasant to day, it was frozen this morning. I have been in the pin as usual. Willie was out part of the day with me at the pin while his mother went to the President. The illumination will not take place tomorrow night. The consequence of the President's affliction. The news from Washington is favorable for our cause. Nashville is probably in our position. I have not been out tonight. Julia interested us for an hour reciting from different authors. She quite surprised me with the accuracy of her reading. "Skelles Battle piece" and "Bell" H. The recitation whole bega from memory. "Bengen on the Rhine" was finish done also "over Flag." Near 11 o'clock Julia and the boys were asleep long ago. I have been drafting some work in trying doughnuts in the kitchen.
Saturday, Feb 22, 1862

JULY BILLS PAYABLE.

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This has been kept as a bylaw in the city. The public offices have all been closed, except those for almost every direction. We all went to the Capitol to see and hear. The Hall of the House of Representatives was more than crowded. It was said that the Red flags which have been taken would be spread to cover it. It was reported as the programme; but after organizing the House very quickly, they by resolution to receive them as recognizing them.

J. W. Turner, Clerk of the Senate, read Washington's speech, after a prayer by the Chaplain Rev. Mr. Stickham. The floor was taken by the two Houses. The Diplomatists and the High Officers of the Army and Navy, and other Notables, presented forty-two Generals and Commanders on the floor. The Cabinet was there. The President was not there. The illumination of the public buildings are not to please a few stores. Some buildings were illuminated, more than this evening.

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Monday, Feb 24, 1862

The public offices have been closed again today in consequence of the funeral of Colonel Morris. A great many hundreds went to the house, but a small number were admitted, as the family, for a family, only one invited to attend myself and wife were admitted. I rode to the cemetery at Geerstown, "Ochill." The other boy is quite low, I am here he will not see me. To day am at the farm fruits sent by Col. Minick. The green apples had been frozen at one time.

Said.
AUGUST BILLS PAYABLE.

Date. Nothing in particular happened today. But it has been a clear dry day with a bright sun. Yesterday, the stores were much damaged blowing off roofs and burning the Beloit Hotel. On 13th Street, went over with the boys after dinner to see it. Today called on our return at Franklin Street to see the deep parade of the “Regulars”, parts of the 13th and 11th companies, called down to the “National” this morning at my father.

Wednesday 26th.

Cloudy morning, and rain before noon again. The roads are getting quite passable yesterday. There was a stir among the military. Ind. Banks across the river are alone, it is said, and some Reg of Batteries were sent over from here. Julia was at Dr. McCollum’s. Mrs. M. told her that Mr. M. had gone to parts unknown over the river. There is a good deal of excitement in the city in consequence of the reports. According to her there has been some skirmishing among the picket to-day.

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Mr. Daniel D. M. with his son, Edward from Davenport, called on me at the office to clear up a letter from the Secretary of introduction. He left this afternoon for home. I was at the National to see & to learn a brother in the Army who is now here.

Thursday 27th Feb 1862.

A great movement of the troops over the river and from here over the stockade. The stores from the city going East have been stopped. No one is allowed to leave the city without a passport. All telegraph lines are well as well as railroad lines are in the hands of the Government. Various reports are going in reference to the fighting over the river, but little seems to be known. But there is little doubt that the Army of the Potomac is on the move after its long season of quiescence. The shaft bears of stirring news soon.
SOMBER BILLS PAYABLE.

Date. 

This has been a cool, rainy, drizzly day, and a few such we much need to pay up the roads in the absence of war news from the Army. All sorts of stories are abroad, but little eschewment, until the result of the conflict which will probably take place over the river. I think McClellan will make a sure thing of it if he attacks them at Manassas or elsewhere.

Saturday, March 1st, 1862

This has been another fine sunny and bright day. The roads are getting quite good. The army is thick on the 42nd to-day.

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 March. McClellan has got a good ready, and is now about to act. Nothing is now allowed to be published in reference to the troops or the plans. Consequently the papers are quite uninteresting. There have been in the office to-day and have been at home all the evening, reading the

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Sunday, March 2nd, 1862

Pleasant morning, but the ground is covered with snow to-night. Snowed very heavily the middle of the day. It has thinned all the time. Went to church with Nevada, Chesterman, Markes, the 42nd. Rest held forth, quite an interesting man. The Military on both sides of the river are under marching orders, and all ready to move. Fort Boones, 27th came over yesterday. I brought his wife. The 27th is all packed up and ready. Things seem to look for our. The sick in the camps have been placed in hospitals. McClellan has been moving for two or three days past. There is an abundance of it on the Potomac. McClellan depends much upon that army. There is much excitement in the city and much excitement reports now that the immense Army here is to move at last. The force must be enrolling. The 42nd. They cannot help them 250,000 men on 4 men. The Potomac in the Union's Armies under Gen. McClellan.
Monday March 3rd 1869

OCTOBER BILLS PAYABLE.

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*It has seemed to me how much to the disappointment of all, we heard this morning of the death of the gallant Gen. Sanderson. He was one of the bravest of the brave and we could have spared almost any of our Brethren better than him. He died of wounds at the fight at Edgardo's Ferry, in the sons last fall. The evacuation of Columbus, Ky. is officially announced. It was the last rebel strong hold in Ky. The papers say nothing about our advance near, they are not allowed to. I have been at home all the evening and the boys have stood in the house all day, studying their lessons, and amusing themselves, as usual."

"Bird" shows quite a talent for Arrangement of a painting in water colors, but his practice continues to improve. Steamboat application.

Tuesday 4th

This is just as the day, I must try again, to see how some little practical think is talked about here. The Illumination "goes off" to night; but I think it will need. It has been dry to day but the weather does not appear to be settled yet. No news that I have been of.

Wednesday 5th

Next day on to the Lake this evening, held a talk with Judge Edmunds. Count of the Land Office at the National called us to "dinner." Saw Mr. Whitmore then introduced to Mr. Willis, a lawyer of Chicago, who is engaged in the great Sand andeut against the B&B company at Chicago. He appears to be a "smart one,"

Called on my return home at the office of Maj. Whittam, on 11th St. Saw Varnum, just from Lyons, nothing new from there. We are all much attached to the plan I have spent most of my life there.
Thursday, March 6, 1862

The event of the day has been the funeral of the great

Josephine Baines Payable at 11 a.m. at the Episcopalian church. Start from the

Randolph Hotel at 10 o'clock. The funeral car went by. Many

Boards were at the office. I went into the Hospital

with them. They came out to see the funeral.

Boys. Was I right? Yes, I was. In the evening, my sister

returned home. So I went to the great concert at the grand hall.

returning about 10 o'clock. I have been away quite

long today. The roads are getting better. No news

from over the River. I have no advices as yet.

Friday, March 7

A beautiful clear day but rather cold. Not in the office.

We arrived at the River in the city that I have of tonight.

There been down the Charles. He has been doing some

writing for me. My uncle in the police office. I was

coming into the City and moving about a good deal.

No news expect lovely times soon over the River. All seems
to be quiet now.

Saturday, March 8

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

Troops are coming into the City and causing no alarm.

Rumors of fighting to day near Mt. Vernon.

Nothing is published and little is known publicly

of their operations. The prospect now is that there will be

a desperate battle near here soon. The Rebels will try

to retrieve their recent losses, and will fight with desperation.

McClellan is still prepared and has ever been.

All ready and anxious to fight.

 Went up to Franklin square with wife and the boys after

Chimne. Went to Mrs. Shrew's speech at the Carbon

Institute. I did not go down to the State House at night.
Monday March 10th 1862

DECEMBER BILLS PAYABLE.

Date. Name. Dolls. Cts.

This has been an exciting day. The troops commenced moving last night about midnight and have been going over the River nearly all the time since. It is said that one-fourth of the 50,000 men are ordered to Virginia this week. It is confirmed that the Rebels are running from Manassas to our troops will have no fight there. The 'Savannah' is at the River Road destroying the boats. Cumberland Congregate Church erected a good deal of excitement in the city. But the explosion of the little ironclad Monitor at Ironsides erected so much smoke the Monitor sank at once. The town is quiet. The town of the Monitor is about all as the party arrive. The Monitor broke its propeller. The son of our next door neighbors, Connerd Smith commanded the 1st Arkansas at once set fire. They are very great sights.

I have down to Broadway tonight two parts of Regulars on their way over the River, sent to carry to Brown to P. D. Ross, and to Ed Minnich, home tonight 1st part.

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Tuesday, March 11th 1862

The 'Stars and Stripes' are floating over Centreville & Manassas. The Rebels leaving now away.

McPherson in them with over two hundred thousand men. News this morning of a desperate battle in Arkansas between our forces under General + Price's Expeditionary army. The Rebels were totally defeated with great loss. It has been a delightful day to-night.

Concord's son Capt. Smith of the Fixgate command. Blood in the fight with the Monitor was brought up to his father's funeral to-morrow. Very accord with Julia & Walter to-night after dinner.

'Byron' & 'Holly' have gone out to the camp of the 8th Tennessee Hill to see their Lyon's friends. They stam in the camp to-night. Think one might in the tent still satisfy them.
Wednesday March 12th 1862

Walked up to the Camp of the 98th at Monocacy Hill with Judge after dinner. Met all my officer friends there. Called when Col. Dutton who is sick at the old Commodore Porter Mansion he appeared quite sick and was cut thought very uncomically. I invited him down to our house where he could have quiet and rest for a few days. His doctor said he would be "all right" in a sleep or two. The Surgeon was at the Camp of the 103rd German Regt. Nearby. We got home before dark. Pretty tired.

Thursday March 13th

There is no particular news to say in the papers. Col. Dutton concluded to come down and stay with us until he gets better. But Davie came with him. He appears better to night, 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 is it is said pursuing the fleeing rebels.

Friday March 14th

Col. Dutton is better to day. Lieut. Col. Darkeen and nearly all the officers of the Regt. there but him to see the Col. The Regt. has not Marching orders and the Col. is very uneasy. Mr. Stark called on me to day. He is going down to Fortress Monroe an attack is to the Macrae Inf. Mr. Stocke is supposed. The troops are returning from Virginia to Embark down the River.

Saturday March 15th

The River is full of Steam Boats for embarking troops down the River probably to "Old Point." It has caused much anxiety and the running of Col. D. to see if well (he says) as we must send to Brown's Seco Maj. Williams, Maj. Hatcher & other officers. Col. Darkeen came in about 8 O'clock and is to stay all night. Our Town is the number one headquarter Col. Dutton is existing. Brigadier Gen.
Tuesday March 16th 1862

I have not returned to camp or rest since this morning with Benck playing to just as usual. We went to Church. Col. Drutton had his horse sent down and he left for the camp as he said Company C. Col. Dorst no left early this morning. Col. Drutton had an anti-type of this severity. I was with five children, I notice that he was very attentive to it. In this morning, I think him a great time warm weather. May he health that he will be called with certain by our sun. Maj. McConkey of Breesno and Geo. Martin, Foreman of Breechampton. I called to-day. They belong to the 81st Wis. Inf.

Monday March 17th 1862

Nothing much has transpired to day that we know of. The telegraph announces that a Battle is in progress on the 91st. Coln. Fast in Bombarding the Rebels at Isomana 10 with his guns. Boats are embarking on the Steam Boat to go down the River. The long做的 of Fort Wagon which was to obstruct our streets. Some nearly all left, and one over the River. Seem in the vicinity. I could devo to Mr. Morrison. on 81st thinning for Jubilee in now 90% of the children are all in bed. Since the past 3 or 4 fine Bear of music playing in the street. Some Serenade by four men.

Tuesday March 18th 1862

News from Gen. Burnside to day the November Newborn Bk. after a severe battle 100 killed. 7400 wounded. Rebel lost not known. The victory decisive. No news to day from Corunna. Only that he was bombarding Isomana 10th. Jubilee is selling Tickets for the Church Festival. Paid to Mr. Smith. I gave the ladies committee 3000 to deposit in getting tickets. The church is in debt.
Wednesday March 19th 1862

No news to-day. Nothing from Fort yet. Naval embarking down at the Arsenal to go down the River. It is supposed that an attack is to be made upon Norfolk on overwhelming force—going down.

This afternoon we rode up to the Camp of the 98th Vol. Col. Dustin's Regt. saw the Surgeons. Officers, saw the Battalion of Artillery, and five Regiments on parade near by—got home before sun down. The Regiment is on "Meridian Hill" all have orders to be ready to leave in twenty minutes after order is given. They call Embark, a great many Regts. from the other side of the River are Embarking at Alexandria. We 27th then is going—

Thursday. March 20th 1862

Not a thrilling day as uncomfortable as usual. No news yet from Comonode Point. I hear he has not with a despatch. Fort Daniel. The Battery. James, were down; and directed us to say James is not attacked. At the Watch but in going down with it. It is expected to go tommorow, but uncertain. Post Stands was here this evening having written his letters. He brought he his Spanish Dictionary. and other books in the Spanish language. He seems to be making some progress. There has been out of the house to-night. Looked at the boys writing books. He and read the papers.

Friday March 21st

No definite news from Fort yet. The 19th he was still bombarding Island. 10 P.M. 10 people are now wanting again to hear from Fort. Richmond. Our immense force is moving down the River. Norfolk & Richmond—now super mission there. Our arms are successful everywhere. The great "Canons" is doing its work and now tides them who do not escape in time. It is said that the British Yacancy has been taken prisoners, he ought to be hung.
Saturday, March 20, 1862

The主页 been listening all day to the booming of cannon and beating of drums. Troops 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 numbers, but most of the yachts are under marching orders. To be ready in a few minutes when called upon to go. I seemed nearly all last night and again to night and the sound is almost as loud as seen in the theater, and the boys are again haying to be seen parades at the crossings. Post Daniel called the swarming with another surgeon. I think the thing is a little nonchalance, yet little Commodore Perry is still throwing shells among the rebels at Island No. 10. Yesterday the cannon forces were to arrive and cast an anchor with him.

Bent down to the store after dinner. Fritzie the 'Amateer Bread' Bakery post of Leant St. went into some machines in the store. Penn Ave was ordered to 4 yd. carriages, horses, good wagon, and Lewis Marching. Drums beating. Bands playing. Dragoons and 'Melodies' rushing through at great speed. Officers and 'Penitent Citizens,' Congressmen. Negroes hurrying all hugging to emplacements on the railroad side walk without any order or regularity. as orders seeming to be the right suit of clothes. I made a lovely walk. If I am never sorry to get away from the confusion and confusion of the city to a more quiet part of the city. The two little boys have been with the boys of the 9th today. They have gone to bed tired. Justice is reading her Spanish lesson. Wife has pronounced a cup of tea and some 'Amateer Bread' white, and pleased it invincibly near me on the table. We usually get a second tea at night. Many parts of it is nearly visitors. It is usually done in a sort of festive way, about 8 or 9 o'clock sometimes later. We cannot continue to get to bed before about 11 o'clock. That is, myself and wife, Julia goes before 10 usually, once the boys about 8.
Sunday March 23rd 1862

No news from public today. It has been rather pleasant and no rain. Our next door neighbor, Mr. Smith, had his house robbed last night. The thief went all over the house gathering up watches, money, spoons, etc. without damaging the house. He scratched the back door with Burglar Wipers. Mr. Condon seems to be an old hand. He recently lost his son, Pvt. Jno. B. Smith in the Congress in his right with the Rebel Iron Clad Steamer Merrimac. I have not seen them to Osborne to-day. Wife & the rest of the family went to the theatre with the boys before dark saw the Battle of Cauhug, which lost the crew of Col. Stockton's ship. The R. J. B. who was killed, at Belle River in July the R. J. B. is now near the city and the body was just received and brought over to the R. J. B. The Condon came over as an escort and were on their return when we saw them.

Monday March 24th

A Reviewer to-day at Montclair Hill, Gen. Casey Dining about 2000. More men of this Division were got left. Troops are leaving on board steamers every day at the rate of ten or fifteen thousand a week. News to-day of a victory near Winchester. 27th Virginia under Gen. Shields. The bombardment at Island now still continued last night. The five boats shelling Shillamee 172 1/2 miles and out of range of the Rebel guns. Our fine old neighbors, Corn. Smith, now goes again to his office at the Navy Yard. While he heard by telegraph that the Congress had raised a white flag, "Joe is dead," says he, & knew that "Joe" would not surrender and he was in command. Secretary was taken from the cleared body running after the boat and a part of the plunder obtained by the rebels the other morning. The Corn. Smith was $150 Reward for the scalch which will be paid if it is returned. This evening, I was at Mr. Reynolds and the Justice. This evening, I was from Dover City, got home about 10.
Thursday March 15th 1861

This has been a pleasant day. The troops have been quite active to-morrow 56th Regiment Marched through the city to the River to Embark. No particular news of late, nothing is allowed to be published relating to army movements. Except official dispatches from the War Department, the news papers are consequently rather stale at present. 

After dinner we all went into the Camp of the 48th N.Y. to see the Finish boy and bid them good bye. They expect to start tomorrow for down the River. They all seem to be in good health and spirits.

Surgeon David came down and took tea with us. We all expect to have him soon. We are all much attached to him. He appears so amiable and quiet in his demeanor, and so sincere in what he says. 

The got back from the Camp before dark. After Dr. Binda left Julia and I called at Mrs. Banta's on W. 36th. I also called at the office of Maj. A.B. Williams on W. 36th. Met Mr. Van Vechten of Lyons and Mr. Underwood of Tischner's. 

Wednesdary March 16th

Another pleasant day. In the office as usual after dinner took the boat over to the River Wharf. The soldiers are embarking. Srove the "Vice Broxd" leave with the Maj. 11th Regt. 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 someone on the boat. Soon she caught the face and waved her handkerchief and soon began to cry putting her handkerchief to her face and sobbing violently. The boat moved slowly off and I thought she would fall, but as the boat began to move the tears slowly away wending her way through the crowd alone. She got into an elegant carriage which was in waiting and drove off. 

Most horn before dark. Fd Dick. went up to-night and stayed an hour. Feber stayed with Matt Hopkyns to night.
Thursday, March 27th, 1862

The weather continues delightful, and the March has nearly come up in our streets. There is no particular news affixed to any of the Battle near Richmond or Sunday last; moves to have been very severe, fight, and the total route to the rebels. The news here all been up to the camp of the field to obey. Our troops are leaving from there yet.

Great Darius S. (name) called here to see. McDowell was here at the time. He is an immune father and with all affection. The evening the first very much. I have been to the East this evening an immune through. The city seems to be entirely still, a great many Englishmen, particularly Englishwomen are here looking on and taking notes. All nations are almost one to be met with and almost all languages are heard on the East of our evening. German predominates, but French and Spanish are very common. Julia is studying French and Spanish and am trying these languages, some attention myself. Think I will soon be able to read Spanish.

Friday, March 28th.

Very pleasant to occur. Streets quite dry and clear. A great movement of troops. A dream of men and 80,000 have been going down 14th St. for a number of hours. McDowell of East ones, and Casey 15,000 12,000 have moved for Alexandria to Fairbank. Do Darius called about 6 o'clock this evening. So his way down the 98's here been paid today and he left 7,000 with me to send to his wife and kept 410. We all felt quite sad at parting with him, and his own sons were quite moist. We walked out to 14th St. and 10th St. for over two hours. Being the moonlight. It was quite dark before the 98's came down. I could not recognize many of our friends with light. The street through the city, and the world beyond. The "Long Bridge" was one leaving moving map for Miles. Artillery, Cavalry, Artillery & infantry made up an immense procession, no news of headquarters tonight.
Saturday March 29th 1862

The rain had quite a snowstorm today, and
the streets are again just as muddy—
No particular news from any of the armies.
The Confederate force of March 20th continues.
I suppose it is purely to keep a large force of
the rebels from boats to away from other points.
New Orleans probably, while our forces attack them.
Bought a Draft this morning for 730, but it didn't
come out to Dr. Davis's house, because
The 97th of New England near Tennessee. "Buell"
was down there to-day and saw them.
The 27th one of their old camps near the cemetery.

Recently thousands from Georgia over the river yesterday
and last night. But soldiers and officers seem
to be about as thick on the one as ever.
Congress is moving along the day Bill - and deciding
the President's duty. When will that question end?

Saturday March 30th

This has been a cold rainy day, as uncomfortable
for the soldiers as could well be. It seems where
that none of us went to church in the morning.
Mrs. and the boy went in the afternoon. There
we been out, and in the house reading.

Monday 31st

It has been pleasant today after the thunder shown
which we heard last night. Got my mouth, Tuesday
to-day. Bought me a new hat, none as the one a
year ago and at half price. "Bills too numerous to mention;
We know but little of what is going on relating to the
Rev. as nothing is allowed to be published in the
papers. But there must be a great Battle soon
in Tennessee between Buell & Beauregard.
It is thought that the "code" is tightening again.
Richmond are there, probably hear from
The Leaders Train of the 4 p.m. The commander tonight
Jupiter did not get home till after 11.
Tuesday April 1st 1862

A fine pleasant day. Went down to the Ave in the morning and paid a visit to my Barnes Photography Gallery where Mr. Barnes has taken pictures of the 23rd Ohio Volunteers. The only ones that he had. The pictures were very nice. The men all looked very well. My wife and I went to the photo gallery to see some more pictures. We then went to the office today. I went this evening with Mr. Elisha Dickson to a concert at the Church. I did not attend as I was not sure and the concert is over. After the concert, Mrs. Dickson and I went to the Festival. We had just come home. I heard the fiddles just yet in. "Bud" has gone to bed long ago. I went to church for the last service.

Wednesday April 2nd 1862

There is a great lack 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 front over the Rappahannock is quite quiet and probably few more besides. There is now be about 20,000 men being transported towards Richmond now in Virginia. Fort Monroe seems to be the great rendezvous. I hear that it will be well. The first order. 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. I write you today from Mr. Brown's near Lyon. And from Mr. Newton's. Goo Grindle's. I understand that you called when I was at the office. "Bud" is staying in the 2nd Artillery Station at Fort Ward and the B.

Thursday 3rd

Went to the concert and spent the afternoon with the photographers and from Mr. Bowness' shop. I was in the "National." I was looking at some friends there. Went to the concert with Mr. J. S. and I stayed till eleven. They had a very good time there. It seemed like a ball. But there was no dancing. The dance was abolished and the money going to the Union.
Friday, April 15, 1862

A delightful day quite still, whereas now since the soldiers left last there are still soldiers in my direction but the great Major Moore left 1300 or have gone down to Forts Monroe & James Forts & are on the bar & the tide. I think there is but one small fort now, at least in the city, the 9th Fort on Franklin Square, but a good sized fort is a good sized fort & the boys attended the Festival this evening. The lion of the evening was General Morris & the Bandstand Julia had a long shot with him, the little boy's con introduction & shook hands with him & exclaimed quite elated. I went to the Nation with J D Hobley & most of the evening no particular news.

Saturday, April 16, 1862

Nothing new occurred to carry mystery of future. Army are in locating cautiously for News. News from three or four different points. From Beale's Army & Fort Donelson from the Elk who is now at Fort Monroe with a large Army 17,000 & from Fort Pembroke, Pembroke & from New Orleans & Savannah. A delegation from the North is here holding a sort of Council attempting to consolidate the old Democratic party, with life at Ames at the suggestion of the Backspring dishonor which gives the Nation a bad color. It will not do to talk of Party till this Rebellion is crushed.

Sunday, April 17th

A delightful morning hearing that the 29th have come to mine. I crossed the River to Alexandria & walked out to their camps. But to my surprise round the camps Washington the Rest left on Friday. First Guard was left in charge of some three but the Enthusiasts to leave tomorrow. The Rest went to P R to the Norfolk junction & are on the way to Richmond. God speed them. A deserted camp is about the most desolate scene imagined. The tents were all standing but all was still and lonely when so lately all was life & noise. I got back to Washington about 5 to track the steamboat which was crowded both ways. The country was then looked desolate enough. "Poor Tennessee" put besides half a century.
Monday April 7, 1862

Last night and this morning due to the fire as usual, a big fire broke out this morning on the corner of the Ave & 9th Street. It has been burning most of the day. Six thousand were evacuated before three o'clock. McCabe came down to the office. I got there to go home with the fire. I took him down to see the fire. This was some frightwain out the noise and confusion. It has spread most of the day, and no wind to the fire did not burn very rapidly, all the engines were there. The efficiency of the fire department was not much.

Next down to the National. I met some gentlemans with an lofty of MP to examine models & drawings in reference to some coming for help of them. Stood till six and 10. We had the congestion from in question. We think that there must be something up. Down the River as two o'clock the two newspapers here called at the office on the Disposition to Come down Smith from the War Department, perhaps the Merrimac is out again.

Tuesday April 8th

This has been a most dismal day, rain and sleet 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. Such must be the condition of Genl. McDowell's Division which has already gone to Virginia, on their way to Richmond leaving their tents behind, and also of those who are now besieging Yorktown. The news tonight is that Island No 10 and the three batteries there have been surrendered to our troops. We shall get particulars to-morrow, probably Genl. McClellan is having a desperate time of it at Yorktown. The Rebels endure all kinds of cold and cannot bear any more of them. They must capitulate or remain and they cannot. Very early we are expecting news of a great battle. At or near Corinth. Very early between Richmond and Beaufort. I can have news a hundred thousand men. It will be the Battle of the year. I think nothing has been heard from the Merrimac as yet.
Wednesday, April 9th, 1862

It has snowed all day, rain, sleet, and snow falling moderately. News to day of a great Battle at Manassas and defeated all Island No. 10, taken with all the land batteries.

Our armies everywhere victorious, now known guns, cannons, and mortars than our troops know what to do with. The city is in wild excitement over the news, a salute of 100 guns ordered by the city of war. The great "Annapolis" is burning in his coils, tightens and tightens around the rebel. They have liberated most cowardly in every instance where they did not have the advantage in numbers or position. The proud "Southerners" had better take their word chesnot from their treaty, I think they are a race of born thieves and robbers, and their are burning at every day. We have had one Battle River. They have a "Battle River" every time they meet our troops.

Thursday, 10th

The weather is more settled today, nothing in particular has occurred, we are getting near the particulars of the real Battle at Pittsburgh Landing. It was the most desperate fight of the war so far. There is nothing from Yorktown to which all eyes are turned. Both parties are in great force there. The rebels are flushed with victory. The rebels are defeated.

Friday, 11th

Fine pleasant day. The Grant men have read the passage of the Bill by the House abolishing slavery in the District of Columbia. It had passed the Senate. No particular War news to day. Scenes down to the hotels. They are all full and quite a crowd at Hollands next to the "Pentagon" to call for further about it. Staid an hour. It is the last night, one girl home about 11 1/2 o'clock. The night so snow bright and beautiful.