BUTLER AND PORTER.

A Champion Arises to Defend the Conduct of the Admiral.

THAT LITTLE FLEET OF MORTARS

Played an Important Part in the Capture of New Orleans.

ANY AMOUNT OF STRONG EVIDENCES

[WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.]

In your issue of May 5 I was very much surprised to find General Ben Butler accusing Admiral David D. Porter of cowardice and turning tail to the enemy. Now, I have had the honor of a command in the navy under Porter, and know that he has not a cowardly bone in his body. I have the official reports, to the Secretary of Navy Farragut, Porter, and all the other navy commanders engaged in that celebrated conflict, and think it comes with a very bad grace from a General who cannot truthfully claim a single military success.

Now for the record. March 18, 1862, in a letter from Farragut to Secretary Welles he says: "Captain Porter has arrived with his mortar fleet. I shall push things forward with all possible dispatch." April 2 he says: "On the first day's fire they put a shot through one of the mortar vessels and killed one man; the second day they sunk one with a rifle shot. They have sent down five fire rafts. I sent Commander Bell last evening to destroy the chain and raft across the river, but he could accomplish but little in consequence of one of his gunboats getting on shore, and she was only saved by great exertion, as the enemy were firing on them all the time. Commander Porter, however, kept up such a tremendous fire on them from the mortars that the enemy's shot did the gunboats no injury, and the cable was separated and their connection broken sufficiently to pass through on the left bank."

MORE PROOFS.

At anchor off New Orleans, April 25, he says: "About 3:30 A. M. I attacked Fort St. Phillip and Fort Jackson with my little fleet, while Commander Porter most gallantly bombarded them, and, beside, took them in flank with his steamers. I have not heard what became of the gunboats Kennebec, Itasca and Winona. I then then pushed up for the city of New Orleans, leaving two gunboats to aid General Butler in landing at the quarantine, and sent him a communication by Commander Boggs, requesting him to come at once. I shall now send down with this letter Commander Smith in the Mississippi to look after General Butler."

On the 29th he says: "I am taking every means to secure the occupation by General Butler of all the forts along the coast. On the evening of the 29th Captain Bailey arrived from below with the gratifying intelligence that the forts had surrendered to Commander Porter and had delivered up all public property and were being paroled, and that the navy had been made to surrender unconditionally, as they had conducted themselves with bad faith, burning and sinking their vessels while a flag of truce was flying."

Under date of May 7, 1862, Captain Bailey, in a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, says: "Both forts surrendered to Commander Porter, who was near at hand with the vessels of his flotilla. As I left the river General Butler had garrisoned Forts St. Phillip and Jackson."

PORTER WAS THERE.

Commander Swartwout, of the sloop of war Portsmouth, under date of April 28, in a letter to the Secretary of the Navy, says: "Having received the glorious tidings to-day that Forts Jackson and St. Phillip have surrendered to Commander Porter, I have concluded to proceed up the river."

I noticed that General Butler was having a speech made at the Department for the logbook of the Harriet Lane, Porter's flag ship at the time he is accused of "turning tail to the enemy." I am under the impression that he will have to go to Galveston, Tex., for it. She was captured by the rebels January 1, 1863, and Commander Wainwright and her executive officer, Lieutenant Commander Lea, were killed, with several of her crew.

In conclusion I will only give you an extract of a congratulatory letter from the Secretary of the Navy:

The important part which you have borne in the organization of the mortar flotilla and the movement on New Orleans has identified your name with one of the most

BRILLIANT ACHIEVEMENTS

on record, and to your able assistance with the flotilla is Flag Officer Farragut much indebted for the successful results he has accomplished. To yourself and the officers and seamen of the mortar flotilla the department extends its congratulations. I am respectfully, etc.,

GIDEON WELLES.

To Commander D. D. Porter, commanding U. S. Mortar Flotilla, Gulf of Mexico.

I could give a more detailed and satisfactory account, but I think I have proved that no such occurence took place. Everyone knows of Butler's vindictive disposition and that he never forgave Porter and Terry for capturing Fort Fisher after he had abandoned the attempt. Who was it that turned tail to the enemy on that occasion? I am certain it was not Porter. J. R.

SISTER SUE'S BUDGET.

A Resume of the Week in Local Religious and Charitable Circles.

A PRESBYTERIAN ministers' club is among the interesting items talked of in clerical circles. Nothing will be decided upon until after the heated term.

THE coming of Miss Johnston from the Plymouth Church, Chicago, to Dr. Kumler's Church, East Liberty, will be gratifying to lovers of fine music. The lady has been arranged for at a salary of $2,000.

CHILDREN'S DAY occurs the 26 of June in almost all Protestant denominations. As a rule special care has been given to the appearance of the church; in some instances the floral decorations vie with those of Easter and Christmas. The morning service is, as a rule, given up to the children.

Now is the season of picnics upon us, and the different churches are busy closing their contracts for a "picnic day" at one of the many places of interest which abound near our own city, and the average small child comes to Sunday school with a look of anticipation that will brook no denial.

A PROPERTY has at last been decided upon for a children's hospital in the East End. It was bought by a fund bequeathed by the late Miss Holmes, and is the MacDevitt property on the corner of Forbes and Craft streets, East End. It is in every way desirable, and will make a bright and cheerful home for sick children.

THE lady managers of the Home for Aged Men, located at Wilkinsburg, will hold their annual fair and lunch May 30. Lunch will be served from 12 until 4 P. M. Great pains have been taken to make this bazaar a success. The fancy articles include many clever designs in dainty needle work, and some hand-painted china will be shown that is most artistic.

THE missionary circles of the Fourth Presbyterian Church give their annual entertainment Friday evening, the 24th of May. The special feature of the evening will be a "Japanese wedding." The costumes were procured at Philadelphia, and the sum expended for their use helps another missionary circle in its good work. The tickets are unique, being small Japanese fans, at 25 cents apiece.

A FESTIVAL of days is promised by the several circles of King's Daughters, East End. The entertainment will be held the 4th of June at East Liberty, and it is hoped they will be able to procure the gymnasium for that purpose. The proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the endowment of the "Flossie Howe Cot," to be arranged for in the new hospital for children.

Rocked on the Crest of the Waves,

The landsman, tourist or commercial traveler, speedily begins, and not only begins, but continues, to feel the extreme of human misery during the transit across the tempestuous Atlantic. But if, with wise prescience, he has provided himself with a supply of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, his pangs are promptly mitigated, and then cease ere the good ship again drops her anchor. This is worth knowing, and thousands of our yachtsmen, summer voyagers, tourists and business men do know it.

NATIONAL GUARD NOTES.

MAJOR WALTER GREENLAND, Quartermaster of the Second Brigade, was in the city during the week on business.

NEXT Saturday the State Fencibles of Philadelphia will celebrate the seventy-sixth anniversary of the organization of the corps.

MAJOR HARPER'S first instructions in the military art were as an active member of the Washington Infantry previous to the war.

THE usual order for Memorial Day has been issued by Captain Shannon, of the Washington Infantry. This company will go to the East End this year as escort to Post 117.

NEITHER of the local regiments will turn out on Decoration Day with the Grand Army, although both have received invitations. Several companies, however, will parade individually.

THE inspection of Battery B takes place next Wednesday evening, after which an election will be held for Senior First Lieutenant and Captain, the commissions of Captain Hunt and Lieutenant Shepherd expiring by limitation on the same date, the 22d.

CAPTAIN E. MORGAN MCCOMBS, who has been connected with the guard in this city for many years, is under the treatment of a physician, having almost entirely lost the use of his vocal organs. Captain McCombs speaks of retiring from military life permanently.

PENNSYLVANIA'S allotment out of the $400,000 appropriated by Congress for the equipment of the militia is $28,578. The regulations provide that requisitions for militia supplies must be made by the Governors of States and Territories direct to the Secretary of War.

THE actual number of men in line from Pennsylvania during the Centennial parade was 7,064. The First Brigade furnished 2,538 men, the Second Brigade 2,072, and the Third Brigade 2,028. The staff of the Governor and General Hartranft making up the difference.

MAJOR FRANK PATTERSON, Inspecting Officer of the Second Brigade, not having recovered sufficiently from his fall in New York City to continue the spring inspections, Captain George C. Hamilton, of Warren, has been detailed to finish the duty, assisted by Captain Jas. R. Murdock, of the Second Brigade staff.

GOVERNOR BEAVER has not as yet signed the bill appropriating $75,000 for dress uniforms. While it was generally understood at first he was going to veto the measure, it is now thought the delay in doing so means the success of the bill. The officers of the First Brigade have declared themselves solidly for distinctive uniforms for each regiment.

A PETITION signed by the commandants of the different organizations has been forwarded to Adjutant General Hastings to change the date of the coming summer encampments from July to August. The country regiments will be greatly benefited by the change, as many of their men are engaged in farming and could not leave their private interests so early in the summer.

THE formation of a battalion of colored companies is being very strongly agitated in the eastern portion of the State. There are 30,000 colored voters represented in the National Guard by but one company of 60 men, the Gray Invincibles, of Philadelphia. As several other colored organizations outside of Guard have applied for admission, among them the Twin City Rifles, of this city, the organization of the battalion has been suggested.

THE Fourteenth Regiment has about decided on Saltsburg as the location for the next encampment. The site for the Eighteenth has not yet been definitely selected, but is probable it will be up the Monongahela river somewhere in the vicinity of Brownsville. Several very pretty and desirable locations in that direction are being considered, being far enough away from the city to be out of reach of excursions, and thus enabling the men to keep down to business.

It is quite probable that the three troops of cavalry and the three batteries of artillery in the State will go into camp next summer at Mt. Gretna, under command of Major J. Biddle Porter, Second Regiment N. G. P., with Major Randolph, of the Third United States Artillery, as inspecting officer for the General Government. Major Porter is a Parisian by birth and has received considerable instruction in the French Military Training School at Paris. Major Randolph is said to be one of the best artillery officers in the regular service at present, and will give the organizations encamped at Mt. Gretna next summer the benefit of some of his ideas.

THE report of the Adjutant General for the year 1888 was placed in the hands of the printer last Monday. It will be some time before it will be in shape for issue, but local members of the guard need not feel sorry on that account, for the rating and comments of the Fourteenth and Eighteenth Regiments are certainly not liable to cause tears of joy. Both have been pretty severely dealt with by the powers at Harrisburg, according to an officer who had the fortune to read some of the matter in manuscript form, the Fourteenth, however, getting slightly the best of it and being placed above the Eighteenth. It has been a very cold day, indeed, when the Pittsburg militia did not get the worst of it during the present administration, due to the expression of the political sentiment of several prominent local military gentlemen just after the nomination of Governor Beaver.

LAST Friday night Company C, Eighteenth Regiment, was put through the annual spring inspection by Captain Hamilton. The company presented 60 men and 2 officers, Lieutenant Gardner being relieved by sickness. Two hours were spent putting the men through guard duty, squad drill and skirmish drill, and Captain McCombs can be congratulated on passing through one of the most severe inspections ever held in this city, and will undoubtedly be rated very high for the fine appearance of his command. Last night Company I, of Monongahela, had 60 men and 3 officers in line when Captain Murdock, the inspecting officer, made his appearance. The company looked well, and showed a pretty thorough knowledge of tactical duties, besides having a splendid number of make their display. Captain Coon showed his men to be particularly well versed in skirmish drill. During the following week the other companies of the Eighteenth will be put through the ordeal by Captain Hamilton, assisted by Lieutenant Bean, of the regular service.

HORSFORD'S ACID PHOSPHATE

Makes Delicious Lemonade.

A teaspoonful added to a glass of hot or cold water, and sweetened to the taste, will be found refreshing and invigorating.

CARPET REMNANTS.

Short Lengths of All Kinds Carpets Go on Sale Monday at One-Third Their Value.

Twice each year we clean up all odds and ends.

Remnants of carpets from 5 to 25 yards in length all placed on first floor.

Remnants moquette carpets.
Remnants body brussels.
Remnants tapestry brussels.
Remnants three-plys.
Remnants ingrains.
Remnants rag carpets.
Remnants cottage carpets.
Remnants hemp carpets.

We have done a big season's business, consequently there is a large stock of these, but they will go very fast at the prices—one-third real value.

EDWARD GROETZINGER,
627 and 629 Penn avenue.

BEST $1 50 per doz. cabinet photos in the city. Panel picture with each doz. cabinets. LIES' POPULAR GALLERY, 10 and 12 Sixth st. SUMWF

Cottage Furniture.

New patterns that prove more desirable and less in cost than goods offered in previous seasons. P. C. SCHOENECK, 711 Liberty street.

For May Festival.

An immense choice of fine fans from 25c to $5, also feather fans at 37½c, worth $1. Fine painted fans 50c up, also pocket fans 10c up, at Rosenbaum & Co's.

WRAPS—Now is the time to buy a stylish wrap; all the latest styles in wraps, jackets, connemaras, etc.; prices all reduced for our clearance sale. HUGUS & HACKE. MWFSU

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When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria,
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

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STILL IN GOOD FORM.

Local Business Moving Along Very Nicely for Torrid Weather.

A NEW IDEA CONCERNING PARKS.

Prominent Men Keeping an Eye on the Diamond Street Railway Scheme.

ALLEGHENY PEOPLE ORGANIZE A KICK

The business situation last week was featureless so far as new developments were concerned. There was a fair movement in most of the staples, and prices were well maintained. Iron was an exception, being both dull and weaker. Oil was traded in on a generally lower level, but it rallied yesterday and closed steady to firm. Stocks were dull and neglected, with no material change in prices. The number of real estate transfers recorded during the week was 216, representing $406,826. Business in mortgages was light.

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The agitation in favor of public parks—breathing places for the people—bids fair to result in something tangible, sooner or later. On this subject a business gentleman said yesterday: "I am in favor of parks; the more of them the better. I would like to see one in every ward of the city, if that were possible. Right here I want to make a suggestion. You may remember that eight or nine years ago what was called the marginal railroad scheme attracted considerable attention, the scheme being to build a road around the entire water front of the city. It was killed in Councils after a hot fight. Now why couldn't this water front say from Smithfield street on the Monongahela down and around the point and up the Allegheny to Sixth street, be converted into a boulevard? Piles could be driven and the space filled up to almost any desired width at a comparatively small cost. The ground is almost worthless as it is. It is not needed for business purposes and the city, to which it belongs, could well spare it for the purpose indicated. Once filled up, it could be beautified with trees, shrubbery, fountains, etc., and made an ornament to the city and it would be large enough for the entire population. I think the idea is entirely practical and I am certain it could be carried out at a less cost than most of the other schemes that have been suggested."

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The building trade was a lively element in local business affairs last week, the number of permits taken out being 74, against 65 the previous week. The total cost of these buildings is estimated at $193,399. Dwellings were in the majority, but there were a larger number of business houses than usual. The largest permit was taken out by F. M. Magee, for a residence to cost $35,000. The next largest was for the Hiland school building, to cost $24,500, and the third by the Free Dispensary, for a building to cost $18,000, the present quarters being too small and inconvenient to meet all requirements. Pittsburg is growing.

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There was considerable talk among business men yesterday concerning the possibility of constructing a railway on Diamond street. While the majority of them thought the charter recently granted for that purpose was intended to bar them out, a few of the more cautious advised that a close watch be kept upon every movement in this direction, and a prohibitory clause inserted in any ordinance which Councils may adopt in reference to the subject, otherwise a "snake in the grass" might some time surprise the public. It would be a valuable franchise, and once secured the people would be practically powerless to rid themselves of the infliction. A real estate dealer said: "While I do not believe that a railway will ever be laid on Diamond street, the mere suggestion of one, backed by a charter, has had a depressing effect upon the friends of the proposed improvement. The sooner the purpose of the promoters of the movement is ascertained the better, so that, if they really mean what the charter indicates, the other side can organize for effectual resistance. An attempt to introduce cars on that street would raise one of the biggest rows ever seen in Pittsburg."

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There is quite a kick in Allegheny against the proposed railway on Ridge avenue, a charter for which was obtained last week. The protesters, who include many of the prominent citizens of the avenue, declare that the road is not necessary, there being two lines in operation in the immediate vicinity, sufficient to satisfy all demands for rapid transit, and that it would seriously affect the value of the thoroughfare for residence purposes. Just what shape the protest will take is not known, but it is quite probable that it will be relegated to Councils and fought out there.

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During the past month or two there has been a brisk movement in real estate in the Sewickley district, down the Fort Wayne railroad, Edgeworth and Shields stations being the pivotal points. The demand for residence sites is almost equal to that in the East End, owing to the comparatively low prices, improved railroad transit, and the natural attractions of the locality. In addition to these allurements there are water, natural and manufactured gas and paved streets. A number of handsome dwellings are going up at the places mentioned, which are admirable outlets to the teeming population of the city.

STOCKS SICK.

A Dull and Featureless Market—Strong Points Very Scarce.

Stocks were dull and featureless yesterday, only three securities being traded in, and they only to the extent of 208 shares. Nothing on the list showed a material change for better or worse. The best features of the market were Philadelphia Gas, Electric and Switch and Signal.

While Philadelphia was no higher it was active and manifested an inherent strength very gratifying to its friends. The rest of the list was about steady and dull. There was the usual demand for bank stocks, but buying orders were below the market and nothing was done. Bids, offers and sales follow:

	Bid.	Asked.
Pittsburg, Pet. Stock and Metal Ex	....	500
Commercial National Bank	....	105
Citizens National Bank	61	....
Diamond National Bank	150	....
Exchange National Bank*	90½	....
Farmers' Deposit National Bank	420	....
First National Bank, Pittsburg	170	....
Fourth National Bank	127	....
Freehold Bank	52	55
Fidelity Title and Trust Co	133½	....
Monongahela National	107	....
German National Bank	325	....
Iron City National Bank	91	....
Masonic Bank	65	....
Mechanics' National Bank	105	....
Mer. and Manufacturers' Nat. Bank	90	....
Odd Fellows' Savings Bank	65	....
Pittsburg National Bank Commerce	221¾	....
Pittsburg Bank for Savings	210	....
People's National Bank	150	....
Third National Bank*	160	....
Tradesmen's National Bank	225	....
Second National Bank, Allegheny	180	200
Boatman's Insurance	....	35
Western Insurance Company	....	55
Allegheny Gas Company (ill.)*	36	38
Pittsburg Gas Company (ill.)	62½	....
Southside Gas Company (ill.)	....	25
Allegheny Heating Company	110	....
Bridgewater Gas Co	48	50
Charters Valley Gas Co	....	62½
Ohio Valley Gas	....	40
People's Natural Gas Co	....	50
Pennsylvania Gas Co	....	22
Philadelphia Co	36¾	37
Pine San Gas Co	85	91
Wheeling Gas Co	30¼	30½
Tuna Oil Co	....	67
Washington Oil Co	....	74½
Central Traction	28½	29
Citizens Traction	70	71
Pittsburg and Birmingham	52½	54
Allegheny Valley R. R	2	....
Pittsburg and Connellsville	....	25
Pitts., McK. & Yough. R. R. Co	55	....
Pitts., Cin. & St. Louis	....	15
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co	12½	....
Pitts. & Western R. R. Co., pref'd	21½	22
N. Y. & C. Gas Coal Co	....	87
Ewalt (Forty-third street bridge)	56	....
Hand Street Bridge	54	....
Monongahela Bridge	50	....
La Noria Mining Co	1¾	1½
Silverton Mining Co	....	1
Westinghouse Electric	67½	68½
Union Switch and Signal Co	24	24½
Union Switch and Signal Co., pref'd	67½	....
Westinghouse Air Brake Co	116	118
Westinghouse Brake Co., Lim	66	....

*Ex-div.

Sales were 335 shares of Philadelphia Gas at 37, 5 Pittsburg Traction at 53, and 200 La Noria at 1½.

The total sales of stocks at New York yesterday were 158,885 shares, including Atchison, 16,956; Delaware, Lackawanna and Western, 9,700; Lake Shore, 3,500; Louisville & Nashville, 5,910; Northwestern, 5,600; Northern Pacific preferred, 4,705; Oregon Transcontinental, 16,394; Reading, 13,200; St. Paul, 12,815; Union Pacific, 17,850.

SOMETHING GOING ON.

Local Clearing House Figures Show Large Gains Over Last Year.

Business at the banks was of the usual routine character yesterday, the aggregate of the transactions being satisfactory for the season—and the weather. The clearings for the week are over $2,000,000 larger than those for the corresponding period of 1888, showing that something must be going on. The following figures are significant:

Exchanges	$ 2,164,259 26
Balances	423,808 56
Exchanges for the week	12,355,577 88
Balances for the week	2,156,793 27
Exchanges, daily average	2,059,262 68
Exchanges week of 1888	10,177,228 41
Balances week of 1888	1,618,000 62
Exchanges last week	12,983,885 61
Balances last week	2,057,739 72
Exchanges to date, 1889	247,051,856 85
Exchanges to date, 1888	220,271,854 80
Gain, 1889 over 1888 to date	26,779,701 05

Money on call at New York yesterday was easy with no loans; closed offered at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 3½@5½. Sterling exchange quiet but steady at $4 87 for 60-day bills and $4 89 for demand.

The weekly statement of the New York banks, issued yesterday, shows the following changes: Reserve, increase, $5,231,750; loans, decrease, $3,645,500; specie, increase, $3,469,300; legal tenders, increase, $2,477,400; deposits, increase, $2,859,800; circulation, decrease, $9,700. The banks now hold $14,204,325 in excess of the 25 per cent rule.

Government Bonds.

U. S. 4½s, reg	107½@107¾
U. S. 4½s, coup	107½@108¼
U. S. 4s, reg	122¼@122¾
U. S. 4s, coup	122¾

Currency, 6 per cent, 1895 reg	Bid.
Currency, 6 per cent, 1896 reg	124½
Currency, 6 per cent, 1897 reg	128
Currency, 6 per cent, 1898 reg	131
Currency, 6 per cent, 1899 reg	133

Government and State bonds were quiet and firm.

NEW YORK—Clearings, $127,782,983; balances, $37,461,961.

BOSTON—Clearings to-day, $15,915,968; balances, $1,683,644. For the week—Clearings, $91,065,259; balances, $9,798,089. For the corresponding week in 1888—Clearings, $84,876,600; balances, $9,851,749.

PHILADELPHIA—Clearings to-day, $12,925,096; balances, $1,922,902. For the week ended to-day—Clearings, $69,726,178; balances, $10,483,461.

BALTIMORE—Clearings, $1,046,222; balances, $293,022.

CHICAGO—Money unchanged. Bank clearings, $11,424,000.

ST. LOUIS—Clearings, $2,834,585; balances, $362,542. For the week—Clearings, $18,359,511; balances, $3,803,968. For last week—Clearings, $18,510,543; balances, $2,982,290.

LONDON—The amount of bullion gone into the Bank of England on balance to-day is £88,000.

PARIS—Three per cent rentes, 87f 62½c for the account.

BERLIN—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase in specie of 9,400,000 marks.

OUT OF THE RUT.

The Bulls Take Charge of the Oil Market—A Lively Day.

There was a firm feeling at the opening of the oil market yesterday, and trading was brisk all along the line. The bulls were in good voice and got in their work from the start. There was no apparent reason for the sudden showing of strength other than it seemed all hands were determined to pull the market out of the rut. They succeeded, for the closing price was 1½ higher than the opening.

The first price was 80¾. Bull tactics were then applied, and the price rose to 81¾, from which it soon broke to 80¾. It then recovered on good buying and reached 82⅝, which proved to be the top of the day. It then slumped off to 81⅛, reacted, and sold up to 82, declined and closed at 81¼, with chances considered good for an upward spurt to-morrow. A broker said: "I expect the market to see its best on Monday, after which it will seek a lower level." There was nothing of special importance in the field news.

Features of the Market.

Corrected daily by John M. Oakley & Co., 45 Sixth street, members of the Pittsburg Petroleum Exchange.

Opened	80¾	Lowest	80¾
Highest	82⅝	Closed	81¼

	Barrels.
Average runs	48,187
Average shipments	76,488
Average charters	40,359
Clearings	1,506,000

Refined, New York, 6.85c.
Refined, London, 7½d.
Refined, Antwerp, 16¾f.
Refined, Liverpool, 6¼d.
Carrying, New York, flat; Oil City, no rate; Bradford, flat; Pittsburg, flat to 15 cents.

Other Oil Markets.

TITUSVILLE, May 18.—National transit certificates opened at 80⅞c; highest, 82⅝c; lowest, 80⅞c; closed, 81¼c.

BRADFORD, May 18.—National transit certificates opened at 80⅞c; highest, 82⅝c; lowest, 80⅞c; closed, 81¼c; runs, 55,323 barrels; shipments, 64,268 barrels; charters, 7,619 barrels; clearances, 872,000 barrels.

OIL CITY, May 18.—National transit certificates opened at 80⅞c; highest, 82c; lowest, 80⅞c; closed, 81¼c; sales, 776,000 barrels, clearances, 1,240,000 barrels; runs, 59,715 barrels; shipments, 64,268 barrels; charters, 7,619 barrels.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Petroleum opened steady at 81½c, but after a slight decline became strong and advanced to 82⅝c. A sharp reaction then set in on which the market closed weak at 81¼c. Consolidated Exchange: Sales, 202,000 barrels; opening, 81½c; highest, 82⅝c; lowest, 80⅞c; closing, 81¼c. Stock Exchange: Sales, 455,000 barrels; opening, 81c; highest, 82⅝c; lowest, 80⅞c; closing, 81¾c. Sales, 655,000 barrels.

A. B. McGrew & Co. quote: Puts, 80@80¼c; calls, 82⅝c.

REAL ESTATE DEALS.

Sale of Another Piece of Diamond Alley Property to a Widener.

Black & Baird, No. 95 Fourth avenue, sold the property No. 62 Diamond street, 22x100 feet, with a large brick building, for $16,500. The purchaser is heartily in favor of the proposed widening of the street. They also sold to Michael Frank for Mrs. Mary Bowen, a house on Hill street, between West and Pitt streets, Brushton, for $2,300.

John F. Baxter, agent, 512 Smithfield street, reports the sale of a "Villa Park" lot, on Wood street, near Brushton, to Mrs. Nancy J. Davis, 50 feet front and extending back 150 feet to a 20-foot alley, on easy payments, for $600.

Alles & Bailey, 101 Fourth avenue, sold for James J. Munn to George Burger, a brick dwelling and all conveniences, No. 67 Miller street, Pittsburg. Consideration confidential.

Ewing & Byers sold a mortgage of $4,200 at 6 per cent interest on Federal street property, Second ward, Allegheny.

A BUILDING BOOM.

Seventy-Four Permits Taken Out Last Week—Descriptions and Cost.

There was quite a boom in the building trade last week, the number of permits issued being 74—the largest of any week since the opening of the season. As usual, the large majority of the houses are dwellings. The total cost is estimated at $193,399. The following is the list:

Philadelphia Company, one iron addition, 10x12 feet, on Mignonette street, near Penn avenue, Twentieth ward.

Mathias Harty, one brick two-story, 17x32 feet, on Edmond street, between Penn avenue and Liberty avenue, Twentieth ward.

W. J. Pfeil, one brick two-story, 17x44 feet, on No. 2518 Carey alley, Twenty-fifth ward.

James Durkley, one brick two-story, 15x20 feet, on corner of Tenth and Bingham streets, Twenty-ninth ward.

C. P. Kellerman, two brick two-story, 20x48 feet, on Main street, between Penn avenue and Bank street, Seventeenth ward.

A. H. Waddell, one frame one-story, 16x24 feet, on Filbert street, corner of Walnut street, Twentieth ward.

Mathias Hisdorf, one frame one-story addition, 16x12 feet, on Torley street, Sixteenth ward.

W. M. Farrell, one brick two-story, 22x23 feet, on Ivy street between Walnut street and Ellsworth avenue, Twentieth ward.

Maginess Herley & Co., one brick two-story, 23x75 feet, on Fifth avenue near Meyran avenue, Fourteenth ward.

Louis Ostheim, one frame one-story addition, on Carey alley between Twentieth and Twenty-first street, Twenty-sixth ward.

Mrs. Camp, one frame two-story, 20x36 feet on — between Dennison and Shady avenues, Twentieth ward.

Levi B. Richards, one frame two-story, 26x32 feet, on Edwin street near Hiland avenue, Twentieth ward.

James Fitzgerald, one frame one-story, 12x12 feet, on Dauphin street near Conrad, Nineteenth ward.

Hiland school, one brick two-story schoolhouse, 80x80 feet, on Black street near Hiland avenue, Nineteenth ward.

David Martin, two frame two-story, 16x32 feet, on Brownsville avenue near Carson, Thirtieth ward.

Eliza Sill, one frame two-story, 17x32 feet, on Fifty-fifth street between Stanton avenue and Butler street, Eighteenth ward.

G. A. Gerckel, one brick two-story, 26x80 feet, on Forbes street between Craig and Neville streets, Fourteenth ward.

Nancy Moorhead, one frame one-story, 24x24 feet, on Rowan avenue, near Lincoln, Twenty-first ward.

Ralph Reed, one frame two-story, 21x15 feet, on Prospect street, between Bangor and Dilworth streets, Thirty-second ward.

Christy Byrne, four brick two-story, 18x44 feet, on Butler street, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, Eighteenth ward.

J. M. Pennock, Jr., four brick two-story, 18x48 feet, on Butler street, between Fifty-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, Eighteenth ward.

James McKee, one frame two-story, 16x17 feet, on Moorhead street, near Denniston avenue, Twentieth ward.

P. H. Hamburger, two brick one-story, 38x64 feet, on Sixth street, between Duquesne way and Penn avenue, Fourth ward.

John Felton, one frame two-story, 16x22 feet, on Colden street, Twenty-seventh ward.

Free Dispensary, one brick three-story, 40x120 feet, on Sixth avenue, Third ward.

Mrs. Anna Spencer, one brick two-story, 34x48 feet, on Lilac street, between Westminster street and Ellsworth avenue, Twentieth ward.

D. C. Negley, one brick two-story, 45x42 feet, on Fifth avenue, near Denniston, Twentieth ward.

R. D. Brent, one brick three-story, 25x80 feet, on Fifth avenue near De Soto street, Fourteenth ward.

Lenhart Ruppert, one frame two-story dwelling, on Auburn street, Twenty-first ward.

Mrs. Anna Hopkins, one frame two-story addition 12x12 feet, on Brownsville avenue, Thirty-first ward.

W. E. Wilson, one frame two-story, 17x40 feet, on Ellsworth avenue near O'Hara street, Twentieth ward.

M. Gorman, one frame two-story, 21x32 feet, on Juliet near Cato street, Fourteenth ward.

John Huckestein, one frame one-story, and mansard, 18x48 feet, on Evaline between Dauphin and Conrad streets, Nineteenth ward.

A. Harrison Foundry Company, one brick one-story addition, 35x35 feet, on Ninth street, near Bingham, Twenty-eighth ward.

A. Harrison Foundry Company, one brick one-story addition, 50x54 feet, on Ninth street, near Bingham, Twenty-ninth ward.

Jacob Bentley, one frame one-story addition, 10x10 feet, on corner of Twenty-first and Sarah streets, Twenty-sixth ward.

M. C. Busks, one frame one-story, 14x28 feet, on Park avenue, between Thompson and Howell streets, Twenty-first ward.

William Williams, one frame two-story, 14x20 feet, on Frankstown avenue, between Murtland and Lang streets, Twenty-first ward.

C. H. O'Donnell, one frame one-story, 14x18 feet, on Clayburn street, between Graham and Aiken streets, Twentieth ward.

Thomas Well, one frame one-story, 16x32 feet, on Blaine street, near Frazier, Fourteenth ward.

Christy Byne, four brick two-story, 18x44 feet, on Butler street, between Fifth-seventh and Fifty-eighth streets, Eighteenth ward.

J. M. Pennock, Jr., four brick two-story, 18x48 feet, on Butler street, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, Eighteenth ward.

Citizens' Traction, one frame two-story storehouse, 20x100 feet, on Penn avenue, between Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth streets, Sixteenth ward.

F. M. Magee, one stone three-story, 60x52 feet, on Hiland avenue, near McCully street, Nineteenth ward.

James Henderson, one frame two-story, 25x20 feet, on Woodville street, Thirty-fifth ward.

Philip Neill, one brick two-story, 24x24 feet, on Arch street, near Shaffer, Twelfth ward.

W. S. Lowery, one brick two-story, 18x20 feet, on 15 Hazel street, Seventh ward.

Peter Casey, one brick one-story, 16x48 feet, on corner of Logan and Bedford streets, Eighth ward.

William Addy, one frame, two-story, 12x12 feet, on Griffith street, Fourteenth ward.

D. D. Marry, three brick two-story, 20x46 feet, on Fifth avenue, near Seneca street, Fourteenth ward.

Pat Higgins, one brick two-story, 22x40 feet, on Erin street, between Wylie and Webster avenues, Eleventh ward.

Jos. O'Hara, one brick two-story, 17x22 feet, on Dinwiddie street, near Wick, Eleventh ward.

Ben Grove, Jr., one frame two-story, 16x28 feet, on Poe alley, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, Eighteenth ward.

W. H. Grenage, one frame one-story, 20x30 feet, on Rebecca street, Nineteenth ward.

Fred Hampe, one frame two-story stable, 30x72 feet, on Barkheimer, Twenty-seventh ward.

Jas. McMerkin, one frame two-story, 17x32 feet, on Edmund street, between Penn avenue and Liberty, Twentieth ward.

Robert Loughridge, one frame two-story, 17x46 feet, on Edmund street, Twentieth ward.

John Andrews, one frame two-story, 18x32 feet, on Brenton street, near Thirty-third street, Thirteenth ward.

Henery Zeigler, one frame, two-story, 17x46 feet, on Howley avenue, between Main and Fisk streets, Sixteenth ward.

George Shaffer, one brick, two-story, 20x27 feet, on Carson street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, Twenty-ninth ward.

Philip Young, one frame, two-story, addition, 18x40 feet, on No. 82, Sixteenth street, Twenty-eighth ward.

Mary E. Miller, one frame, one-story, 20x40 feet, on Grandview, Thirty-second ward.

Mary E. Miller, two frame, two-story, 18x32 feet, on Grandview, Thirty-second ward.

Tin Haid, one frame, one-story, 10x20 feet, on Breed street, Twenty-eighth ward.

Mrs. J. Denholen, one brick, two-story, 36x28 feet, on Main street, Twentieth ward.

M. Finnegan, one frame, one-story, 20x24 feet, on Stockoin street, near Hill, Twelfth ward.

James Verner, two frames, one story, 25x26 feet, on Penn avenue, Ninth ward.

C. Blyholder, one frame, one-story, 18x28 feet, on Pennsylvania, between Fortieth and Forty-first streets, Sixteenth ward.

Onton Francisous, one frame, two-story, 17x32 feet, on Carrol street, near Pearl, Sixteenth ward.

J. Taylor, one frame, two-story, 16x16 feet, on Poe alley, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, Eighteenth ward.

Jacob Conrad, one frame, two-story, 21x30 feet, on Lyric street, near Lincoln, Twenty-first ward.

Mrs. Morgan, one brick, two-story, 20x32 feet, on Wylie avenue, Eleventh ward.

Business Notes.

THE Treasurer of the Philadelphia Company has sent out a circular announcing quarly dividends henceforth.

BRADFORD and Titusville will vote on the new rules for trading in oil futures to-morrow. Bradford, it is thought, will vote in the negative, which will kill the measure.

At their semi-annual meeting the managers of the Dollar Savings Bank declared a dividend of 2 per cent, payable July 1. The aggregate deposits have increased to about $14,000,000.

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Stocks Active, With a Small Advance All Along the Line—The Struggle Over Transcontinental Resumed—A Boom in Rochester and Pittsburg Bonds.

NEW YORK, May 18.—The stock market was again active this morning and strong in all its departments, although the grangers, outside of Oregon Transcontinental, were the principal feature. The contest in Transcontinental was not finished with the closing of the books, and the heavy short interest in the stock was still endeavoring to cover, which was the occasion of another pyrotechnic rise in the price of the stock, though this time it was stock traded in in the regular way. The great demand forced its price up 20 per cent to 53 in the first hour, but a supply of stock met this improvement and it reacted to 37. This brought in new buyers, and it again advanced to 42, where it closed. There were rumors of an adjustment of the difficulties between the opposing parties in the company, but they gained little credence and had no appreciable effect upon the course of the stock to-day.

Unlike the previous few days, the exc