

MORNING STAR.

Wednesday, April 10, 1861.

A SHORT NOTICE.

Longstreet's Appointment. The executive session of the Senate today was again occupied with the discussion of General Longstreet's nomination to the Collectorship of New Orleans. Mr. Scott submitted his argument against the appointment, insisting that it was premature and that a sufficiently large Union element existed in Louisiana to demand recognition from a republican administration. Mr. Carpenter held that the confirmation of Longstreet would be an unwise precedent to set and would prove so injurious effect upon the elections in the State of Wisconsin. It might suit the interests of some Southern Senators to have this nomination approved, but the loyal people of the Northern States would feel little less shocked at finding another of Longstreet's antecedents put in a place of trust and emolument at this brief state since the rebellion ended. Mr. Stewart said he hoped the nomination would pass. He had listened to a great deal of argument about General Longstreet being a notorious rebel and traitor, even though reclaimed to occupy any place under the government. This he held to be bad logic, for those who were the most notorious rebels were, after all, the most desirous ones to see converted; and he had no fears that any regret would be expressed in any quarter for confirming this position on General Longstreet. Mr. Howard talked bitterly against the confirmation. He would have nothing like favors showered on men who did their utmost to destroy the government. They had abused the confidence and trust of the government before, and were not unlikely to do so again. Mr. Morrill spoke in Longstreet's favor, and Mr. Ney said a few words in his behalf. Mr. Corbett was in opposition. Mr. Thurman, democrat, said he should vote for the confirmation on the ground that, being in favor of removing the disabilities of every Southerner, he saw no objection to the present appointment when no charges of incompetency or dishonesty were found to exist. Mr. Kellogg made an eloquent speech of half an hour in Longstreet's favor, pointing out the service he had rendered the republican cause in New Orleans and elsewhere, and quoted from several of his letters to show how thoroughly and well he sympathized with the party and the sacrifice of old associations he was compelled to make in doing so. "Should you release him?" said Mr. Kellogg. "The other element of New Orleans will condemn him as a man who humiliated himself to carry favor with the radicals, and now seeks some recognition at their hands." Mr. Sumner argued strongly against the confirmation, after which the vote was taken, resulting in the passage of the nomination by a vote of 10 to 10.—*Washington Correspondent N. Y. Herald, etc.*

Attempted Murder—A Swain Attempts to Shoot his Sweet-heart.

COLD SPRINGS, N. Y., April 4.
Last evening, about nine o'clock, as Miss Mary Monk came out of church, she was attacked by a young man named Elias Merrick, who had been refused permission to accompany her home. He placed a pistol to her breast, but his brother, known as Elias, intervention, was in time to prevent the murder. Charles ran away, and up to this time has not been heard from. Both the parties are of highly respectable connections, and the affair has created much excitement.

POONKEEPEE, April 4.
Charles Merrick who attempted to kill Mary Monk, of Cold Spring, on Friday, has surrendered himself and is now in jail. It appears he had requested her company on several occasions for some time past and was refused. When he was refused on Friday night, he seized her by the hair of her head and threw her down, presented a pistol at her breast, and pulled the trigger. The cap did not explode, he recocoked the weapon and pulled again.—Again it failed to explode, and he was in the act of attempting to fire the weapon the third time, when her brother dashed the pistol aside. He had written a letter to the lady telling her that she refused his company again he would murder her. The pistol was loaded with ball and cartridge.

Sudden Death.

David Wilson, of Petersburg, Va., aged about thirty years, an architect by profession, who, for the past ten days, has been residing at Wilson's Hotel, No. 124 Baltimore street, died very suddenly about half-past one o'clock on Saturday morning. It appears that he had dressed himself and apparently was about leaving his room in the third story, when a chambermaid, who was engaged in a room opposite, observed him fall to the floor. The girl at once gave an alarm, and on parties hastening up stairs Mr. Wilson was found to be dead. Coroner Carl held an inquest, and also a post-mortem examination, the latter disclosing the fact that there was a large extravasation of blood on the brain, and other evidences of apoplexy.—The jury rendered a verdict of "death from apoplexy, superinduced by intoxicating drink." On his person about the room were found letters and papers indicating that the deceased was an architect and builder, and was in the city evidently seeking employment. It is alleged that recently he had fallen heir to an estate valued at \$30,000. A letter was found among his papers directed to his sister, requesting her to read the 12th chapter of Luke. Mr. John H. Weaver, undertaker, Fayette street, took charge of the body and prepared it for removal to the home of the deceased in Petersburg.—*Baltimore Sun, April 5.*

Appeal of American Citizen in Cuba.

NEW YORK, April 4.
Emma C. De Villanueva, daughter of Campano, living in this city, telegraphed to Washington yesterday, stating that her father, who was recently arrested by the Spaniards and taken to Havana, is an American citizen, and asking that measures be taken to save his life. The President immediately telegraphed Admiral Holt, enjoining on him to see that all American citizens are protected.

Hoop'd Skirts.

Are being worn more, but they are not likely to disappear; on the contrary, the indications are that they will increase in size as the season advances. In Paris they are already worn larger. They are comfortable and without a painful sensation will not readily abondon them for the multitude of skirts of silk they will probably be a permanent part of the wardrobe for all time to come, varying in shape or size but never entirely abandoned. Two yards, the present size, is somewhat too small for convenience.—*Hoppe's Boston Journal, etc.*

THE NEW HOTEL IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philip Twichell, alias Twichell the Murderer, or the Mother-Reporter, flight of Mrs. Twichell from Philadelphia.

(From the Philadelphia Evening Telegraph, April 2.)

In the presence of Rev. George Bringhurst and William B. Perkins, Prison Superintendent, George S. Twichell, Jr., has made the following confession of the particulars of the murder of Mrs. Hill. It will be seen by this statement of Twichell that the conditions of the murder were somewhat different from what were generally supposed; and if Twichell has given a truthful relation of the tragedy, the horrors of the murder are greatly increased, as it implicates the daughter as the chief perpetrator of the fearful deed.

TWICHELL'S STATEMENT.

I went to my room on the night of the murder, and instead of going to bed, lay down on the lounge which was in my room and fell asleep. My wife was in bed at the time. I was aroused as her repeated calls, and ran down to the dining room, where I found her much excited, saying: "I have had a quarrel with mother and killed her!" "I do not know whether she was dead," said I. "Save me!" or "Help me hide it!" But of late we threw the body of Mrs. Hill out of the window, to make it look as if she fell out. I went down stairs and washed my hands and face at the hydrant; then went to my room, undressed and went to bed. My wife came up afterwards and got into bed, where we staid until Sam Campbell rang the bell. I think we were in bed for twenty or thirty minutes. I made a solemn vow to eternal God that night I would never reveal it; but I cannot keep it any longer. I am sorry that I said I knew nothing of it, but I did it with the vow in my mind to save my wife. I now make this disclosure that I may have peace with God.

JOHN S. TWICHELL, JR.
In the presence of Rev. Geo. Bringhurst and Wm. B. Perkins.

MR. TWICHELL LEAVES THE CITY.

This morning Mrs. Camilla E. Twichell left the city under circumstances which would appear to lend the countenance of truth to the above arrangement of her by her husband for the murder of Mrs. Hill. About a week ago she visited the condemned man in his cell for the last time. She then had a conversation with the Rev. Mr. Bringhurst, in the course of which she manifested the liveliest concern as to whether her husband had said anything to his spiritual adviser which would implicate her in the murder. She incurred a special trial if Twichell had made any statement about the crime. Mr. Bringhurst responded that he had. Then the wife inquired if he had made a confession, to which she again received an affirmative answer. Mrs. Twichell then inquired, if her husband had made any statement concerning himself in connection with the murder, to which she likewise received an affirmative response. "Yes," said Mr. Bringhurst, "he has told me all about it." "Then," exclaimed Mrs. Twichell, "he is a villain—the greatest villain on the race of the earth." She then directed, her inquiry to the day of execution, asking if Twichell intended to make any statement on the scaffold. She was assured by Mr. Bringhurst that he intended to do so.—This brought out the inquiry as to whether any newspaper reporters would be present, and when she was told that such would be the case, she exclaimed, "That would be bad." Since the day on which this conversation occurred, Mrs. Twichell has not been near the cell of her husband and this morning she left the city for parts unknown.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]
PHILADELPHIA, April 4.
The press of this city is united in condemning the so-called confession of Geo. S. Twichell, Jr., as a falsehood, and it has caused great increase in the general belief of the entire innocence of Mrs. Twichell. It is now thought that there is now no possible hope of escape for him.

Latest from the West Indies—The Insurrection in Cuba—Reported Engagements, &c.

HAVANA, April 3.
A committee arrived here last evening from Matanzas for the purpose of demanding the person of an important state prisoner who had been sent here by the Governor of Matanzas. According to the committee the prisoner will be returned to the authorities of Matanzas for trial.

Colonel Zoller is organizing a battalion of free blacks for active service by permission of the government. It is understood that more battalions will be organized shortly.

The Voice de Cuba approves of the organization of colored regiments, and adds that the colored people favor Spain, and have always repelled the offers of the insurgents.

A skirmish took place between the insurgents and the government troops while the latter were conveying prisoners from Santa Cruz and Puerto Principe. The result is unknown.

It is reported that the insurgents have destroyed portions of the Sagua la Granda railroad.

The Press yesterday said that the Comandante, which was captured by Cubans, was supplied with coal, arms, ammunition, etc., off Bahamas, and did not enter the harbor of Nassau at all.

The United States steamer Contocoke sailed unexpectedly to day.

Recent letters from San Juan de los Remedios give the particulars of the massacre of Senora Arredondo and several of her children. Her husband had joined the insurgents. She was enticed within the Spanish lines with her family under the pretence of making a truce, and the whole party was butchered by the insurgents.

Several pretended agents of the Cubans, supposed to be Spanish emissaries, have been endeavoring to enlist various individuals without authority or sanction, either from the provisional government in Cuba or its representatives here. It appears from authentic information from the vicinity of Santiago de Cuba, that the Insurrection is steadily progressing. Well informed Cubans in Washington believe the insurgents have by this time, or will in a few days have secured a seaport.

Seized in Virginia.

Fort Monroe, Va., April 4.

The wife of Wm. P. Phillips, who resides about four miles from the Back River road, shot herself through the head with a revolver to day, causing instant death. Decased was subject to temporary fits of insanity since 1863, but was supposed to have entirely recovered.

Death of an Opium Eater.

Washington, D. C., April 3.

E. K. Seward, of Brooklyn, New York, a patient in the Infirmary, Almshouse, who has been an habitual opium-eater, took an overdose of laudanum on Thursday, from the effects of which she died.

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