any other can be worked through.
Alfred's nomination as a Brevet Brig
adier General has been approved by
the War Department and will go in
to the Senate with the others as soon
as the principle upon which all
these boards are to be made - as regards
dates, is settled. There can be no
doubt of his passing the Senate.

The topic here is of course the pros-
pect of war in Europe, which the dip-
lomats have expected for a long time
as an inevitable event. No one seems
to be very confident as to what its ef-
fects on our interests may be. The
treasury people seem to consider it
of no consequence that gold has gone
up, nor that it may go up higher,
and do not think that prices will be
affected in perpetuity.

We are dabbling along with the
commission - I hope to get through
with the testimony that is to be taken
in Washington by July 1st. The weath-
er has been very changeable - some
exceedingly warm days & very fre-
quent showers. There is no sickness as
yet. The cholera seems to have reach-
ed the City of New York.

You will have seen old Mr Seaton's
death in the papers - He has suffered
a great deal from cancer in the
face, and death was a relief. He has
long been disconnected with the In-
telligencer, which is now a copper
head paper. I am afraid his