

OBITUARY.

General J. Egbert Farnum.

This well known soldier and citizen of New York died at his residence, in Stayvesant square, of Bright's disease of the kidneys. General Farnum was born in New Jersey in 1824; but, his parents removing to Pottsville, Pa., while he was a child, he spent the early years of his life in that town. At the outbreak of the war with Mexico he joined the First regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers, of which he became sergeant major, serving with it and gaining distinction. On the return of peace he resumed his civil pursuits; but love of adventure took him from these to join Walker's filibustering expedition to Nicaragua. On the breaking out of the rebellion de-ceased took the field as major of one of the regiments in the Excelsior brigade. He served gallantly on many battle fields in Virginia, and was promoted successively to lieutenant colonel, colonel and brigadier general. At Spottsylvania he was severely wounded in both legs, and being thereby incapacitated for further active field service was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, in which he held a command till the close of the war, when he was honorably mustered out. Subsequently he held a position in the Custom House in this city, and which he retired from some time ago. General Farnum was a gallant, patriotic gentleman, warm and open hearted, the possessor of a large number of friends who esteemed him highly, and by whom his death will be deeply deplored.
