The Ohio Statesman

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LOCAL MATTERS.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.—At a meeting of the City Council last evening, Mr. WILSON, from the committee to whom was referred the petition in respect to powder being kept in the vicinity of the Arsenal, made a verbal report, stating that the committee had made arrangements with Governor DENNISON, that the Council should keep four special policemen to be on guard at the Arsenal, and that the State would defray the expense. Mr. WILSON also states that the committee had appointed the four special policemen, who were on guard—two and two alternately. He also stated that Quartermaster General Woon had informed him that there was no powder kept at the Arsenal; but he (Mr. WILSON) was satisfied from information on which he confidently relied, that there were now at least fifteen hundred pounds of powder in the southeast corner of the building.

President DONALDSON—Mr. BUTTLES in the chair—stated that he had voted at the last meeting of the Council for the ordinance to construct the Fourth street sewer, under a misapprehension. He did not suppose that the city was to pay one half the cost of the sewer, as was now understood. He, therefore, moved a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance was passed. The Chair decided the motion out of order.

Mr. WILSON offered a resolution, which was adopted, directing the City Civil Engineer to prepare the necessary plat and estimate for constructing a sewer on Fourth street from Cherry alley to Rich street.

M. DOUTY introduced an ordinance, which was read the first and second times, for grading and paving the gutters in Straight alley from Spring to North street.

Mr. DOUTY offered a resolution authorizing a contract for the construction of a sewer on Fourth street, from Town to Rich street.

Mr. DONALDSON moved to lay the resolution on the table till the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. DOUTY, in answer to a question, stated that the Council would have to pay one-half the cost of the sewer, as it owned the property on the west side of the street.

The motion to lay on the table was withdrawn, and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. SMITH offered a resolution, which was adopted, authorizing a contract with WILLIAM NIXON for grading and paving the alley from the east end of Long street, on Seventh street to Cleveland avenue, on the following terms: excavating and grading, 16 cents per cubic yard; for paving, 34 cents per square yard; with JOHN NAUGHTON and JOHN MCNAMEE, sureties.

The ordinance to grade and pave the west side of Cleveland avenue from Broad to Spring street, was read the third time and passed.

President DONALDSON for the second time called the attention of the Council and the Marshal to the ordinance, passed July 25, 1839, to prevent sheep and hogs running at large.

A resolution was adopted authorizing a contract with RICHARD DAVIS for grading and paving the west side of Cleveland avenue from Broad to Spring street on the following terms—For excavating and grading, 20 cents per cubic yard; for kerbing, 18 cents per foot; for paving gutter, 34 cents per square yard; brick paving, $7 25 per 1000, with THOMAS ROWLAND and THOMAS DAVIS, as sureties.

Mr. MUELLER offered a resolution, which was adopted, referring the sheep and swine ordinance to the City Solicitor, to report whether it is now in force. Adjourned.

THE COUNTY CONVENTION OF THE NO PARTY PARTY.—This Convention met at Armory Hall yesterday, September 16. Between ten and eleven o'clock, A. M., it was called to order by Gen. HENRY WILSON, of this city, SAML. GALLOWAY was appointed Chairman *pro tem*, and H. T. CHITTENDEN, Secretary *pro tem*.

A committee was appointed on Credentials, on the Order of Business, and on Permanent Organization, consisting of one delegate from each ward and township, as follows:

CITY.—1st Ward—Henry Wilson; 2d Ward—A. B. Buttles; 3d Ward—R. B. Warden; 4th Ward—W. R. Rankin; 5th Ward—J. W. Milligan.

TOWNSHIPS.—Franklin—H. Walcutt; Hamilton—B. F. Reese; Jackson—S. L. Holton; Mifflin—Dr. W. Shepherd; Truro—J. Enslow; Clinton—C. Cooke; Prairie—F. A. McCormick; Madison—Dr. J. B. Potter; Blendon—W. H. Grinnell; Perry—James Thomas; Pleasant—W. W. Keyes; Sharon—J. M. Ferson; Norwich—Wm. Roberts; Washington—Francis Reilly; Montgomery—Elijah Glover and B. Gilmore; Plain—L. W. Babbitt and G. W. Allen.

The last two townships sent each two sets of delegates, which accounts for each having two members named in the committee. The question as to which set of delegates, in each case, should be entitled to seats in the Convention, was referred to the committee. Brown and Jefferson townships were not represented.

The committee were instructed to report a County Central Committee.

The Convention then adjourned till half-past one o'clock.

The Convention was called to order at about two o'clock, P. M. The committee appointed in the forenoon, reported the names of delegates from all the townships except Brown and Jefferson. It rejected the set of delegates from Plain township, consisting of G. W. Allen, and others, and made a compromise between the two sets from Montgomery township, rejecting Elijah Glover and others.

The following were reported for permanent officers of the Convention—Henry Wilson, President, and H. T. Chittenden, Secretary.

The following were reported as a County Central Committee—Henry Wilson, Columbus; John Van Yorx, do.; Henry C. Noble, do.; A. B. Buttles, do; George Taylor, Sharon; Jonathan Bobo, Plain; Joseph Helmick, Pleasant.

The report of the committee was adopted.

On motion, James L. Bates, of Columbus, was recommended as a candidate for Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and R. B. Warden, of Columbus, for State Senator.

The Convention then proceeded to vote for the nomination of two candidates to represent this county in the State Legislature. The following was the result of the ballot:

Dr. J. B. Potter 81; C. P. Landon 32; R. W. Babbitt 14; W. R. Rankin 84.

Fifty being the number required for a choice, Messrs. Rankin, of Columbus, and Potter, of Madison township, were declared duly nominated.

The following was the result of the first ballot for Sheriff:

Walstein Failing 8; John B. Coffroth 22; Lafayette Lazelle 3; Josiah Barber 47; John F. Ijams 14, and several scattering. On the second ballot, Josiah Barber, of Columbus, was declared the nominee for Sheriff, he having received 62 votes, Coffroth 21, and Ijams 7.

The ballot for Auditor resulted as follows:

Joseph Dowdall 3; Thomas Sparrow 9; Henry Estabrook 49; Warran W. Pollard 10; A. C. King 4; W. L. Hughes 3; Grafton Pearce 1; George McCormick 9; W. Failing 6.

Henry Estabrook, of Columbus, having received just the number of votes necessary to a choice (49), was declared duly nominated as a candidate for County Auditor.

The first ballot for County Treasurer resulted as follows: Wm. C. Snow 3; Ira M. Gorton 23; Amasa Jones 4; W. Failing 6; W. L. Hughes 9; Jonathan Bobo 40. On the second ballot Jonathan Bobo, of Plain township, was declared duly nominated for County Treasurer, he having received 62 votes; Gorton 17; Hughes 9; Haines 6; and Failing 2.

On the first ballot for County Commissioner, W. H. Grinnell received 10 votes; Pat. Harrison 5; H. T. Henderson 16; B. F. Reese 11; Martin Krum 15; J. W. Milligan 6; Jonathan Arnett 1; Wash. Lakin 4; James Walcutt 6; Wm. Roberts 4; Joseph Henderson 14. No choice, and none on the second or third ballot. A motion was then made to drop all the candidates except the three highest, which were the two Hendersons and Mr. Krum. The President pronounced the motion carried, but said it did not bind the Convention. On the fourth ballot, H. T. Henderson had 37 votes; Krum 28; Joseph Henderson 23; and Reese 3. No choice. The name of Mr. Reese was withdrawn. On the fifth ballot, H. T. Henderson, of Pleasant township, was declared duly nominated for County Commissioner, he having received 51 votes; Jos. Henderson 23; and Krum 19.

Frederic J. Fay, of Columbus, was declared the nominee for Recorder without taking a ballot.

On the ballot for Infirmary Director, Martin Krum, of Columbus, having received 42 votes, was declared duly nominated.

Adam Stephens, of Columbus, was nominated for Coroner by acclamation.

On motion of Gen. Henry Wilson, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention do re-assert and abide by the platform adopted by the Union State Convention of the 5th of September.

After brief speeches by Messrs. Rankin and Warden, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

☞ Officers HUFF and WAKEMAN yesterday afternoon arrested JOHN WHITE for stabbing JOSEPH MELLON some weeks since.

ELECTION IN THE THIRD WARD.—The special election in the Third Ward yesterday, for member of the City Council to fill a vacancy, resulted as follows: C. P. L. BUTLER received 117 votes, and L. G. PARVINS, 116.

CAUTION TO BOYS.—The police are on the lookout for boys who may be found stealing fruit from gardens and enclosures in the city.

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.—The Thirty-fourth Regiment, Col. A. S. PIATT, has left Camp Dennison for the Big Kanawha.

Company C, Capt. MENKEN, and Company A, Capt. ROBINSON, both of the First Regiment of Cavalry, have left Camp Chase for Parkersburg, Va.

The Thirty-second Regiment, Col. TOM FORD, passed through the city, on Sunday night, for Parkersburg, Va., *via* Bellair.

IMPROVED DASHER CHURN.—L. COFFIELD & Co., of West Charleston, Ohio, exhibited at the late State Fair at Dayton, a Churn, which the farmers and their wives appeared to think the best yet invented. It is the old dasher Churn, and the improvement consists in propelling the handle by means of a rotary wheel on top. This saves an immense sight of labor and a large churning can be got out in a few minutes. The old fashioned Churn has always been a great favorite, and this simple improvement is hailed with great delight by those who have tugged half an hour at a time at the handle before the *butter would come*. Butter, in this Churn, *will come* in about five minutes.

The Proprietors of this Churn, L. COFFIELD & Co., are ready to receive orders at West Charleston, Miami county, Ohio.

SELF-OPERATING SWINGS.—Any person that can contribute the most innocent amusement to his home circle may be considered a public benefactor. If parents desire to have their children instructed, they must attend to their physical and moral training at home. To make home "sweet home," "no place like home" every attention should be paid to the natural wants of the little ones, and no pains should be spared to develop and strengthen their physical and mental faculties. Children must have exercise, and a great many expedients have been resorted to to provide them with that kind of exercise at home which would be most beneficial, pleasant and economical. The Swing has always been a favorite with children, and we are glad to find that one has been invented at last which is self-operating, cheap, durable, perfectly safe and comes as near a perpetual motion as anything that we expect to see. Mr. HENRY DAVIS, of Portsmouth, Ohio, a gentleman who fully appreciates home comforts and has all his life tried to make his home the most attractive place to his children, is the inventor of this new Swing, and there was nothing exhibited at our late State Fair that excited more attention or received more commendations. It is so simply constructed and easily managed that a child of four years can swing itself from morn till night without fatigue, and the exercise is healthy and agreeable. Physicians recommend it to diseased persons who require moderate out door exercise, and a gentleman present said that he would rather dispense with his horse and buggy than to be deprived of this Swing.—The chair attached to the Swing will hold two persons, and a gentleman and lady sit together very comfortably. Those persons who are fond of their paper and cigar after dinner, by getting into this Swing will add much to their enjoyment, especially in warm weather, as the undulating motion of the Swing creates a cool and agreeable atmosphere. Mr. H. DAVIS is ready to dispose of rights to those who wish to manufacture these Swings, or he will fill all orders directed to him at Portsmouth, Ohio.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Rebel Steamers near Fortress Monroe

FORTRESS MONROE, Sept. 14.—There was a prospect of a fight at Newport News yesterday afternoon. The rebel steamer Yorktown ran down to within three miles, and opened fire on the blockading fleet. A couple of shells from the Sawyer gun on shore caused her to retire.—One of the Yorktown's crew, who escaped, says she has been watching a chance to run the blockade for some time. She mounts twelve broadside and two pivot guns.

The rebel steamer Curtis Peck appeared this morning above Newport News; also a steamer from Norfolk, made a reconnoissance.

Political prisoners recently arrested at Baltimore, have been sent to Old Point, and will be confined in the Fortress.

NEW YORK, September 15.—The United States steamer Sumpter, from the African squadron, has arrived here. Most of the vessels are homeward bound.

BUFFALO, Sept. 14.—Over a quarter of a million has been subscribed to the popular loan. Subscriptions coming in rapidly.

Arrival of the Kangaroo.

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Sept. 14.—The Kangaroo, from Liverpool, on the 4th, via Queenstown, on the 5th, arrived off Cape Race this P. M.

The dates are five days later than those by the Africa. The political news is unimportant. England was about to send three more regiments of troops to Canada. Spies, in the employ of the Government, at Washington, were reported to be on board all transatlantic steamers.

Another terrible railroad accident had occurred near London, by which thirteen persons were killed, and fifty wounded.

The sales of cotton in the Liverpool market for two days, Monday and Thursday, were 27,000 bales, the market closing unchanged.—Provisions quiet. Consols 92½@92⅞.

LIVERPOOL, Sept. 5.—Breadstuffs firm. Flour advanced 6d@9d. Wheat active with an improvement, mostly on the lower qualities; sales at 9s 4d@10s 9d for red western; 11s 6d for white western. Corn firm, and all qualities slightly dearer; sales at 29s 6d@30s for mixed, and 31s@35s for white.

PROVISIONS.—Beef dull; pork quiet, but steady; bacon declining; lard steady at 46@49s; tallow quiet at 46s@46s 6d; rice firmer; sugar quiet, but steady; coffee firm.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Breadstuffs steady, and all kinds slightly higher; sugar steady; coffee buoyant; tea active; rice firm; tallow quiet, but steady.

Consols closed at 92¾@92⅞. American securities steady; Illinois Central shares 39½ discount; Erie shares 22½@23.

Important from the West Indies.

NEW YORK, September 14.—The steamship Columbia arrived here this morning, with Havana dates of the 10th inst.

The British mail steamer Solent arrived from St. Thomas on the 7th, and had gone into dock for repairs. Two vessels arrived at Havana from New Orleans, after running the blockade there. A British schooner had arrived at Havana from Newbern, North Carolina, with rice and naval stores. Vessels under the flag of the Confederate States were admitted into the ports of Cuba to discharge and receive cargoes under the same privileges as vessels of all civilized nations, without the recognition of their nationality.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 14.—The Governor to-day approved and confirmed the order of the War Department, authorizing Gen. Scroggs to raise and organize a brigade of four regiments. Hon. Daniel Ullman will command the first regiment. Active measures will at once be taken to bring this body, to be called the Eagle Brigade, into the field.

The Fifth Rhode Island Battery arrived, and left for Washington during the day.

General Butler and staff are at the Metropolitan Hotel.

The steamer Columbia was seized soon after her arrival from Havana. She is almost wholly owned in Charleston.

Seven thousand dollars in gold has also been seized, destined South.

One hundred guns are now being fired in the Park in honor of the late Legislative vote in Kentucky.

Gov. Magoffin's Proclamation.

FRANKFORT, Sept. 14.—Gov. Magoffin has issued the following proclamation:

"In obedience to the subjoined resolution, adopted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Government of the Confederate States, the State of Tennessee, and all others concerned, are hereby informed that Kentucky expects the Confederate or Tennessee troops to be withdrawn from her soil unconditionally."

In the Senate Mr. Whitaker introduced a resolution authorizing the Military Board to seize the State arms wherever found, and to employ a sufficient police force to protect the railroads.

From Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 14.—Advises from Northwestern Missouri stated that, since the withdrawal of Federal troops from St. Joseph, the Secessionists of that region are arming again. Some two thousand are concentrated in Andrew county, under Major Potter, and about the same number of Unionists, composed of Missourians and Iowans, under Colonels Craner and Andrews, are stationed in the same region, and both are preparing for a battle, which is shortly expected.

Tom Harris, with 1,000 men, crossed the Missouri river at Arrow Rock, on Tuesday last, bound for Price's army.

Six hundred Secessionists, under Colonel Hall, were marching towards Glasgow, on Wednesday, to cross the river to join Martin Green.

The rebel army at Dick Creek, in Monroe county, was broken up by the Federals on Sunday last, and it is reported that 300 rebels were captured. Another rebel camp was broken up at Spencerburg, Pike county, on Monday, and 16 prisoners taken.

HANNIBAL, Mo., Sept. 12.—The following appears in the Messenger of this morning:

"All we can hear confirms previous reports that the secessionists still have possession of St. Joseph, and are doing pretty much as they please in that city. It is represented that they have control of the municipal affairs of the corporation, preventing egress and ingress of both mails and travelers. They have also levied heavy contributions on several stores, taking just what they want. The steamer Omaha has been seized and appropriated to their purposes, and we learn that an effort was made to send the mail out by a hand car, but it was intercepted and taken back, hence a complete blockade exists, which accounts for our getting no mail matter.

"The straight out Union men have crossed the river to Elwood for safety, and took the ferry boat with them.

"At Iatan and at Weston it is said the rebels permit no one to go into the town or out without passes.

"From all we can learn the Union men and their property in St. Joseph and surrounding country are completely at the mercy of the rebels, and demand the immediate interposition of Federal arms to save them from annihilation."

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Sept. 13.—A special to the St. Louis Republican says:

The steamer Sioux City, just arrived from above, brings the intelligence that the fight at Boonville, yesterday morning, terminated in a victory to the Home Guards, under Major Eppstein, who held their entrenchments. The rebels—1,000 strong—were driven back, and were in the neighborhood of Boonville when the Sioux City passed. The Home Guards lost one killed and four wounded. The rebels lost twelve killed and thirty wounded. Among the rebels killed were Colonel Brown and Captain Brown.

A small detachment of Federal troops on the Sioux City had an engagement with Green's force at Glasgow of half an hour's duration, when a battery of three guns opened on the boat, and they retired without loss.

News from the South, via Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, September 14.—A lot of medicine and soldier buttons, amounting to $6,000, were seized yesterday. They were being smuggled into the Southern Confederacy.

The Richmond Examiner, of the 11th, says one hundred and fifty-six Yankee prisoners were sent to Castle Pinckney, South Carolina.—Among them, Col. Wilcox, Michigan 1st; Col. Corcoran, New York 69th; Lieut. Col. Neff, 2d Kentucky; Major John W. Potter, 38th New York; Rev. G. W. Dodge, Chaplain 11th New York; Rev. H. Eddy, Chaplain 2d Connecticut. Surgeons—Griswold, 38th N. York; Gray, U. S. A.; Stone, U. S. A.; Connelly, 2d New York; Harris, 2d Rhode Island. Captains—Downey, 11th New York; Fish, 33d N. York; Farnsh, 78th New York; Drew, 2d Vermont; Shurtliff, 7th Ohio; L. Gordon, 11th Massachusetts; Whittingham and Jenkins. Lieutenants—Toy, 25th New York; Hamblin, son of the Auditor of that name, 38th New York; Underhill, 11th New York; Worcester, 81st New York; Dempsey, 2d New York; Wilcox, 7th Ohio; Gordon, 2d Dragoons U. S. A.; Caleff, 11th Massachusetts; Connelly, 69th New York.

Capt. Ricketts, United States Army, was to have accompanied the party, but is not sufficiently recovered from his wounds to undertake the journey.

Serious fears are entertained for the crops of the South. The rains of August are reported as the heaviest and the most general ever known in the South, and have been very disastrous.

The Savannah *Republican* claims a fair rice crop, but admits the continuous rains have damaged it somewhat.

The Baton Rouge *Advocate* says the cotton crops in that vicinity are literally covered with the army worm, and that the fate of the crop will be sealed in a few days, for the rain and heavy atmosphere is favorable to the worm.

Governor Rector, of Arkansas, has called an extra session of the Legislature for the 4th of November.

H. Kelly, claiming to be a Baltimorean, was arrested as a spy at Manassas on the 6th.

A. T. Bledsoe, Assistant Secretary of War of the Confederate States, has resigned.

The Richmond shoe merchants urge the discharge of all shoemakers from the army, and their employment at making shoes now being made of canvas.

The Richmond Whig, of the 10th, is very bitter against speculating contractors for winter clothing supplies for the army, and urges the impressment of cotton and woolen mills into the service, to avoid speculating contracts. It states positively that the War Department has detailed from the army all operatives, to be employed in the cloth factories.

Jeff Thompson has issued a proclamation, in which, as a retaliative measure for Fremont's proclamation, he threatens for every Southern soldier and citizen executed, to hang, draw and quarter a minion of Abraham Lincoln.

The Charleston Courier says preparations are making in that city for manufacturing locomotives on a large scale.

RICHMOND, Va., Sept. 15.—News has been received here that vessels under British register had arrived at New Orleans with assorted cargoes, including 2000 muskets and one hundred and twenty-five rifles.

A dispatch from Wise's headquarters, under date of the 5th instant, says that his force is encamped at Hawk's Nest, on New river, and at Dogwood Gap. The latter position has been re-intorced. No important movements had taken place.

Slidell arrived here to-day. It is generally conceded that he goes to France soon.

The Richmond Examiner's bulletin board has the following, post marked Lewinsburg, and written to the postmaster at Richmond: "General Floyd had another engagement with the enemy on the 10th, and routed them, killing 600, wounding 1000, and taking some prisoners. After the engagement, Floyd heard that another wing of the enemy had crossed the river a few miles above, in order to surround him on this side, and fell back. This is reliable, being brought by an officer who was in the engagement. The Confederate loss was one killed and eight wounded."

LOUISVILLE, September 15.—The North Georgia (newspaper) says: On reliable authority we learn that two weeks before McClellan was tendered his commission by Lincoln, he was trying to secure a position in the Confederate army.

It is understood that a train south on the Nashville road, yesterday, was detained at Elizabethtown, the jail broken, and sixty or eighty State arms put aboard and taken South. Sisk Henry, the conductor, was forced to take the arms, and by a certificate from the parties engaged in the affair, is relieved from all blame.

More Contrabands.

FORT MONROE, Sept. 15.—Fourteen contrabands escaped last night near Sewell's Point, and came over to the fortress in a canoe; they represent provisions very scarce in Prince Ann county. There are some 500 rebels at Sewell's Point; the force there is constantly changing.

The vessels composing the blockading fleet, previous to the Hatteras expedition, are again returning to Old Point. The St. Lawrence has been off Savannah, but brings no news.

We learn from a Frenchman, who deserted from the Yorktown, that she is iron plated to protect her sides and upper machinery.

Dispatches from Washington.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 14.—There was heavy firing at Chain Bridge this morning; supposed to have been artillery practice.

At ten o'clock this morning the rebels moved in force to Ball's Cross Roads, burning the house there used by our pickets, who fell back, unable to resist overwhelming numbers. Four of our pickets were captured. There were a few discharges of musketry on each side, and two of the Massachusetts Ninth were wounded.

The President transmitted a letter to Gen. Fremont on the 12th inst., on the subject of Fremont's recent proclamation. He says:

"Assuming you, being on the ground, could better judge of the necessities of your position than I could at this distance, on seeing your proclamation of the 30th of August, I perceived no general objection to it. The particular objection being the clause relative to the confiscation of property and the liberation of the slaves, objectionable for its non-conformity to the act of Congress passed on the 6th of last August.

"I wrote expressing the wish that that clause should be modified. Your answer expresses the preference that I make an open order for this modification, which I cheerfully do. It is therefore ordered that the said clause be modified, held and construed, to conform with, and not to transcend, the provisions contained in the act of Congress entitled 'An act to confiscate property used for insurrectionary purposes,' and that said act be published at length with this order.

"[Signed] A. LINCOLN."

A dispatch has been received at the Navy Department from Commander Ravan, of the steamer Pawnee, at Hatteras Inlet, giving the particulars of the capture of the prize schooner Susan Jane, with a valuable cargo. She entered Hatteras Inlet, supposing it was still in the possession of the Confederates. She has been sent to Philadelphia, in charge of Lieut. Crosby. This is the third vessel captured since the taking of the forts there.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 15.—Three spies were arrested to-day, having in possession accurate topographical and other information designed for the rebels.

F. W. Walker, the Washington correspondent of the New York Express, was dangerously wounded to-day by a prisoner, who afterwards escaped.

[Special to the Herald.]

A balloon reconnoitering to-day shows that a body of rebels, which advanced last night, have fallen back behind Musson's Hill, and that the main body of the rebel body had fallen back on Manassas, and is now encamped there. There are various surmises as to their movements, but the general belief is they intend giving battle somewhere on our lines within forty-eight hours.

A naval officer from Fort Monroe says an attack is expected on Newport News immediately. Several war vessels have gone to assist in the defense.

Com. Porter is assigned to important duty on the Mississippi river.

[Special to the Tribune.]

The Potomac flotilla reports new batteries five miles below Aquia Creek; also, a number of soldiers at Mathias Point. The steamer Pensacola won't pass the point without a severe fight.

Gen. McClellan went up the river to-day, and had an interview with Banks.

The skirmish of pickets which took place yesterday near Ball's Cross Roads in Virginia, was not a serious affair. The accounts of it have been greatly exaggerated.

Mr. Sickles yesterday arrested two rebel officers at a point twenty miles down the Potomac.

The militia of the District of Columbia is preparing for active service. A full regiment is now organized and will soon be sworn in.

The Baltimore South, the rabid secession journal whose editor was arrested yesterday, has stopped publication.

The Baltimore Exchange, the leading secession paper of that city, is more violent than ever this morning. Its principal editor was arrested.

Prominent citizens of Baltimore, now in this city, declare that the effects of the arrests will be salutary.

The secession fever in Baltimore and Maryland is likely to be checked by such summary proceedings as those which the Government felt compelled to adopt.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16.—The Postoffice Department has answered all the letters asking for information in regard to the New York Evening Day Book and all other papers excluded from the mails. It appears from the correspondence that not only postmasters, but all other postal agents are prevented in any wise from aiding in their circulation.

Notwithstanding the explanation made by the Spanish Minister to Mr. Seward on Saturday, the reported proclamation of the Captain General of Cuba, concerning vessels carrying the rebel flag, occupies the attention of the State Department to-day.

The following official dispatch was received at General McClellan's headquarters to-day:

DEARESTOWN, Md., Sept. 15.

This afternoon about half-past three o'clock, about four hundred and fifty rebels attacked the extreme right of my pickets about three miles above this place opposite Pritchard's Mills.—The affair was a spirited one, lasting about two hours. The enemy were driven from every house and breastwork they occupied. Eight or ten of them are said to be killed and several others wounded. Our loss was one killed. Our victory is complete; the troops behaved admirably; our cannon were indispensable and rendered good service in the action.

(Signed.) J. W. GEARY,
Colonel 28th Pa. Regt.

The Privateer Sumter Again.

BOSTON, Sept. 16.—A letter from Surinam states the privateer Sumter remained there Aug. 31st, destitute of coal and provisions, and that, Capt. Semmis had threatened to fire on the town, unless he was supplied.

Running the Blockade.

BOSTON, September 16.—The bark Illinois from Boston was at Vera Cruz on the 3d inst., discharging her cargo; she was to sail for Mazatlan on the 7th inst. A letter from Captain Lovejoy states that a schooner then in port had run the blockade at Galveston, and was bound back again with a cargo of coffee. The Captain of the schooner reported the greatest distress prevailing throughout Texas.

Late accounts from Mazatlan report that a privateer mounting four 6 pounders arrived at that port. The Illinois is well armed, having three 6-pounders, one of which is rifled.

The Intended Naval Expeditions.

NEW YORK, Sept. 16.—The Tribune of this morning makes the following statement:

We commit no impropriety in announcing that the preparations for two important movements against the Southern coast are rapidly going forward, so that the expeditions will be ready to set sail in a very few weeks. In one of them the land forces will probably be under Major-General Butler, and the other under Brig.-Gen. Sherman, who is now in command of the important camp at Hempstead, L. I. We believe that the number of troops of all arms employed in the two will be about 25,000 men, with naval forces of proportionate strength.

The Tribune's Washington dispatches contain the following, which was received at the Navy Department this morning:

THE U. S. SHIP RICHMOND, AT SEA.
August 25.

SIR—The following is a portion of a conversation that occurred this morning between Capt. Morris, of the Royal Navy, and myself, during my visit to the guard ship at Fort Royal. I suppose, he remarked, you are in search of these privateers. We are ordered to observe a strict neutrality, and if the Sumter were to come in to-morrow she would receive the same attention and assistance that you have; we can make no difference.

I asked, is that observing a neutrality; is it not recognizing her? Is that the meaning of Her Majesty's proclamation? I understand and I took neutrality to mean that her subjects must not meddle in this affair. You can recognize no flag. Yes, he replied; and have received a copy of the flag; I will show you the letter. He showed me the flag and read me an extract from a letter from the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, in which the seceded States are styled the Confederate States. It says in the event of a vessel bearing a flag of the Confederate States, you are to observe a strict neutrality.

The flag is described, and the letter adds that the number of stars will be increased in case new States should join the Confederation.—This, as near as I can remember, is the substance of that portion of our conversation.

I am respectfully your ob't serv't,
[Signed] A. B. CUMMINGS,
Lieut. U. S. N.

To Capt. JOHN POPE, U. S. ship, Richmond.

COLUMBUS POST OFFICE.

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