

The Alexandria Gazette.

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GENERAL NEWS.

The "Hoosier News-Boy," published in Algiers, opposite New Orleans, by the Twenty-first regiment of Indiana volunteers says: "Two negroes came into camp yesterday and said they were runaways, and commenced to help themselves to the boys provisions. They were immediately kicked out of camp and told that they had mistaken the place. We would suggest that all slaves had better keep away, if they do not wish to be treated in like manner. The mission of the Twenty-first Indiana is not to harbor runaways."

The Mountain Department, Gen. Fremont, is extended eastward to the road running from Williamsport to Martinsburg, Winchester, Strasburg, Harrisonburg, and Staunton, including that place; thence in the same direction southward until it strikes the Blue Ridge, to the southern boundary of the State of Virginia.—The Department of the Shenandoah, Gen. Banks, is extended eastward to include the Piedmont district and the Bull Mountain range. The Middle Department, Gen. Wool, is extended westward so as to include Harper's Ferry and adjacent territory.

The Federal losses in the late fierce battle at Port Republic are partially reported, and show 67 killed, 361 wounded, and 574 missing.—Total 1,002.

The Missouri State Convention has adopted resolutions declaring that the proposition of President Lincoln for emancipation with compensation is entitled to the most deliberate and respectful consideration.

In the U. S. Senate yesterday, the proposed amendment to the naval appropriation bill, prohibiting the employment of slaves in dockyards, forts, &c., was rejected. The amendment appropriating twenty thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven dollars for contingent expenses of the naval academy, and twenty-five thousand dollars for repairs on the naval school buildings at Annapolis, was agreed to, and the bill passed.

In the U. S. House of Representatives, the committee on elections reported that Mr. Foster, of N. C., was not entitled to a seat as a member. A joint resolution was introduced to create the grade of Lieut. Gen. in the army after the close of the present war. Among the resolutions adopted was one requesting the Secretary of War to inform the House by whose order the mansion of Gen. Lee, and the White House, on the Pamunkey river, are guarded by Union soldiers. The bill to establish and equalize the grade of line officers in the navy was passed, as was also the Senate bill, with amendments, to reorganize the Navy Department.

Capt. M. Mayer, of the U. S. A., has been appointed Provost Marshal of General Sigel's Division, in place of Capt. Dallas, who resigned on account of sickness. There are some further changes spoken of in the General's staff.

The steamer Ariel has arrived at New York, from Aspinwall, with \$350,000 in treasure.

There have recently been earthquakes at Caliao and Lima.

A letter from on board the gunboat Chipewa, off Wilmington, to the Boston Journal, dated June the 4th, says one of the crew of the prize steamer Gordon states that an iron steamer was fitting out at Nassau with ten or fourteen Armstrong guns, and about ready to convoy six or seven small steamers into Charleston. He likewise states that the steamer North Carolina was also expected about the 10th of the month with a valuable cargo.

There is much alarm among the whites of Crittenden county, Arkansas, in consequence of the discovery of a design on the part of several hundred negroes of that county to simultaneously run away and present themselves to the Federal Commander for protection. There are about 4,000 negroes in the county and only a few hundred whites.

The State Treasurer of Penn., on Saturday last, paid to the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, \$350,000, being the final installment of Pennsylvania's quota of the direct tax imposed by the act of Congress of July last. The whole amount paid by Pennsylvania is nearly two millions. This promptness saves the fifteen per cent. authorized to be deducted.

Citizens of Barbour county, Va., on the 2d inst., met at their court-house, and thanked the President and U. S. soldiers for the protection afforded them during the year past.

The Washington correspondent of the New York World says:—"The Secretary of War having received complaints that the jail of Loudoun county, Va., was being used for the detention of the slaves of rebels, and that the rebels of that county were actively co-operating with the authorities of the Confederate states, the matter was referred to Gen. Wadsworth as commander of the department. Col. Swain, of Scott's cavalry, was ordered with a detachment of his command to go to Leesburg. After a week's absence the command returned last evening. Colonel Swain had a general jail delivery of the negroes confined on rebel account, and straightened up things generally."

The U. S. Government has substituted the Thirteenth-st. Baptist church, in Washington, for hospital purposes, in lieu of the New York avenue Presbyterian church, which had been chosen. The congregation of the Baptist church have, since their church was blown down last winter, been worshipping in Gurley's church, at the invitation of his congregation; and now that their church is about finished, hearing that the Government had determined to use the Presbyterian church, appointed a committee to wait on the Military Governor to express the wish that their church should be taken in place of Dr. Gurley's, and allow his to be used for public worship, if the Government do not deem it necessary to use all the churches.

Col. Slack has issued orders in Memphis prohibiting dealing in and using the currency of the Confederate States, and stating that the use thereof as a circulating medium would be regarded as an insult to the government of the U. S. Persons offending are to be arrested and summarily dealt with.

A letter in the New York Tribune says that it is probable that Gen. Casey's division will be disbanded—many of the officers having resigned—and others having been transferred to other divisions.

WAR NEWS.

The movements of the Confederates on the right flank of Gen. McClellan's army, on Friday last, were more successful than at first reported. A force of fifteen hundred cavalry, with several pieces of artillery, attacked and drove from their position at Old Church, near the Pamunkey river, a squadron of Federal troops, and then proceeded to a landing on the river and destroyed two vessels, killed several teamsters, and captured others. From thence they moved southward to Tunstall's Station, on the Richmond and York river railroad, eighteen miles from the city. A train of cars passing at the time was fired upon, and several persons on it killed and some wounded, but the train was not stopped, but went on to its destination. After destroying the telegraph wires at the station, the Confederates crossed the Chickahominy between Bottom's Bridge and the James river, on their return to Richmond. At the White House the intelligence of the movements of the Confederates caused a great stampede among the sutlers and others. As soon as preparations for pursuit could be made, a body of Federal cavalry followed the foe, but did not overtake their main body, capturing only five prisoners. Dispatches received from Gen. McClellan last evening reported all quiet in front of Richmond.

Advices from Charleston to the 11th instant, through Southern channels, report that fighting continued in the vicinity of that city. On Tuesday last a sharp engagement took place on James Island. The battle lasted several hours, and the Confederates succeeded in dislodging the Federals from a piece of woods which they were endeavoring to occupy. The Confederate loss is estimated at from thirty to sixty-five killed. The Federal loss is thought to be heavy.

A citizen of Memphis who arrived there from Grenada, Miss., on Saturday, reports that there is a Confederate army at that place sixty-five thousand strong. Grenada is in Yalobusha county, one hundred and thirteen miles north of Jackson, the State capital, and ninety-five miles southwest of Corinth. Dispatches received in Washington yesterday, from Gen. Halleck, on the other hand, report that Gen. Beauregard's army is supposed still to be in the vicinity of Okalona, Overton and Columbus.

Information has been received in Memphis that General Curtis at last advices had not yet reached Little Rock, Arkansas, but was approaching it without opposition, from the direction of Searcy.

A skirmish occurred at New Mexico, near Fort Craig, recently, when the Confederates lost four killed. There were no casualties on the Federal side.

A dispatch from Richmond, published in a Charleston paper, claims that Gen. Jackson took 3,000 prisoners at the recent engagements on the Shenandoah.

Vicksburg was still held by the Confederates on the 10th instant.

A dispatch from Kansas City gives an account of the capture by the Second Ohio Cavalry, of one thousand head of cattle and eight hundred mules and horses from the Confederate command under Col. Coffey. Captain Doubleday also completely surprised and routed the Confederates at the Relay House, capturing all their munitions and camp equipage.