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LOCAL.—Major W. H. Payne, of the Confederate army, taken prisoner at Williamsburg, has been paroled, until exchanged, and gone to his home in Warrenton; Major P. was very severely wounded, but is now recovering.—Hon. J. S. Green, of Mo., a native of Fauquier County, was in this city yesterday.—Notwithstanding the mildness of last winter, and the apprehended scarcity of ice, we are pleased to learn that there is an abundant supply in the city, of very fine quality.—The U. S. government continue to make improvements at the O. & A. R. R. depot; platforms are being laid between the various tracks, new switches constructed, and the engine house rapidly repaired.—The Weather, to-day, was very warm and sultry;—so far, however, we have had but very few hot days this summer.—The police in Washington have arrested two of the sutlers of the Garibaldi Guards, on a charge of being concerned in stealing horses in the country and bringing them to the city for sale.—A little boy, (son of Mr. John Phillips, of this place) aged five or six years, has been missing since yesterday afternoon, and there are fears for his safety; he was last seen near the Pioneer Mills.—The summer session of Rev. Mr. Bitting's school closed to-day; he made an affectionate address to his pupils on the occasion.—There is no Local news of any interest to-day, the town being uncommonly dull even for this dull season; and the streets presenting an appearance of want of business not at all pleasant to an old citizen.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S SPEECH AT JERSEY CITY:—"When birds and animals are looked at through a fog, they are seen to disadvantage, and so it might be with you, if I were to attempt to tell you why I went to see General Scott. I can only say that my visit to West Point did not have the importance which has been attached to it; but it concerned matters that you understand quite as well as if I were to tell you all about them. Now, I can only remark, that it had nothing whatever to do with making or unmaking any general in the country. [Laughter and applause.] The Secretary of War, you know, holds a pretty tight rein on the press, so that they shall not tell more than they ought to; and I'm afraid that if I blab too much, he might draw a tight rein on me." [Roars of laughter and long applause, during which the President retired within the car.]

It is said and believed that the Senate, in executive session last evening, postponed all pending nominations of brigadier generals, and that no more are likely to be confirmed.

Several gentlemen in Washington, ask Congress to loan President Juarez \$11,000,000 to be secured by pledge of the public faith, and also the entire public lands of the republic, and all the national property formerly belonging to the church. The latter, though not exactly ascertained, is, at the lowest estimate, equal to one hundred millions, (\$100,000,000.)

FROM WASHINGTON.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE GAZETTE.]
Adjournment of Congress—Resignation of Gen. Shields—Camp of Instruction at Cloud's Mill—By the Underground Railroad from Richmond—Gold—"The Army of Virginia" Hospitals.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—From present indications, it is probable that Congress will adjourn in or about the 15th of July.

Gen. Shields has, it is reported, certainly tendered his resignation as Brigadier General. He is very sour at the charges that have been brought against him, and the refusal of the Senate to confirm his nomination as Major General.

Preparations for a "Camp of Instruction for 50,000 men are in progress, the camp to be located at Cloud's Mill, about four miles from Alexandria. The location is considered a very healthy and desirable one.

The New York Express of yesterday afternoon publishes news from Richmond. "By the Underground Railroad," to the effect that a battle before that city is "imminent, certain, inevitable," also that \$200000 having been appropriated by the State of Virginia, for the removal of the women and children from Richmond, nearly all have been conveyed to a country town about forty miles further south. The wealthy families have gone to Oxford, in North Carolina, and other parts of that State.

Gold is exceedingly scarce here, being almost entirely out of circulation, and only used in traffic. Asking rates are 9½, with a tendency still higher.

The consolidation of the forces under Generals Banks, Fremont, and McDowell, and the appointment of Major Gen. Pope to the command of the "Army of Virginia" is the principle theme of conversation here to day. Speculations as to the effect of the changes are rife, and it is said that the visit of the President to Gen. Scott, was solely with a view to a change in the Department of the Shenandoah.

The construction of frame buildings in the grounds around the army building, and other points, for hospital purposes, is progressing rapidly.

No war news this morning.

A letter from Norfolk says:—"The stores, or at least a portion of them, are still closed. In fact their stocks are so low for all articles of prime necessity that it would be useless to open them. The old storekeepers are not allowed to buy new stocks without taking the oath, so that the few new stores opened by Kimberly Brothers, J. O. Noyes and others, are doing all the business. They brought sugar down from 35 to 13 cents, coffee from a dollar to twenty-five cents, candles about two thirds the ruling rates, and all other articles in proportion. The rush for ice has been very great, and several cargoes have already been disposed of."

Orders for JOB PRINTING, of all kinds, left at this office, will be executed with neatness and dispatch, and at the lowest price.

In Milwaukee, a few days ago, some boys playing with marbles which were nicely painted. The hands of the boys got moist, in consequence of which the paint dissolved, and attached to the fingers. One of the boys wiped with his hands his forehead, whereby the poison contained in the paint detached from the marbles was communicated to the face. In two hours his eyes began to swell and continued to swell, so that after two days he could not see through the swollen face, and it was twelve days before he was able to use his eyes.

The seven year locusts have made their appearance in hordes in some parts of Kansas. The grass is full of holes from which they have emerged, and their crystal coats are lying around everywhere. The air is vocal with their music, and the bushes are covered with them. In company with the locusts are countless thousands of grasshoppers, and the ravages of the combined armies begin to excite a fear that vegetation along their line of march will be totally destroyed.

The Trenton True American states, in reply to a half denial in the Tribune, the following:—"In order to place the fact beyond cavil, we repeat what we stated some days ago, upon good authority, that in an adjacent county, white laborers have been discharged by their employers, who are of the Tribune's school of politics, and their places filled by runaway negroes who are paid ten cents a day.

The New York Express says:—"The Abolition Journals seem struck dumb over the negro vote in Illinois. If they have any philanthropy now, or extra money, Illinois seems the missionary ground for them. Before they let loose the Southern negroes, it is their duty to find some home for them in the State, or elsewhere."

Hon. Reverdy Johnson was entertained in New York at the house of Mr. George W. McLean, where, in the course of the evening, he was called out, and made some very interesting remarks,—upon his course in Maryland, the general politics of the country, &c., &c.—There was quite a number of gentlemen present, both of the Democratic and Old Whig parties.

Two paroled Confederate officers have returned from Richmond, the Confederates refusing to make any more exchanges until a general exchange of prisoners is agreed upon.

Lieut. B. H. Warford, of the Thirty-fourth N. Y. Volunteers, has been discharged from the service of the U. S. by the President in accordance with a recommendation of a court-martial.

The Grand Duke Michael, of Russia, is expected to arrive at Brussels in the course of July, thence to proceed to London to visit the International Exhibition.

Madame Ristori, it is stated, will soon leave Paris for the United States, on a professional tour.