

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, MAY 4.

LOCAL.—The weather for the last few days has been very favorable for fishing and gardening operations. The fruit trees give promise of a good yield this summer—and early planted corn is showing itself above the ground.

All the places open for public worship, in this place, were well attended yesterday.

At the U. S. government bakery, in this place, last week, Dr. John Rosencrantz was presented by Company F, 26th Michigan Volunteers, in testimony of thanks for his services to them as a Physician, a Microscope and a number of Medical works.

Some one, last week, tore up by the roots, flowers and shrubbery, planted by friends, at several of the graves in the Catholic cemetery. If found out, they will be punished.

The greatest interest is felt on all sides as to the results which have followed Gen. Hooker's recent advance across the Rappahannock.—There are rumors without number, as to battles on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and yesterday—but their authenticity is doubtful, nor can any proper statement be made from mere rumor. We publish such accounts of the movements as are given by the correspondents of the New York and Philadelphia papers, and furnished in those journals.

The steamer Hugh Jenkins, from Aquia Creek, passed this place this morning, having on board a number of Confederate prisoners variously estimated at from three to five hundred. Last night the cars on the Orange and Alexandria Railroad brought down some eight or ten prisoners and several wounded Federal and Confederate soldiers, among the latter, a son of Rev. Dr. Thornwell, of South Carolina, who died of his wounds, at the Mansion House hospital, last night. The prisoners that came down the railroad, were this morning sent to Washington, to the Old Capitol prison.

Dr. R. H. Stuart, of King George county, Va., recently arrested and confined at Aquia Creek, and some others, have been released, and arrived in Washington.

The two tickets for city officers, in Washington, at the June election, are now regularly in the field.

Mr. J. S. Gallaher replies in a card to the late communication of a citizen of Jefferson, in the Baltimore American. He affirms his loyalty to the U. S. government, and his determination, "a fair and honest, but not an unreasoning support."

The Baltimore American of this morning says:—"The passenger trains on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, for the West will leave the Camden Station at 9 o'clock this evening, and will go through to Wheeling. There will be only one transfer of passengers and baggage, which will be made at Fairmount upon a pontoon bridge. The railroad bridges at all other points will be up to-day, and the regular transportation of freight be resumed on Friday next.

John S. Gallagher has received the appointment of a \$1,600 clerkship in the Quartermaster General's office.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The most foul nuisance in the public streets—worse in one respect than the Old Brewery nuisance, though that is bad enough—is the gutter on Wolfe street, between Water and Fairfax streets. Why don't the Board of Health report the Superintendent of Police, for not attending to his duties—or if he does attend to them, and has not the means to remove nuisances, why are not steps taken to do what is right? The present condition of things is shameful to the municipal authorities.

UNION.

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If the salutary and "sanitary" course pursued towards the "contrabands" in Washington, could be applied here—it would be a most useful thing indeed; that is, as reported in the newspapers, digging ditches and draining ponds, and flats, and stagnant waters. This would be for the general good, their own included—as health is the chief good. M. D.

The Southern correspondent of the London Times says that the blockade of the Southern ports pinches most in the matter of railroad iron, and not as to food.

Prince Torlonia, in Italy, has restored the celebrated Claudian aqueduct near Rome.

Secretary Seward has returned to Washington from his recent visit to Falmouth and Fortress Monroe.

A young man married a supposed widow a short time ago, and dwelt with her in much felicity, near the Washington Navy Yard market. The woman had believed her first husband, who is a soldier, to be dead. On Thursday, however, he returned alive and well, and true to her first love, she went away with him and deserted her second husband.

The disease which has shown itself in the suburbs of Philadelphia, reported to be the plague, is the spotted fever, which is quite malignant. Some cases of it, are said to have occurred in Washington.

The French steamer Allier, which arrived at New York, yesterday, reports that the French of siege at Puebla is still progressing. The report the repulse of the French is pronounced untrue.

Gen. Rosecrans has leased two hundred acres of garden land near Nashville, and has sent to Cincinnati two quartermasters to purchase vegetable plants and seeds. He designs raising vegetables for his army, to last through the present Summer and Fall.

Gen. Hooker has just issued an order requiring all newspaper correspondents within his lines, to publish their communications over their own signatures.

The New York Herald, of Tuesday last, which contained a leading article on the "report of the committee on the conduct of the war," which reflected severely on the military authorities, is not to be circulated in the army. Packages containing six or seven thousand copies were seized on their arrival at Aquia Creek.

In Philadelphia, on Saturday, the immense car factory of Messrs. Murphy & Allison, situated on Nineteenth and Market streets, was destroyed by fire. The property comprised three buildings, and occupied 110 by 177 feet of ground. All the valuable machinery and twenty cars were consumed by fire, with the fine cars built for the New York City Railroad. The loss will reach \$100,000; insurance only \$15,000.

FIRE.—About 11 o'clock, this morning, a fire occurred in the cellar of the Drug establishment of Henry Cook, on King street, between Fairfax and Water streets, which, for a time it was thought, would prove very disastrous, but by the timely and prompt exertions of the firemen and citizens, was extinguished before much damage was done. A colored boy was sent into the cellar to draw some varnish, and holding a light too close, the varnish ignited, and the flames spread rapidly. There was a quantity of varnish, oil, turpentine, &c., in the cellar, which it was feared would take fire, but by good management the flames were soon subdued. The Fire apparatus, and both the U. S. Government steam fire engines were on the spot promptly, and the latter worked to the admiration of all. A guard was placed around the premises, and excellent order was maintained.

COUNTY COURT TO-DAY.—The will of Mrs. Anu Solomon, dec'd., was admitted to probate, and W. C. Richards qualified as executor.

John Ferry, a free negro, charged with a felony, was tried, found not guilty, and acquitted.

T. A. Stoutenburg, was appointed a Commissioner in Chancery.

Earle & Co. vs. C. F. Suttle & Co., on a suggestion—case dismissed.

E. Francis, adms't. vs. D. C. Carpenter, unlawful detainer—dismissed.

C. R. Grimes vs. Ann Fogg; unlawful detainer—docketed and dismissed.

Daniel Bryan vs. Z. Howe Ripley; unlawful detainer—dismissed.

The small steamer Ada Hancock, employed in conveying passengers from the wharf at San Pedro (California) to the steamer Senator, which anchors in deep water five miles from the landing, exploded her boiler on the 27th of April, killing forty out of sixty passengers, and wounding all remaining except seven.

Early on Saturday morning the steamers State of Maine and Express steamed into Hampton roads, having on board 560 Confederate officers, all of whom have been confined in Fort Delaware and at other posts. Among them was Zarvona, better known as the French lady, who seized the steamer St. Nicholas. After a slight detention the whole party proceeded in the same steamers for City Point to be exchanged.

The Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Herald says:—"There was a brilliant party at the residence of the Spanish Minister on Wednesday night, in honor of the recent wedding of the Secretary of the Spanish Legation with the daughter of the Brazilian Minister. It was attended by the whole Diplomatic Corps in the city. Colonel Romaine, the Haytian Minister, was amongst the guests, but he was left almost unnoticed by his diplomatic confreres, and stood nearly the whole evening in the hall. He has ceased to be a lion, and notwithstanding the sympathy largely expressed for his race, even Senator Sumner, who was present forgot its practical demonstration on this occasion."

There is an extraordinary religious revival in progress in Rochester, New York. Meetings are held nightly, and even during the day. On Sunday last Rev. Mr. Hammond preached in the open air to the largest congregation ever gathered in the city. The Mayor presided, and the audience was supposed to number eight thousand.