

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 11.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says: "About midnight last night, about thirty guerrillas made a dash at the Federal lines at Lewinsville, three miles from the Chain Bridge and five from Georgetown, and captured one man and six horses. The picket reserve rallied and fired three volleys into them, killing one and capturing another. Before coming into our picket lines they stopped at the house of one Griffith, and representing themselves as Union cavalry he told them where the men were."

The Washington Chronicle says the policy of the U. S. with regard to public lands may be considered as settled. "Congress no longer looks to them as a source of direct revenue, but designs so to dispose of them as to encourage actual and rapid settlement, promote important works of internal improvement, and, by increasing individual wealth, secure national riches and prosperity."

The New York Express in summing up the comments of the New York press on President Lincoln's message says: "All concur that it is brief, dexterous and cunning, but only the Radicals endorse it. The Conservative Journals comment upon it with pain and sorrow, and as utterly failing, even in every well intended purpose, of closing the war and restoring the Government."

Nothing has yet been heard from the vessels sent in pursuit of the captors of the steamer Chesapeake. Different points are named as her supposed destination. Should she put into a British port it is understood the U. S. Government will demand from England the men who made the capture.

Dr. Dennis Claude, one of the most eminent citizens, and a distinguished physician, of Annapolis, Md., died on Wednesday, in the 85th year of his age. The deceased was for several years State Treasurer, and during his long and useful life, filled with honor other responsible positions.

Mr. Thomas Scrivner jr., a member of the Washington bar, committed suicide, at the residence of his father, on Capitol Hill, on Tuesday evening last, by shooting himself through the breast.

The female employees who lately struck at the U. S. Government Printing Office in Washington, have renewed work on the old scale of prices they struck against, viz: \$7 per week and 20 cts. per hour for extra work.

The army correspondent of the New York Herald states that the idea is very prevalent among army officers that the Army of the Potomac is soon to be broken up, and that a part of it is to go elsewhere for a winter campaign.

Another civil war is said to have been installed between the States of Campeachy and Yucatan, and the struggle is being waged with great ferocity and determination.

The last arrival from England, represents cotton a trifle higher, and breadstuffs firm and unchanged.

The U. S. Court of Claims resumed its sessions in Washington this week, and among the cases before it are two of much interest. One of them is the question of the validity of the "acceptances" granted by Secretary Floyd to Messrs. Russell, Majors & Waddell, and which are held by various parties scattered over the country from Maine to Missouri, comprehending not only individuals but banks and savings institutions. The amount involved is about seven hundred thousand dollars. The other case, which involves an amount quite as large, is that of the legal representatives of R. W. Meade, including Capt. Meade, of the U. S. navy, and Gen. G. G. Meade, of the army.

The Courier des Etats Unis, the French paper in New York, is of opinion that President Lincoln's proclamation of amnesty, instead of creating ideas of submission in the South, will only increase irritation. The Editor thinks it would have been much wiser on the part of Mr. Lincoln to have remained silent on the subject of reconstruction, than to make such impracticable propositions, and believes further that the proclamation is only a bid for the Presidency, as the quasi unanimity set forth in this document will no doubt be used by the Republicans as an effective weapon during the Presidential campaign.

The chief detective of the U. S. Treasury Department, Chris. V. Hogan, has returned to Washington, from a protracted tour through the United States. He has visited all the principal cities in the North and West on business connected with the Department. He made several arrests of counterfeiters, besides taking a large amount of counterfeit Treasury notes and postal currency.

Notice has been given in the U. S. Congress of the intended introduction of a bill for the repeal of the Canadian Reciprocity treaty. A Commissioner is to be appointed for the purpose of negotiating a new treaty on the true principles of reciprocity.

Advices from Japan say that a French officer had been murdered by the Japanese; that immediate reparation was demanded, and that war by the combined English and French forces was generally expected.

A Norfolk paper says that about one hundred citizens of Princess Ann and Norfolk counties, took the oath of allegiance to the United States, at the Provost Marshal's office in Norfolk, on the 8th.

The Washington Aqueduct has, thus far, cost the Federal Government \$2,900,000, and will supply 67,000,000 gallons of water.

Gold in New York yesterday 151½.

One brig, eight schooners, twelve hay barges, and four canal boats were destroyed by the fire in North River, New York, on Wednesday. The total loss is \$300,000. The tide was low, and the vessels could not be moved.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says that Senator Wilson is averse to any alteration of the Conscription act, but Provost Marshal General Fry will recommend the repeal of the three hundred dollars' commutation clause, which makes each drafted man go or furnish a substitute.

LEGISLATIVE.—To-day, in the Senate of the Legislature, in session in this place, the presiding officer announced the following committees: On Privileges and Elections—Messrs. Merceir, Lemosy and Whitehurst; on Courts—Brown, Lemosy and Whitehurst; on Roads and Internal Improvements—Lemosy, Killam and Merceir; on Banks—Whitehurst, Brown and Tennis; on Finances—Lemosy, Merceir, Brown, Whitehurst, Killam and Tennis; on Propositions and Grievances—Whitehurst, Tennis and Merceir; on Enrolled Bills—Tennis, Killam and Whitehurst. The reporter for the Virginia State Journal was allowed, by resolution, to occupy a vacant seat on the floor of the chamber. The Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Regulations recommended the rules and regulations of former Senates of Virginia for the government of the body. The petition of Jas. W. Powell contesting the seat of Thos. H. Killam, of Accomac, was taken up, when it was decided to accept said petition, which was then referred. A bill repealing the act of the Wheeling Legislature fixing the salaries of the officers of State, was introduced and referred, after which an adjournment until Monday at 12 o'clock took place.

Advices from the army of the Potomac state that the Federal forces now occupy the same position they did before the late advance.—The report that the Confederates had sent a force to the north side of the Rapidan is contradicted. The pickets of the respective armies occupy their former positions. At the upper fords the Confederates have pickets on the north side, as heretofore, but from Somerville to Ely's Ford the river separates them.—The Federal army is to be reorganized. There are rumors of a change in the command, but the report that Gen. Pleasanton had been fixed upon is pronounced unfounded.

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