

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 26.

ELECTION.—An election for County officers was held in this place to-day. At 2½ o'clock about 210 votes had been polled, and the indications were that S. N. Garwood would be elected Sheriff; W. Willoughby Commonwealth's Attorney; Jeff. Tacey Clerk of Circuit and County Courts; Oliver Cox County Surveyor; J. C. Clark Commissioner of the Revenue; A. C. Harmon to Legislature, and J. R. Gray, T. I. Edelin, W. N. Johnson and T. H. Stilwell Constables. Justices of the Peace were voted for in each ward.

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the the Senate yesterday, a resolution was adopted requesting President Lincoln to communicate to the Senate the correspondence of Mr. Seward with the Mexican Minister, in regard to the course of trade between France and the United States, since the commencement of the Mexican war, in articles supposed to be in derogation of the rights of neutrals, and also all other information in possession of the Government relative to the present condition of affairs in Mexico. Mr. Lane, of Kansas, moved to admit Mr. Fishback to a seat in the Senate, as member elect from Arkansas, but after considerable discussion the matter was postponed. The consideration of the Internal Revenue bill was resumed.

In the House of Representatives, a bill was reported authorizing President Lincoln to take measures for constructing a military railway from the Valley of Ohio to East Tennessee.

The Asia has arrived at Halifax with European advices to the 16th. A debate had taken place in the British House of Commons in regard to the presence of the Confederate steamer Genorgia in the Mersey. Mr. Cobden denounced the course of the Government in permitting the Georgia to remain in British waters, and was replied to by the Attorney General, who said that the Government could not interfere. A truce for one month, pending the Conference at London, has been agreed upon between the Danish and German belligerents, who are also to give one week's notice of a renewal of hostilities prior to the expiration of the armistice. The Asia on the 15th passed the Confederate steamer A. J. Vance off Tuskar, bound for Liverpool.

A steamboat which reached Washington yesterday brought up about 100 contrabands, consisting of men, women and children. These contrabands are from the vicinity of Bowling Green and Guiney's Station, and "brought with them a large quantity of bed clothing and other housekeeping articles."

Rev. Mr. Boyd, one of the hostages arrested for the return of Bechtol and Wheat, and who is now confined in the jail of Wheeling, has received a letter from Richmond stating that Bechtol and Wheat, arrested some time since in Bath county, had been exchanged, and would leave for home by the first truce boat.

Samuel S. Maffit, esq., late comptroller of the treasury of Maryland, died at his residence in Elkton, on Tuesday last, aged forty-five years.

THE CAMPAIGN IN VIRGINIA.

According to the correspondent of the New York Associated Press, who dated his dispatch from the "Headquarters, of the Army of the Potomac" May 23, the advance of the Army of the Potomac crossed the North Anna river on the evening of the 22d. Skirmishing all along the road occurred with the rear guard of the Confederate army, and Ewell's corps is reported to have taken a strong position behind entrenchments on both sides of the River.—The dispatch then says:—"On examination it was found the enemy held a strong position on the south bank of the river, with their advance on a peninsula formed by a small stream, which emptied into the river near the railroad crossing. Skirmishing commenced about 2 P. M., and at 4 the batteries got to work and shelled the enemy, while Birney's division were ordered to charge and carry the works, and, if possible, get possession of the bridges across the river. The charge was made, and, although met with a shower of bullets from the rifle-pits, as well as shells from the batteries on the opposite side of the river, our men never halted until the enemy were driven across the bridge, and our guns placed so as to command it.

"Some of the men even went half-way across and one was seen with a rebel flag, who was forced to throw it into the river to prevent its recapture. The contest continued until after dark, each party maintaining their line.—Our loss in this action was about two hundred and fifty in killed and wounded."

"About five P. M. General Warren effected a crossing, and, taking a position on the south bank, threw up some breastworks. Soon after he was attacked by a large force of rebels, whom he drove back."

The same correspondent in a dispatch dated May 24, says: "The army advanced at an early hour this morning, but the Confederates were found to have fallen back during the night. Skirmishing took place at several points, but the 2d corps had met no force of the enemy up to 2 P. M., at which time your correspondent left the front. General Warren had advanced some two or three miles, the Confederates in his front seeming determined to dispute his advance, although probably falling back.

"8 P. M.—A messenger who left the front at 6 o'clock this afternoon reports the Confederates crossing the South Anna.

"Firing was heard this morning in the direction of Port Royal; it was supposed to be from a Confederate battery, which is reported to have been placed at a point twelve miles below Fredericksburg. Two gunboats went down the river last night, and it is thought they may have been attacked.

"This afternoon a detachment from the cavalry expedition, under Sheridan, arrived at headquarters, announcing the safe return of the command across the Pamunkey last night, and that they would arrive to-night. General Custar's division cut the railroad twelve miles below Hanover Junction on the 21st, burning two bridges, and tearing up a mile of the track. He encountered a body of Confederate cavalry behind barricades, but could not induce them to come out and attack him. The party had to build a bridge across the Pamunkey, at the White House, which they did in twenty-four hours.

"The entire command passed in safety over it. The horses of the expedition are pretty well exhausted."

The Washington Star of yesterday evening reports that the Confederates attacked a train on Monday moving from Fredericksburg to Belle Plain, but were driven off. It adds:—"Skirmishes with the guerrillas occur daily at different points about Fredericksburg ever since the army has commenced its forward movement."

The Federal gunboats were reported to be at Fredericksburg on Wednesday. Some of the engines and rolling stock of the railroad has been removed from Fredericksburg.

Gen. Hunter has assumed command of the Federal forces lately under Sigel and the latter has been ordered to the command of the troops on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

It appears that in the recent attack upon Sumter, the Federal monitor Montauk was so much injured that she had to be taken to Port Royal for repairs. The late action in Charleston harbor is said to have lasted two days and it is reported that "two casemates of Fort Sumter were opened. A large portion of the new parapet was tumbled into the water. The south portion of the face of Fort Moultrie was also knocked down." The Federal batteries at Morris Island were considerably injured by the fire of the Confederate batteries.

Mr. Corwin the U. S. Minister to Mexico, has arrived at New York. In anticipating his arrival, the Washington Chronicle says, that while Mr. Seward "did not direct Mr. Corwin to leave the Mexican capital in the event of the arrival of the imperial agent of Louis Napoleon, no one can doubt that such an event would be followed by the exodus of the U. S. minister; and we notice with satisfaction that Mr. Corwin has already taken his leave, and is now on his way to Ohio."

MARRIED.

On Tuesday, May 24th, by Rev. Dr. L. Schlesinger, ABRAHAM MYERS, to CAROLINE BLONDHEIM, both of this city. [Baltimore Sun please copy.]

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