

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, MARCH 30.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

A dispatch from Montreal, dated yesterday, says:—"The Confederate raiders, who robbed the St. Albans' banks, and committed other depredations, and who had been on trial here for long a time, have been discharged from custody, and are now at liberty." They were re-arrested the same day.

Capt. W. W. Smith, of Gen. Halleck's staff has been appointed Lieut. Col. of the 6th U. S. volunteers, which regiment was organized from Confederate deserters. The regiment has been ordered to Fort Leavenworth, for duty on the overland mail route, to protect trains from incursions by bands of hostile Indians.

The rain storm, which proved so disastrous to other sections of the country, resulted in golden blessings to California. The freshets washed down immense quantities of gold dust to the valleys, and the miners are busy sifting it out. In ten days three millions of dollars worth of gold dust reached San Francisco from the interior.

A correspondent writes to the Cincinnati Commercial from Chattanooga:—"The government is engaged erecting very extensive and heavy works here at present, among which are machine shops, saw mills, water works and large warehouses for the storage of supplies—all evincing a determination to hold it permanently as a military post."

Mrs. Samuel Colt, of Hartford, Ct., owns a quarter of a mile of glass houses. She has already tomatoes, peas, string beans, and radishes and lettuce fully ripe, and peaches and grapes far advanced toward perfection.

The N. Y. Commercial says:—"There has been a decided decline in the prices of dry goods, especially standard brown sheetings, ticks and bleached cotton, within a few days. Agents have been compelled to submit to reductions or hold their goods. Prices are rapidly being based on cotton at about 50c. per pound."

An arrival from Havana, March 26, brings advices that the blockade runner Denbigh, from Galveston, reached Panama on the 25th, with tidings of the death of the Confederate General Chalmers; of a proposition of Confederates at San Antonio, Texas, to take possession of the Western Territory, and of a reported mutiny in the garrison at Galveston. More troops from France, for Mexico, had passed through Havana.

The Central Ohio railroad, says a Cincinnati dispatch, dated March 28, was sold to-day to J. W. Garrett and W. H. Clements, representing creditors and stockholders.

A committee to inquire into the alleged attempt to bribe the Pennsylvania Legislature has been appointed.

The oath of allegiance was administered yesterday, in Washington, to two hundred and eighteen Confederate deserters. After taking the oath they were furnished with transportation North.

Gold closed in New York, yesterday, at 151.

Editorial comments of the Richmond Enquirer, of March 25, upon Gen. Hood's report of the "operations of the Army of the Tennessee while commanded by him, from July 18, 1864, to January 23, 1865," doubt his claim that he lost only ten thousand men.

A nominating committee of the negroes of Rhode Island have nominated Edward Harris as their candidate for Governor, and Rowland Hazard for Lieut. Governor. For other State officers they adopted the ticket of the National Union Convention. This movement is made to secure equal rights in the public schools, from which negro children are now excluded.

In the Washington Criminal Court, the Baker case has finally terminated in a nolle prosequi, which was entered, on motion of the District Attorney. Three or four civil actions, however, in the Circuit Court have been instituted by Dr. Gwynne against Col. Baker, one or another of which will probably be followed up. In one of these actions, claiming damages for false arrest, the defendant put in a special plea of justification. (in effect the same defence which was made the turning point in the criminal proceeding,) to which the plaintiff demurred. The court overruled the demurrer, and in that condition the next step of the plaintiff would probably be to sue out a writ of error to carry the case to the Supreme Court of the U. S.

Thirty odd thousand bales of cotton seized at Savannah have arrived at New York, and the disposition to be made of it will soon be decided. The U. S. Government will either offer it in New York or ship it for sale in Liverpool. In either case it will not bring more than forty five cts. a pound, instead of ninety cts. which it was worth at the time of its capture.

Col. King, of the 2d Kentucky (Confederate) cavalry, who deserted and came into the Federal lines, was sent to the Provost Marshal's office, in Baltimore, yesterday. King is an Englishman, and entered the service, as he says, for the mere sake of being a soldier, never having taken the oath to the Confederate States. He says he became tired of the war and hence deserted. He took an oath to remain neutral during the war and was released. He left for Washington with the intention of having an interview with the President, assuming to possess much valuable information about the situation of the South.

The Indians in Wisconsin, who have just received their annuities, call the fractional paper currency "papoose money."

The National Intelligencer says: "We learn from a source entitled to all credit, from one who has access to the intelligence in possession of the Government, that the substance of the facts detailed recently by the New York Tribune, is believed to be true."

General Kautz, commanding cavalry, Army of the James, has been relieved, and ordered to report to General Wallace. Gen. McKenzie, of the Army of the Potomac, succeeds him.

Mr. John O. Steger, the late postmaster for the City of Richmond, has resigned his office.

William Jones, alias Jack Sheppard, a youth of nineteen years, who was recently committed to the N. Y. Tombs under an indictment for burglary, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by severing an artery of his left arm with a common pocket knife.

A correspondent of the National Intelligencer from Oxford, Talbot County Maryland, says that Mr. Appleton, of Boston, grandson of the late Daniel Webster, has recently bought a large farm in that vicinity with the intention of dividing it into smaller farms for persons of moderate means. Also, that Edward Lloyd has recently sold \$30,000 worth of timber from his great estate on the Wye river. The Lloyd estate has been held by the family of that name for two centuries.

The Washington Chronicle of this morning, says:—"The rumor which is retailed by the gossips of the town, of the meeting of President Lincoln and Generals Grant, Sherman Meade, Ord, and Sheridan, on board the River Queen, is undoubtedly correct; but we can assure our readers that the result of the conference is not known. The statement that General Lee had asked for a conference with General Grant is entirely without foundation. That great events are impending there can be no doubt."

The organization and drilling of negro troops is going on in Richmond.

J. M. Daniel, editor of the Richmond Examiner, is said to be seriously ill.

THE LATE BATTLES.

We have some further particulars of the recent battles before Petersburg, but they do not vary much from what has already been made public through official channels. The main difference is in the extent of the loss sustained by the Confederates, which, in the accounts given by army correspondents, is made larger than in the corrected and revised official statement. The Southern papers of the 25th contain a dispatch from Petersburg relating to the capture of Fort Steadman and its recapture by the Federal troops. The Confederate loss is indefinitely stated at several hundred. The number of Federal prisoners taken in the assault is estimated at five hundred. Nothing is said concerning the heavy engagements that took place later in the day in the neighborhood of Hatcher's Run. The tone of the Southern papers is more hopeful. In North Carolina the people are said to be rallying to the support of Johnston, whose army is reported to be in fine spirits and good condition. Stragglers and reinforcements are said to be joining him.

The correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer and the New York Herald give details of the battles fought by Sherman between Fayetteville and Goldsboro'. These narratives indicate that Sherman's advance was fiercely contested by the Confederates under Johnston, and that at one time the result of the fight at Bentonville was decidedly adverse to the Federal arms. The arrival of two additional army corps altered, however, the aspect of affairs, and Sherman, by a change of course, was enabled to push forward to Mount Olive, on the Wilmington Railroad, south of Goldsboro', where he was within easy communication with both Schofield and Terry.

MARRIED.

On March 29, 1865, by Rev. G. M. Hair, Mr. GEORGE E. WARD and Mrs. MARY E. MILSTAD, all of Alexandria, Va.

By the same, on the same day, Mr. ROBT. E. CHRISMOND and Mrs. MARY E. SARTEN, of Alexandria, Va.

DIED.

On Wednesday (yesterday) the 29th, Mrs. CORNELIA MOORE, consort of Alfred F. Moore, in the forty-third year of her age.—Her friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral to-morrow (Friday) morning, at 10 o'clock, from the residence of her brother, Wm. C. Richards, No. 11, Fayette st., between King and Prince streets.

In Washington, on the 28th inst., after a long and protracted illness, Mr. C. G. WILDMAN, in the fifty-fifth year of his age. Mr. W. was formerly a citizen of this place.

To Mr. "U. S." Sir:—You have hit the nail exactly on the head. Obligated to you for your favorable opinion. Certainly am staying here for what I can "catch." As you say, if don't catch soon off immediately. That's an undoubted fact. Six months long enough to stay in any place, without catching something. Rents high, clothes wearing out, board to be paid for—things generally going "up the spout," with me others in similar condition—won't say so—but true nevertheless. Calculate upon your support—urge haste, and remain yours, the public, most obedient servant, to commend, [1] PETER P. PELLOW.

COOKING STOVE & C FOR SALE.—A second hand COOKING STOVE, with fixtures; a Stove for heating irons; an Iron Awning Frame; and a lot of Packing Boxes, for sale, cheap, by ROBT. BELL, mh 30—3t* Bookseller, 61, King street.

ORANGES AND LEMONS.—Just received, on consignment, a lot of repacked ORANGES and LEMONS. For sale, low, by the box, by JOS. T. JANNEY, mh 30—3t Cor. Prince and Pitt sts.

DEALERS are requested to call and examine our assortment of first-class DRY GOODS, to which we will be making ADJUSTMENTS throughout the season. We buy on the very best terms, and can sell at the lowest cash prices.

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