

GENERAL NEWS.

The Baltimoreans recently released from their long and tedious confinement, reached Baltimore last evening. They were met at the station by many friends, but no demonstration beyond that of a deep, sincere and yearning welcome—a cordial greeting with earnest spoken words—was to be observed.

The U. S. government is making a general jail delivery of its political prisoners. All the prisoners at Fort Lafayette, including Pierre Soule, have been released.

Writing papers of all kinds have risen to almost fabulous prices. The advance at the present time is nearly two hundred per cent. over the price asked two months since, and printing paper nearly one hundred per cent. Foolscap paper, such as ordinarily sells for \$2 37 per ream, is now held at \$6, and all other kinds in proportion. It is supposed that this advance is mainly caused by a combination of the manufacturers.

On Saturday last, an expedition left Yorktown, consisting of three gunboats and a force of 600 of the 11th Maine regiment. They returned on the 26th, after having scouted ten miles beyond Mobjack Bay, where they destroyed extensive and valuable salt works.—Last Tuesday, the Federal pickets near Williamsburg captured eight Confederates, who were sent to Fortress Mouroe.

Reports from Tennessee state that there is little probability of a great battle in the central portion of that State, owing to the recent movements of the Confederates. Considerable bodies of cavalry hover about the Federal front.

It has been supposed that Secretary Chase would be a candidate for U. S. Senator from Ohio, to succeed Senator Wade, whose term will expire on the 4th of March, 1863. The supposition was doubtless correct, but recent changes both in the policy of the administration and in Ohio politics have caused some alteration in the plan. The Washington correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette says that Secretary Chase has written a letter to Senator Wade, in which he assures the latter that he will not be a candidate for Senator until events shall have conclusively demonstrated that there is no longer a possibility of Wade's re-election.

Incendiaries are trying to burn the city of Memphis. On Sunday night there were ten different fires, and on Monday night fourteen. Great alarm exists in consequence.

The commission to examine into and report upon the cases of the prisoners of State confined in the Old Capitol prison (A. A. A. G. Major Sherburne and Captain Parker) continue their labors nightly. Up to yesterday they had examined the cases of fifty, and upon their reports in each case, thirty have been set free.

The court in the case of General Fitz John Porter again adjourned yesterday, Mr. Holt saying the Government is not yet ready. It meets next on Monday. It is understood that the Government is making every effort to complete its preparations. General Morris was yesterday relieved from duty on the court, and General Slough substituted.

Robert Harris and John Hammond, for attempting to run the blockade of the Potomac, and Bernard Goodwin, for attempting to pass the lines at Lewinsville, have been sent to the Old Capitol prison.

The receipts for revenue stamps at the office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue for the week ending November 21st, amounted to, it is said, more than \$2,300,000.

The passenger and freight trains of the Kentucky Central Railroad collided yesterday afternoon, five miles this side of Paris. Three persons were killed and three wounded.

The railroad from Aquia Creek to Falmouth, opposite Fredericksburg, has been completed, and was put in use yesterday.

By way of Havana we learn that Admiral Wilkes with two gunboats was off Nassau on the 20th, but the British authorities refused to allow the pilots to bring him into the port. There were two Confederate steamers at Nassau which had recently run the blockade at Charleston.

The McDowell Court of Inquiry will transcend the limits of a personal investigation regarding the conduct of that general. It will take a wide range of inquiry into subjects suggested by Gen. McDowell's request, and thus render their record a historical document, illustrating the whole course of the war.

It has been decided that the first payments of the large sum due to the U. S. army shall be made to the privates, upon the theory that the officers are less needy than the rank and file, and that the families of the latter will suffer less than those of the former by delay. Still, at the present rate of production from the paper mill, it will require many months to pay the privates alone.

Luther Hanchett, of Wisconsin, died at Madison, in that State, on Tuesday, of brain fever. He was elected to Congress but a few days ago.

Early in the morning of Saturday, December 6, proximo, there will be a total eclipse of the moon throughout the United States. The moon, however, will be faintly visible, rayless, and resembling a copper disc. The eclipse will begin at 0.37 A. M.; total will begin at 1.46 and end at 3.18. The eclipse will end at 4.27.

From a letter in the New York Times we learn that many of the U. S. troops have suffered severely from the effects of heavy rains since they arrived at Falmouth.

Count Von Engleheim, a private in a cavalry regiment of General Stahl's division, has been tried by court-martial for burning the village of Haymarket, Virginia, and for striking a citizen of that place on the night of the fire. He was convicted of the latter charge, and sentenced to three months' hard work in the Brooklyn navy yard or in one of the forts. He has been sent to Fort Lyon.

Mr. John Sheahan, for many years well and favorably known as a resident of Washington, died on Thursday evening, in the 70th year of his age.

The man who was arrested the other evening in Washington for uttering treasonable language, was yesterday taken before the provost marshal, where he proved himself to be in reality an English subject. He stated that he was intoxicated on the evening in question, and while in that state a number of mischievous individuals annoyed and insulted him. He alleges that the objectionable remarks were made only by way of irritation, and that to prove his sincerity he was ready to take the oath of allegiance to the U. S. Government. He exhibited a pass signed by General Burnside, and said he gave him all the information he brought from Richmond.

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E. H. DELAHAY, Commissioner of Revenue. nov 18—td

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON.—The steamer THOMAS COLLYER, Captain Samuel Gedney, will leave the wharf at the foot of King street, Alexandria, regularly.

Fare, 25 cents. my 26—tf SAM'L GEDNEY, Captain.

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