

## The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 24.

**BURGLARS.**—An attempt was made on Sunday night to break into the store of Mr. Wools, St. Asaph Street, near the jail, but the noise awakened some of the neighbors, who gave the alarm and the burglar fled. On the same night the locksmith shop of Wm. Weadon, at the Hay Scales on St. Asaph street, was entered and a number of keys, &c., stolen. The keys were subsequently recovered, but the thieves have not been caught.

**LOCAL.**—A few shad and herring were brought to market, this morning, from one of the Potomac fisheries: they sold at \$1.50 per pair.—An auction sale of all the furniture and private property of the officers' mess, at the Camp for paroled and exchanged prisoners, is to take place to-morrow at 2 o'clock, p. m.—Jamieson's Foundry, south end of Royal street, has been leased and will hereafter be worked by Gemmell & Hanrahan, machinists.—The U. S. military authorities are having the streets in the neighborhood of the Depot of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, improved and gravelled.

It is reported that Surgeon Charles Page, U. S. A., formerly of this place, is to succeed Dr. Summers, in charge of the Mansion House hospital here.

The building at the northeast corner of King and Columbus streets, has again been taken by the military, as a guard-house.

The recent orders in reference to the granting of passes to go out of this place, are rigorously enforced, and passes are not granted to any except those who produce evidence of loyalty to the United States, or who will take the oath of allegiance to the government.

For a day or two past, there have been rumors in this place of a Confederate raid, near Ocoquan, and the capture, by some of Stuart's cavalry, of some Federal troops there. In confirmation of these rumors, a Washington dispatch, dated Sunday, to the N. Y. Tribune, says: "Information has been received of the capture of a cavalry picket guard of from 20 to 30 men, stationed at Ocoquan, by a detachment of Stuart's cavalry, who came by way of Selectman's Ford. Other detachments of Stuart's forces have recently made their appearance at several points."

Alexandria, it is said on the street, is again to boast a theatre. The site of the buildings recently burnt on Royal street, the circus building on King street, and a lot on Prince street, are spoken of for the proposed new place of amusement. A theatre, with a good company, would, some think, pay well here.

The difficulty in obtaining passes, has materially affected travel between this place and Washington, and the boats, in consequence, are not doing such a good business. Travel over the road has been almost suspended for some time, owing to the military orders in reference to the bridge, and the depth of the mud.

The Washington Chronicle thinks that General Sterling Price is one of the ablest of the Confederate Generals, and that he "is a man of dauntless resolution and untiring energy."

The iron safe, stolen from Adams's Express, on the Northern Central Railroad, has been recovered. On Sunday some of the people residing in the vicinity of Kroh's paper mill, between Whitehall and Parkton, joined in the search, and Mr. J. Burns, with one of his neighbors, while walking on the bank of the race of that mill, discovered an impression on the ground, which had the appearance of having been made by some heavy object. They followed the marks but a short distance when they found the bank scratched, as if the object had fallen into the race, and a short search discovered the safe at the bottom. Assistance was obtained, and it was soon taken on the bank. When taken out of the race it had a large white pocket handkerchief tied around it, on removing which it was discovered that the door had been blown open with gunpowder, and a part of the fuse still remained in the lock. The government bonds, certificates and checks were all there, saturated with water, but the money, some fifty thousand dollars in Treasury notes and gold coin, was gone.

Considerable stir has been caused during the past day or two among retail grocers by the enforcement of a corporation law forbidding any person from selling, during market hours, or offering for sale, any kinds of meats, poultry, butter, eggs, or vegetables. Yesterday a number of retail merchants who have been violating the act and were brought before the Mayor fined and this morning a number more were brought up, but their cases were deferred until action should be held in the premises by the Council.

Two of the uncivilized Indians on a visit to Washington, come to this place this morning. They attracted general attention as they walked along the streets.

The Wheeling Press states that those opposed to the new State Constitution of Western Virginia, with what is called the Willey amendment, will not vote at the polls on the 26th inst.

The Washington Chronicle states that "a naval fleet is preparing to attack one of the strongholds—at what point it is not proper to state."

The election for Governor of Virginia takes place in May next. We see it stated that Messrs. H. A. Wise, Flournoy, Floyd, Wm. Smith, Randolph and Mumford, are named as candidates for the office.

Several robberies of stores and dwelling houses in Washington, have taken place, within the last few days.

The returned prisoners from the South, in Washington, have been supplied by Union citizens with clothing, &c.

Heavy firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Bull Run, and it is reported that a skirmish took place at Wolf Run Shoals.

Capt. Mosby, in a letter giving an account of his late raid into Fairfax Ct. House, says he had but twenty-nine men with him.

It is said that Mr. Seward's rejection of the offer of mediation by France, has caused but little sensation in Paris.

The political contest is now going on very warmly and actively in Connecticut.

## SOUTHERN NEWS.

Richmond papers of the 19th contain some interesting items: Governor Letcher has issued a proclamation calling on farmers to cultivate more grain and less tobacco. The New York Democracy are attacked bitterly in the Dispatch.—John Van Buren especially. The price of gold is advancing. Flour has gone up rapidly.

The Richmond Enquirer contains strong articles against the policy of impressing grain and provisions, and in favor of the strictest observance of all laws for the protection of the rights of the citizens against arbitrary military orders.

The Charleston Courier of the 14th instant says: "General Lovell is about to be tried by court-martial for his alleged misconduct at New Orleans."

The Savannah News says there are 131 Federal vessels at Hilton Head; three iron-clads, thirteen gunboats and 120 transports. Averaging their entire fleet, transports, and all at 300 men each, the force amounts to 40,000 men.

Gen. Pillow stated in a speech in Alabama that Gen. Sherman recently wrote to him, offering to return to him all his slaves, if he would abandon the Confederate service.

Surgeon Davis, Lieut. Horner and private Price were killed in the late fight between Col. Fitzhugh Lee and the Federal cavalry near Falmouth.

Some 250 bales of cotton at Pontchartrain have been burned, under the impression that it was about to be shipped to New Orleans.

At a meeting of the bar at New Orleans a report was made that Gen. Shepley had intimated that the Supreme Court would soon be completely reorganized for Louisiana.

The seat of government for Louisiana has been removed to Shreveport. The regular session of the Legislature has been changed to the first Monday of May next.

Mrs. Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis, had left Richmond for Montgomery, where her mother is lying very ill.

At the late municipal election in Fredericksburg when Mayor Slaughter was again successful, the following were also elected: W. A. Little, recorder, and L. J. Huffman, H. B. Hall George W. Eve, Dr. J. G. Wallace, John F. Scott, James H. Bradley, J. G. Hurkamp, D. H. Gordon, John M. Herndon, John A. English and Jas. McGuire common councilmen. Daniel G. Reid, esq., an old citizen, is dead. A great religious revival prevails. The meetings go on as often as thrice a day. The Rev. Drs. W. S. Hoge and J. Lansing Barrows have been preaching to crowded houses.

The Judges of the new Court of the District of Columbia, have required practitioners in that Court to take the oath of allegiance.

Gold continues to decline in New York.—Yesterday it was 151½.

It is stated that the French transport Seine was about to sail for New York to take on board half a dozen horses intended for the use of the Emperor. This will make the fourth batch of riding horses from this country that his Majesty has purchased. It seems that he prefers for his personal use animals of the American breed, and now keeps his stud continually renewed from it.