

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 3.

THE MARKET.—Beef and mutton 20 cts. and pork 15 cts. a pound, quality medium. Some of the butchers in market have suggested the idea of closing their stalls for the present until the price of cattle and sheep comes down, but the suggestion does not seem to meet with favor. The advance in prices has very sensibly limited the demand for meat, and fish and poultry are in better request. Shad are selling at 75 cts. @ \$1 a pair; Herring 37½ @ 40 cts. a dozen; white perch and rock (two of the latter on a bunch), 35 cts. a bunch. Turkeys, \$2 50 a piece, and chickens \$1 25 @ \$1 50 a pair.

This day, being Good Friday, was observed with solemn religious services in the Catholic and Episcopal churches in this place, and by christians of those denominations as a day of fasting and prayer.

We had charming spring weather, to-day—how long it is to last is very uncertain; but the morning opened clear, bright and balmy.

The depot of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, at the upper end of Duke street, which is now, also, the depot of the railroad to Washington, and under military authority, presents a lively appearance. The buildings have all been extended and improved, and new tracks laid all over the square.

It is said that Hugh Latham, of this place, who has been absent since the war commenced, has returned to Washington, and been arrested in that city, and sent to the Old Capitol prison.

Some citizens in Washington have presented "Chas. V. Hogan who has been appointed Chief Detective of the Treasury Department, a beautiful gold shield, in appreciation of his services as a detective officer, and his conduct as a gentleman."

The Washington Chronicle in an article on Lord Lyons's dispatch to Earl Russell, says:—"We Americans of the North and West tell the world that we are twenty-one millions in number, that our resources of wealth and of men are as yet untouched, and that if a thirty years war is necessary to establish the Republic of the U. S. so help us God, it shall be established. And ware all interference!"

There is a decline in the prices of coal, and oak and pine wood, in the Baltimore market.

The house of Mr. Muller in Philadelphia, was entered during his absence on Wednesday, his wife seized and gagged by robbers, and a large sum of money and valuables stolen.

Chas. H. Upton and Lewis McKenzie are announced as candidates for Congress, from the Seventh District of Virginia, as recently formed by the Legislature at Wheeling.

The reported capture of the Jane Morley, alias Le Fou Avril on the lower Potomac, with contraband goods, &c., turns out to have been a 1st of April hoax, perpetrated in Washington.

Hereafter the last steamboat for the day between Washington and Alexandria is to leave at 6 o'clock, p. m.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

LEFT WING ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, }
Thursday, March 26th 1863. }

The Washington authorities, who state the Confederate army is falling back from the Rappahannock to the defences of Richmond, have been misinformed. On the contrary, the Confederates are hurrying forward reinforcements rapidly, under the impression that a second attack is to be made near Fredericksburg. This I know to be true. An editorial on the situation, which appears in the Richmond Examiner of the 18th, contains the following significant sentence:

"The plan of the Federals, so far as developed, seems to be an engagement with the Confederates on the old ground near Fredericksburg, while a large army passes the Rappahannock far higher, and keeping the uplands on this side of the stream, come down on Gen. Lee's rear."

All indications go to show that the Richmond editor gives expression, in the above sentence, to the opinion entertained by the Confederate commanders. They have, it is true, withdrawn their forces from around Fredericksburg, but merely to move them up the stream, in order to be prepared for such a movement on our part as is here contemplated. A strong force has been posted near United States Ford, consisting of infantry, cavalry, and artillery. Another formidable force has been located at Raccoon's Ford on the Rappahannock. Anderson and Wilcox's divisions have been moved up, and now lie opposite Bank's and United States Fords.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee has been stationed near Culpeper with 2,000 picked cavalry, ready to move at a moment's notice.

It is said that, this fishing season, there has been in the Potomac a strong under current, which has made hauling the seine more difficult than usual. The catch, so far, of shad and herring, has been small.

Gold, in New York, yesterday, 154½—gold is having its ups and downs constantly.

The Recent fight at Dranesville.

The Washington Chronicle states that on Wednesday a severe skirmish took place near Dranesville, between a party of the First Vermont cavalry and about sixty of Moseby's cavalry, in which Moseby was badly wounded by a saber cut in the forehead. The particulars, are meager: "The attacking party were the Federal cavalry, who started on an expedition to capture Moseby's command, which were collected at a point a few miles beyond Dranesville. The attacking party instead of flanking the Confederates and cutting off their retreat, dashed at their front and dispersed them temporarily. They soon rallied, however, and poured into a most destructive fire, killing two of the Federal officers (Captain Swift and Lieutenant Grant, First Vermont) and seven men, besides wounding a number."—Moseby, who at the time of the attack, was in a farm house near the scene of conflict, received a severe saber cut in his head. Gen. Stahl has sent out a strong force.

Detachments of the First and Fourth Louisiana Regiments (colored) arrived a few days ago at Baton Rouge, from New Orleans. Their presence created much feeling among the white troops, and they were at once sent to throw up entrenchments outside the city, to prevent a raid on it.

Chicago packed 970,264 hogs during the last season; Cincinnati only 265,582. Chicago now claims to take the lead as the greatest lumber, pork, beef, and grain market in the world.

POSTSCRIPT.

THE WAR ON THE MISSISSIPPI.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—Some additional particulars of the destruction of the ram Lancaster, in the attempt to run the Vicksburg batteries, have been received, but they contain but little that is new. The officers remained at their posts till she began to sink. The ram Switzerland is reported again ready for service.

There is no news direct from Vicksburg.

The reports from Memphis are conflicting.

The Argus states that the Sunflower expedition is a failure, and that the troops return to Young's Point. The Bulletin says that General Sherman is in possession of Haines' Bluff.

WAR IN THE KANAWHA VALLEY.

CINCINNATI, April 2.—On Monday last, the 25th of March, Jenkins' Confederate cavalry dashed into Point Pleasant, Va., at the mouth of the Kanawha, gained possession of the court house, fired seven houses, plundered others, and burned several thousand bushels of Government corn. Volunteer aid arrived from Gallipolis, Ohio, and the Confederates were driven out with a loss of five killed and thirteen taken prisoners to Gallipolis. They were refused a parole. Telegraphic communication is cut off along the Kanawha, from Charleston to Point Pleasant.

The Government steamer Victor No. 2 was fired into at Hall's Landing, forty miles above Buffalo, on the Kanawha. One man was killed, while the boat was completely riddled by the fire of musketry. The Victor No. 2 and Gen. Meigs finally succeeded in reaching Gallipolis.

The Victor and B. C. Levi are still up the Kanawha, it being rumored that they are captured by the Confederates.

Parties in Washington, who are now engaged in the banking business, have proposed to the U. S. Treasury to establish a bank in that city under the government banking act. The capital is to be one hundred thousand dollars, which they will deposit in government bonds, and draw for the same ninety thousand dollars in currency.

Thos. S. Campbell, of this city, a Confederate soldier, was recently captured by the Federal troops, and is now confined in the Old Capitol prison Washington.

Truman Henry Safford, known while a boy by the exhibition of what may be termed intuitive computing powers of a very extraordinary character, has been appointed Assistant Professor of Astronomy at Harvard University.

The N. Y. World says:—"In a steamer which will leave this city next Saturday some officers of the government, some iron-clad ship builders, and some influential citizens who know what's going on behind the scenes, will take passage to witness 'the great naval fight' which is going to come off on the South Atlantic station. They feel certain it will take place next week."

James L. Marders was arrested, day before yesterday, near Dranesville, on suspicion of being a spy. He was recognized by a man, who, when a prisoner, had seen him in one of General Stuart's cavalry regiments. He was sent to the Old Capitol prison.