

The Alexandria Gazette

SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 9.

THE MARKET, this morning, was tolerably supplied—and there was a large attendance of buyers. Fresh meats, are as quoted last Saturday—veal, best cuts, 15 cts. per lb.—beef, best pieces, 20 cts. per lb. Shad 25@30 cts. per pair. Vegetables are making their appearance in larger quantities—lettuce, asparagus, sprouts, &c—prices are very high. Butter (fresh) 30@35 cts. per lb. Eggs 23@25 cts. per dozen.—The prices of poultry are high; offered at what are called contractors profits.

J. T. Close having been appointed by the President of the U. S., U. S. Marshal for the district of Virginia, has resigned his position as Senator.

Among the wounded in one of the late battles near Fredericksburg, was Col. Gregory of Pennsylvania, formerly stationed in this place.

We had by this morning's mail, no further intelligence of Army movements, since the recrossing of the Rappahannock, by the Army of the Potomac. The Baltimore American says:—"What the future presents in this connection it is hard to divine now. The possibility is that Gen. Hooker—reinforced, and with his confidence in the fighting qualities of his troops no way impaired—may at no distant day try his fortunes again. At any rate, this seems the direct alternative if the "spring campaign" is to give us any great results."

Gov. Seymour, of N. Y., has vetoed the Broadway Railroad bill.

The weather cleared up, this morning, and the sun shone out;—the first clear day since Monday last.

The town continues to be very quiet and orderly—and a disturbance of the peace hardly ever occurs on the streets or elsewhere.

The Confederate cavalry force, under Gen. Jones, are still operating in Western Virginia. On Thursday they appeared on the line of the Northwestern Virginia railroad, and occupied the station at West Union, 50 miles from Parkersburg, and at last accounts were threatening that place, being only 30 miles distant therefrom. Three bridges between West Union and Parkersburg were destroyed. The military authorities, however, have no apprehensions of an attack on Parkersburg, as a considerable number of troops are there, besides two gunboats in the river. It is reported that a body of the Confederates were in the vicinity of Charleston, in Kanawha county.

Admiral Porter, in an official despatch to the U. S. Navy Department, gives the details of the capture of the Confederate fortifications at Grand Gulf. He says the "navy now holds the door to Vicksburg." He represents the works captured as of the most extensive kind, and well planned. They were all torn to pieces by the fire from the gunboats. A number of guns and a quantity of ammunition were taken. There were no Confederate prisoners taken, as they had abandoned the works.

Solomon Rehnstam was arrested in N. Y. yesterday, on the charge of defrauding the government of over \$100,000. It will be remembered that he purchased certificates of claims on the subsistence department to a heavy amount.

It is said that among the forces captured by Gen. Stoneman in the vicinity of Richmond, was a battalion of the Richmond City Guard, an organization for home duty. They had been on a reconnoissance.

The Planter's Advocate of Prince George's County, Md., gives an account of the affair which occurred in the neighborhood of Oxen Hill, on Sunday last between Mr. John Taylor, gardener, of Alexandria, Va., and Samuel Kidwell, heretofore noticed in the Gazette, and states that Mr. Taylor died the next day.—Mr. T. was not dead yesterday, though he was then in extreme danger. Kidwell has been arrested and is in jail, at Marlboro'.

Information has been received at the U. S. War Department stating that arrangements have been made for the return of the wounded of Gen. Hooker's army that fell into the hands of the Confederates. They are now in houses near Chancellorville. Medical supplies and attendants have been sent to them, and as soon as the river is fordable they will be brought to Gen. Hooker's camps, and they will be forwarded to the Washington hospitals, or to their homes.

On Thursday afternoon 1,172 of the prisoners captured in the late engagement near Chancellorville, who were at the Soldiers' Rest, Washington, were sent off in a special train to Fort Delaware. There are a small number still remaining at the Rest, among whom are sixty-five who yesterday took the oath of allegiance.

The steamer which arrived at Baltimore on Thursday from Fortress Monroe, brought up 130 deserters, said to be from Longstreet's division. They have all taken the oath of allegiance. Seventy-five Confederate soldiers from Western Virginia also took the oath.

Lt. Col. Martindale, a brother of Gen. Martindale, Military Governor of Washington, is reported to be among the killed in the late engagements.

The Commissioner for the Exchange of Prisoners has completed the exchange of all officers and enlisted men delivered at City Point up to the 6th; all officers on parole up to April 1 wherever captured, and all enlisted men taken in North Carolina and Virginia and on parole up to March 1. General Willich and General Stoughton are among the latest releases.

President Lincoln has approved the sentence of death upon two men convicted of recruiting for the Confederate army in Kentucky, and they are to be executed on the 15th inst.

The markets at Georgetown are dull. The high waters from the continued rains affect both the canal trade and fisheries injuriously.

The Convention in Western Virginia which met at Parkersburg on the 5th to nominate officers for the new State, adjourned yesterday, having nominated for Governor A. J. Boreman, of Parkersburg; Secretary of State, J. E. Boyer of Middletown; Treasurer, Campbell Tarr, of Brooke County; State Auditors, Samuel Crane, of Wheeling, Judge R. L. Berkshire, of Morgantown, William A. Harrison, of Clarksburg, and James H. Brown, of Kanawha; Attorney General, A. B. Caldwell, of Wheeling.

A mob of sixty disguised men broke into the jail at Vallejo, California, on the 7th inst., and killed a prisoner, who, a few hours previously, shot and dangerously wounded a citizen of that town who had given no provocation.

Why Gen. Hooker crossed the River.

[Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Friday May—6 P. M.—Among the reasons assigned in well informed quarters for the retrograde movement are:—

First. The flight of the Eleventh Corps, which rendered General Sickles' movement nugatory and forced the army out of the carefully selected field of battle which General Hooker referred to in his General Order of April 30th, and compelled it to receive the enemy's attack among densely wooded hills, where it was impossible to bring all or nearly all our troops into action.

Second. The rising of the Rappahannock, in consequence of the storm, which was likely to endanger the line of communications between the army and its supplies, particularly as the railroad communication with Aquia Creek having been destroyed by the floods for twelve hours, at Brooks' Station.

Third. Ignorance of the success of General Stoneman's expedition, from which General Hooker did not hear until he had recrossed.

General Sigel has been ordered to the Army of the Rappahannock, and, it is supposed, will be assigned to a command, including his old corps (the Eleventh.)

Letter from Wheeling.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

WHEELING, VA., May 6.—This city is now under martial law. All the coffee-houses, bar-rooms and saloons have been closed by order of Major Joseph Darr, jr., the Military Commandant and Provost Marshal, and no idlers, of either sex or age, are permitted in the streets after ten o'clock in the evening. The city is remarkably quiet. All the public stores and depositories are guarded by the Provost Guard and citizen patrols.

The Fifth Regiment of Wheeling Militia was called out on Monday, pursuant to orders from Governor Pierpont, who is now in the city.—The response was very prompt. Every man was required to provide his own blanket, and such arms and ammunition as he could procure.

They left the same evening for Fairmount, on the line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, guarding the property of the railroad company. Yesterday preparations were being made to advance to Clarksburg, with a view of giving battle to the Confederate guerrillas, who have retreated in that direction.

MARRIED.

On the 7th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Wall, Mr. THOMAS B. WARING, to Miss MARGARET A. HUMPHRIES, both of Alexandria.

DIED.

At Bladensburg, Md., on the morning of the 1st inst., Dr. ARCHIBALD S. MAGRUDER, after a painful illness of two months, for many years a resident of that village.

At his residence near Accokeek, in Prince George's County, Md., on Friday, the 24th ult., JOHN H. CLAGETT, esq., aged 48 years.—The deceased was long one of the most prominent and useful citizens in the community in which he lived.

Suddenly, at the residence of his father, near Marlboro', on Tuesday afternoon last, of congestion of the brain, WILLIAM ADAMS, eldest son of J. Douglas Adams, aged about 17 years.

On the 21st ultimo, at his late residence, in Prince George's County, Md., Dr. JOHN E. BERRY, in the 73d year of his age.

In Washington, on 8th instant, JNO. S. SESS-FORD, aged 33 years.

In Georgetown, on Friday, the 8th instant, in the 21st year of her age, SADIE, wife of John W. Magruder, U. S. Army.

MR. LEANDER MAKELY, of Fairfax, is respectfully announced as a candidate for a seat in the next House of Representatives, from the 7th Congressional District. Mr. M. is a gentleman fully qualified for the position, and will, if elected, make an influential and useful member. The voters of the District are requested to give him their support.

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