

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 16.

The stirring and important incidents of the war, at this time, engross more than ever, attention, and but little else of a public nature is thought of or talked about. The excitement in all directions seems to be great, owing to recent events in the West, and in the adjacent country.

In his charge to the Grand Jury in Washington, on yesterday, Judge Fisher remarked upon the necessity of purging the city of the evil inflicting it through bawdy-houses and gambling hells, of which it was not designed a few only should receive attention in the outset, but that the duty should be continuously pursued, of giving them such attention as would finally rid the community of their presence.

One of the night watchmen at the depot of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad, named Fisher, from New York, was killed, yesterday afternoon, about 6 o'clock, by being run over by a car. He was on the car and fell off, when the wheels passed over his breast and arms, horribly mangling him and causing death instantly.

Several Confederate prisoners, captured by the Federal forces, near Centreville, were brought through here yesterday afternoon, on their way to Washington. Among them were Capt. Wm. Foster, of Fauquier, and Frank Stringfellow, of Culpeper.

The prices in market, for vegetables, especially, this morning, were generally complained of, as unreasonable. It is probable, means will be taken to furnish additional supplies at lower rates.

We have frequent calls for back numbers of the Gazette. It is easy to keep a file of the paper, by placing the numbers between two boards.

Capt. Thomas Towson, of Stafford County, formerly a resident of this place, was killed in the late battle at Beverley's Ford.

There is no appearance of yellow fever yet at Havana, though the weather, at last reports, was very warm.

The police in Washington have recently arrested a number of burglars and thieves in that city.

Mr. Vallandigham is reported to be in Wilmington, N. C.

A terrible hail storm occurred near Canton, Illinois, last week, doing much damage.

We are gratified to learn that, so far, this summer, the general health of this place is good.

The late rains have very much improved the gardens in the neighborhood of this place.

In Covington Kentucky, some days since two men, named John Swain and Peter Finley, had a quarrel about a quarter of a dollar which Finley had received for some small service, the dispute finally resulting in the murder of Finley by Swain, who immediately escaped into Ohio, but was subsequently arrested.

WAR NEWS.

The Washington Chronicle says:—"The whereabouts of the main army of Hooker cannot be definitely stated. The line of the Rappahannock has been abandoned, but the railroad from Falmouth to Aquia Creek is not destroyed, nor has any property been sacrificed, except such as it would not be profitable to take away. Everything at the creek is still preserved, and is under the protection of the gunboats."

The Washington Star of yesterday says:—"It is reported in Washington to-day that three regiments of the Confederates were at Belle Plains, (on Potomac creek,) this morning. They had, however, not made any movement upon Aquia Creek."

"Gen. Hooker has made his change of position without the slightest loss in men or material (of value,) and the only burning that has taken place has been that of useless rubbish, such as always happens when an army changes its camping ground. A considerable proportion of the rolling stock, supplies, &c., reported burned at Aquia Creek, has arrived at Alexandria per barge, and it is quite certain that if it should not be thought advisable to hold the Aquia Creek station, (which we can easily do if having any military value,) all other articles remaining there can be removed at leisure. The approach of a wagon train, headed by cavalry, at Aquia Creek, yesterday, created the unfounded alarm there of the approach of the enemy.

A force of the Confederates was reported by scouts to be at Potomac Creek, and a visit from this body was anticipated at Aquia, but they did not make their appearance, and if at all at Potomac Creek must have been in inconsiderable numbers.

The 6th Army Corps, (Sedgwick's) which has been on the south side of the Rappahannock, recrossed without loss.

It can be said further that Hooker's movement has been the direct opposite of a retreat, and that his purpose is evidently to follow Lee up as closely as possible, with an eye at the same time, to fully maintaining the defences of Washington."

The National Intelligencer says:—"It seems that Gen. Lee, profiting by the late inactivity of Gen. Hooker, has planned operations of a formidable nature, and already put his plans so far in execution as to lay the commander of the Army of the Potomac under the necessity of hastily breaking up his camp at Falmouth, and taking new positions to meet this demonstration of the enemy. We have not learned, as is rumored, that in abandoning the line of advance on Richmond, via Fredericksburg, (which it is known was originally marked out by Gen. Halleck for Gen. McClellan, in removing the Army of the Potomac from Harrison's Landing on the James River,) Gen. Hooker deemed it necessary to burn the buildings erected at Aquia creek and elsewhere on the line selected for the forward movement by this overland route."

St. Paul's Cathedral, in London, is to be completed and adorned in the most gorgeous style.

The Louisville Journal of the 10th says:—"General Grant is largely reinforced and troops are still being hurried to his assistance. The movements through our city for the past ten days, by land and water, have been very active."

Mrs. Holmead, wife of Rev. Mr. Holmead, of Washington, was severely injured on Sunday, by a fall. Mr. H. himself was injured by a fall only a few weeks ago.

Hon. Josiah Quincy is now in Boston in his ninety-second year, with intellect still clear and unclouded.

Lord Lyndhurst a Boston boy, but now a member of the British House of Lords and of the Privy Council of England, was ninety-one years of age in May."

SOUTHERN NEWS.

The English and Austrian Consuls, George Moore and R. Vans, arrived on the New York having been ordered out of the Confederate States.

It has been arranged between Colonel Ludlow, the U. S. commissioner for exchange of prisoners, and Robert Oulds, the Confederate commissioner, that surgeons shall not be treated as prisoners of war.

No exchange of officers can be at present made. A number of U. S. officers are held under charges intended to bring them under the operation of the act in relation to officers taken in command of or in company with armed negroes. Col. Ludlow will not, by making any special exchanges of officers, acknowledge the right to discriminate by detaining some officers and releasing others. He insists that all shall be released under the cartel.

The Richmond papers of Saturday, 13th inst., contain the following:

"At the cavalry fight near Kelley's Ford, on the Rappahannock, on the 9th inst., Brig. Gen. E. Lee, son of Major Gen. Lee, was very severely wounded; Capt. Farley, of Stuart's Cavalry, staff, killed; Col. Williams, of the Second North Carolina volunteers, killed; Col. Frank Hampton, killed; Col. Butler, of South Carolina, leg shot off; Capt. Jones, of Lee's Cavalry, was killed. The battle was one of the most severely contested of the war."

"Our losses at Culpeper on Tuesday are heavy, and among them some of our best officers. Our casualties are 50 killed, 200 wounded and 500 prisoners. Among the killed is Gen. Wright."

"FREDERICKSBURG, June 12.—The enemy have now held their position on this side the river one week, and nothing has been done in the nature of fighting, if we except one or two artillery duels and the daily picket firing."

"The State's prison and city jail are so completely jammed with all sorts of prisoners and criminals that the mayor is at a loss what to do with them."

"There are now detained in the Libby prison 135 Yankee officers, 95 of whom were captured near Rome, Georgia. They are detained together with citizen prisoners until the U. S. government comes to terms on the issue pending between the commissioners."

From Richmond papers it appears that there was considerable excitement in that city on Friday last, caused by a report that the Federal forces were advancing on the Peninsula. Between three and four thousand are said to have been encamped at Barhamsville, in New Kent county, on Thursday night. Federal gunboats were also reported in the James and Chickahominy rivers. The Confederate troops fell back towards Richmond.

It is said Gov. Pierpoint will make Alexandria city his place of residence in a few days, and proclaim it the seat of the State Government.

The award of the privilege of selling newspapers in the Army of the Potomac has been made to Mr. Lamb, of New York, who pays eighteen hundred dollars a month for the right to sell to newsboys at a fixed advance upon New York prices.

The Duke of Chartres, second son of the late Duke of Orleans, is about to marry his cousin, the daughter of the Prince de Joinville.

The Prince of Wales has been elected a patron of the Norfolk Agricultural Society; and also of the National Dramatic College. The Prince of Wales attends the Royal Agricultural Society meeting at Worcester, in July.

DIED.

At his residence, in Annapolis, on the 13th instant, GEORGE LEE MAGRUDER, in the 63d year of his age. The deceased was a native of Prince George's county, where he spent his early life, esteemed and respected as a pious and useful christian.