

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 22.

INQUEST.—An inquest, was held yesterday morning, by W. L. Penn, Acting Coroner, on the body of Nicholas Dunn, found floating in the River opposite this place. After an examination, the jury rendered a verdict of accidental drowning. Dunn was from the city of New York and came around to this place in a barge with provisions for the U. S. government, and fell overboard on Friday night and was drowned.

LICENCES.—We mentioned in Saturday's Gazette that upwards of 300 business licenses had been issued by the Commissioner of the Revenue for this place. We are informed that the number issued up to this time exceeds 400—none for the sale of liquor.

Yesterday was the longest day of the year; the sun rose at 4 o'clock 35 minutes and set at 7 o'clock 26 minutes, making the day 14 hours and 52 minutes long. To-day the sun will begin to approach the equator and continue that course until the autumnal equinox, when it will again recede until the 21st day of December, the shortest day of the year.

The Baltimore letter of the Philadelphia Inquirer says that "Col. George P. Kane, formerly chief Marshal of the Baltimore Police department, has escaped from that city and gone South."

An accident occurred on the Northern Central R. R. on Friday last, in Dauphin county, Pa., by which six persons were killed, and a number severely wounded.

There are hundreds of rumors afloat relative to reported fighting on the lines west of this place, on yesterday.

The reports about Confederate batteries at Mathias Point, Cockpit Point, &c., on the Potomac, are all contradicted.

The wheat harvest—but very little land in this neighborhood being under cultivation—will commence in a few days.

All the negroes in jail in Montgomery county, Md., made their escape last Friday night.

A singular disposition was made of the latest case in connection with the attempt to recover fugitive slaves in Washington, by the action of Police Justice Bates. It appears that Ignatius Gardner and T. E. Berry, of Maryland, from each of whom a colored man had run off, taking between them three horses, had procured their arrest on the charge of stealing the horses. The case being brought before Bates, he referred the matter to the provost marshal, sending the slaves and horses both to the office of the latter. The result was that the provost marshal, Capt. Todd, dispatched the fugitives to the contraband camp, but restored the horses to Mr. Gardner on his subscribing to the oath of allegiance.—The owners of the slaves had provided themselves previously with writs issued by Commissioner Walter S. Cox, for the apprehension of the colored men as fugitives from labor.

A number of counterfeit fifty ct. notes, U. S. postal currency, have recently been put in circulation in Philadelphia.

VICKSBURG.

The fate of Vicksburg, we have reason to believe, is at length on the point of being sealed. Very late intelligence was received on Saturday evening last from Gen. Grant's headquarters, warranting the anticipation, we understand, that by this day or to-morrow the reduction and capture of the stronghold of Vicksburg, so bravely and ably and perseveringly attacked, and so long and heroically defended, will have been accomplished.—[Nat. Int.

A MOVEMENT IN FRONT.

We presume there is no impropriety in mentioning, that a large cavalry and artillery force under Gen. Pleasonton advanced yesterday afternoon at two o'clock, from the vicinity of Centreville, with a view to a close reconnoissance of or conflict with the Confederates.—[Nat. Int.

COL. D'UTASSY IN PRISON.—The Sing Sing Republican, announcing the arrival of Col. D'Utassy at the prison in that place says:

"When he was assigned to a shop he asked his keeper to allow him to go alone from the shop to the mess-room, remarking that he deemed it too degrading for him, having been a Col. and an Acting Brigadier General in the U. S. service, to march with common convicts. In answer the keeper simply remarked, 'Captains, Colonels and Brigadiers are all alike here; all reduced to the ranks.' When he incidentally mentioned that he had had a university education, and was master of eleven different languages, the keeper replied, 'One language is all we have here, and we want very little of that.'"

The aeronautic corps of the Army of the Potomac has been dispensed with, and the balloons and inflating apparatus have been sent to Washington.

On Friday afternoon a terrific storm of hail, rain and wind passed over Pittsburg, Pa., and vicinity, doing much damage to the crops.—The hailstones were as large as cherries.

The British Ministry have ordered an inquiry into the subject of enlisting recruits in Ireland, for the Federal service.

Thirteen hundred applications for commands in the new negro regiments have been received. Forty-eight applicants have received commissions, most of them as line officers. No colonel has yet been appointed.

The farmers of Iowa are complaining much about the severe drought in that State. It is said that everything is suffering for want of rain.

The committee appointed by the Ohio Democratic convention to wait upon the President and to ask him to restore Mr. Vallandigham to his home will meet at Columbus to-day, prepared to carry out their mission.

The proprietors of the Dayton (Ohio) Journal, whose printing office was lately sacked by a mob, are being reimbursed for their loss by a military assessment on the parties by whom the riot was instigated and directed.

With the return of the summer, comes the carnival of hotel keepers at the watering places, at the North, and this year they promise to be even more frequented than they were last. Saratoga and Newport in particular are likely to overflow. The new Upper Ten—the greenback nobility—will disport there in all the pride, and glory of their new found wealth.

RELIGIOUS.—The Sacrament of Confirmation was administered at St. Mary's Church, this morning, by the Most Rev. Dr. Kenrick, Archbishop of Baltimore. At 10 o'clock, the candidates, 84 in number; 35 males, and 49 females, proceeded in procession from St. Mary's Hall, to the church; the girls and young ladies elegantly attired in white muslin, with veils and wreaths of the same color, and occupied the front, centre pews, the rest of the church, including the aisles, being densely crowded, chiefly with ladies. The Archbishop, attended by the Rev. John Early, President of Georgetown College, and the Rev. John Barrister, Acting Pastor, immediately entered the chancel, and the Hymn "Veni Creator Spiritus" having been sung, delivered a brief exhortation to the candidates, among whom were about twenty adults, and six colored persons, and then proceeded to confirm them, as they advanced two by two, within the chancel. The ceremonies attending the confirmation were of a much less imposing character than on former occasions, the whole lasting only about three quarters of an hour; but they were admirably conducted, and of a very solemn and impressive character.

Erroneous Reports of Battles.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF POTOMAC, Sunday, June 21.—For the purpose of contradicting all erroneous reports and giving quiet to the public mind the following are authorized to be stated:—

There has been no engagement whatever up to this date involving any portion of General Hooker's army, except cavalry.

Cavalry skirmishes, fights and reconnoissances are taking place daily, with advantage uniformly with our forces. Two hundred prisoners have arrived at headquarters, taken within the last three days. The alarm existing at the North during the past few days is utterly without cause. No enemy is on or near the old Bull Run battle field, and the panic stricken report of the appearance of Hill's Confederate force, via Dumfries, is equally false.

MILITARY ORDER.

HQ'RS. MIDDLE DEP'T. 8TH ARMY CORPS, OFFICE PROVOST MARSHAL, BALTIMORE, June 21st, 1863.

An order was published in the evening edition of the "Republican," also in the "Sunday Telegram" of to-day, purporting to emanate from this office, in reference to the suppression of certain newspapers. No such order as thus published was issued. It is, perhaps, a misunderstanding, which is thus explained. I was directed by the Major General Commanding, to notify the editors of some of the city papers, "that no extracts from the 'New York World,' 'New York Express,' 'Caucasian,' 'Cincinnati Enquirer,' and 'Chicago Times,' would be permitted to be published in this Department," which was duly done, and from this fact the mistake must have occurred. I therefore, respectfully request, that this explanation be published.

WILLIAM S. FISH, Lieutenant Colonel and Provost Marshal.

The army and Medical Museum, at present in the office of the Surgeon General, in charge of Dr. Brinton, has become an extensive auxiliary to the Medical Department of the Army. At present there are about 1,000 surgical specimens, 150 medical specimens, and 300 specimens of missiles used in warfare.