

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, AUGUST 7.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS.—*"Multum in Parvo."*
 —Dr. J. C. Dorsey, an old and esteemed physician, died recently in Hagerstown, Md.—The draft in Georgetown, D. C., is to commence to-day.—The death of the late Wm. L. Yancey is announced in all the Southern papers; he died after an illness of four weeks; he had been one of the most prominent of the Southern politicians.—Counterfeit fifty dollar Treasury notes, altered from twos, well executed, are in circulation.—Gen. Rosseau of Ky., is on a visit to Washington.—Capt. S. S. Lee is in command of Fort Darling below Richmond.—The Baltimore & Ohio R. R., it is expected will be opened to-day or to-morrow for trade and travel.—The extreme heat is having its effect in an increased mortality in New York; some fifty or sixty persons have died in that city within the past few days from sun stroke.—Capt. Zarvona, (the "French Lady,") is in Nassau, and, it is said, will soon be in command of a Confederate cruiser.—Capt. Wise has gone North, to procure guns and ammunition for the siege of Charleston.—It is said that there are 20,000 singing birds sold in the city of New York every year.—The Richmond Enquirer argues that neither France nor England have any strong reasons, as yet, to be in a hurry with regard to the recognition of the South; but that they both will yet wait for their interests to be furthered.—Business was suspended yesterday in all the Northern cities, and the day was generally, very quiet.—The Washington Chronicle objects strongly to the recent letter from the Pope to Archbishop Hughes, in relation to the war in this country, and says, "it shows no sympathy with the Union cause, and its publication is not calculated to serve any good purposes."—The Philadelphia Journal represents that much mortality exists among the prisoners at Fort Delaware, and says that measures should be adopted to effect a change in the regulations there, generally.—Oysters in New Haven, Conn., fresh from the salt water, sell at \$1.20 per gallon.—The watermelons, generally, in this section this year are few in quantity and poor in quality.—The steamer Pacific supposed to be lost, is ascertained to be safe, and has sailed for St. Johns, N. B.—It is said in some of the newspapers that Gen. Morgan confined in the Ohio penitentiary, is subjected to all the regulations and discipline of the prison, as to shaving his head, &c.

A letter in the N. Y. Herald says that "Gen. Birney has taken possession of the celebrated Virginia summer resort, the Warrenton White Sulphur Springs, and proposes starting the season in good style. Last season it was made the scene of a contest, the result of which was the demolition of the main hotel. The cottage attachments and the grounds are yet in perfect order."

Thomas M. Green, of Aldie, Loudoun county, belonging to Maj. Moseby's command, was captured yesterday below Fairfax Court House, and brought to this place last night, and sent on to Washington. Matthew O'Brien, of Fairfax, was taken from his home yesterday, and brought to this place, but released in a few hours.

Mr. James Coyle residing in Fairfax county, about ten miles from this place, near Gooden's Tavern, was killed in his own house yesterday afternoon. A detachment of Federal soldiers who were scouting in the neighborhood, fired upon his house, several of the balls striking Mr. C. and causing his death instantly.

Gov. Curtin, of Pa., has been nominated for re-election, by the Union Convention at Pittsburg. Mr. Covode withdrew from the contest. The final vote was, for Curtin 93—for Moore 18—for Perry 14.

Hiram Brower formerly editor of the Fairfax County News, was arrested last week on his way from Gordonsville, by the Federal troops, and is now held as a prisoner in the county jail of this county.

Fourteen negro regiments and one battery of artillery are now organized; and twenty-four additional regiments are in the course of organization.

Business was entirely suspended here yesterday. Religious services were held in the Methodist Episcopal and Methodist Protestant churches.

The weather continues very warm. There was a fine rain, yesterday, in the lower counties on both sides of the river.

Vessels are being loaded with petroleum in the harbor of Cleveland, Ohio, to sail direct for Europe. Parties in that city are making arrangements to establish an "oil line" of vessels between Cleveland and Europe with a view to avoid the expenses and losses consequent upon transshipment on other routes.

The killed and wounded among the officers of Maryland infantry and cavalry battalions, in the battles of Gettysburg, especially the last day, were very numerous.

Hon. Jas. B. Clay, who, some months ago, left his home in Kentucky and went to the South, is now at Niagara Falls, on the Canada side, where he is said to be in the last stage of consumption.

Mr. James Britain, clerk for Mr. Sweetzer, contrived, while a prisoner in Moseby's hands, to send word to Gen. King of the raid. Gen. King immediately sent a portion of the Second Mass. cavalry, Colonel Lowell, to the scene, and they succeeded in recapturing all the sutlers whom Moseby had taken. Moseby got away with two hundred mules and a large number of loaded wagons.

A number of robberies have occurred in Washington within a few days past. Major McFarland, paymaster, was robbed of \$40,000 on Wednesday night at his rooms on Louisiana avenue. The money has been since recovered.

Governor Andrew of Massachusetts has issued an order directing the organization of active militia for State defence. The force will consist of one hundred and thirty companies of infantry, twelve companies of cavalry, and six batteries of artillery.

Counsellor Whiting's mission to England does not refer, as has been alleged by some papers, to the protest of the U. S. Government against the building of vessels of war for the Confederates, but simply to the discussion of the legal points likely to be raised in the settlement of the Pcterhoff case.

Certain restrictions on trade with portions of North Carolina have been taken off.

FROM EUROPE.

The steamship Hecla, from Liverpool, with dates to the 28th ultimo, has arrived.

The news of the late battles has reached England, and the effect was considered so favorable to the Union cause that the confederate loan declined eighteen and twenty per cent. A panic prevailed in that description of stock.

Mr. Laird publishes the anonymous correspondence between his firm and some persons in Washington and New York, to show that propositions were pending in 1851 with the Navy Department at Washington for his firm to construct vessels for the Federal navy. There is nothing, however, to show they were written by authority.

The British Parliament has been prorogued. The Queen's speech says the civil war in America continues, and inflicts much evil, not only on the contending parties, but on other nations, adding, "we see no reason to depart from our strict neutrality."

A CASE FOR A SOLOMON.—The Boston Traveller of Friday says: A case of an unusual character is before Judge Merrick, of the Supreme Court, to-day. One week ago a writ of habeas corpus was granted on the complaint of Mrs. Anna Louisa Hatfield, directing the production in court of William H. Cooper, a boy four years old, whom she claimed as her child by a former husband now deceased. Her present husband is at sea. The writ was given to Deputy Sheriff Sanborn, who found the child in the custody of Chas. Grace, in this city, who has recently held an important position in one of our naval vessels. Grace claims that the boy is his child by his wife, (now deceased,) who was a sister of Mrs. Hatfield. The boy has been in the custody of Mrs. H. until about ten days ago, when Mr. Grace got the child away without her consent. A grandmother of the child—the mother of Mrs. H. and the deceased Mrs. Grace—has recently died, bequeathing to the boy a large sum of money, (said to be \$20,000) and it is probable that the litigation is as much to obtain control of that as to decide the paternity of the child.

Here is a specimen of paradox that may amuse the young folks. There is one way in which 45 may be deducted from 45, and 45 will be the remainder. Look:

Put all the numerals down in reverse order. Then put them down underneath, in their right order, and subtract. The sum of all three of the lines will be the same, viz: 45.—

9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	—45
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	—45
8	4	4	1	9	7	5	3	2	—45

General Blair has made a speech in St. Louis, in which he declared himself in favor of the Emancipation ordinance of the late Missouri Convention. He vindicated Gov. Gamble. He gave all praise to Gen. Grant for planning the capture of Vicksburg, and for carrying it out successfully. He also expressed himself in favor of the draft in Missouri.

The Mobile News, of the 31st ult., in an editorial, says:—"Pemberton's conduct, in allowing his men to be paroled at Vicksburg, is being investigated."

Pierre Soule lately arrived South, from Europe, is not sanguine of mediation on the part of the Emperor of the French.

In Baltimore a number leading capitalists have it in contemplation to unite and establish a banking institution in Baltimore, as soon as proper arrangements can be made, upon the plan of Secretary Chase, adopted by Congress. Their capital will be based upon the Fifty-two United States Loan, which is to be purchased for that purpose.