

DESERTIONS.

[From the Washington Chronicle.]

In the earlier existence of the army of the Potomac desertion was carried to such an extent as of itself alone to reflect great discredit on its commander. Indeed, so far was it from being a disgrace that the Commander-in-chief was at length compelled to take the matter into his hands, and to offer an amnesty to all who would return to duty, by a given day, while threatening severe punishment to those who did not so respond. It is notorious that the amnesty did not so respond, and desertions have continued to be numerous. But punishments beyond the mere loss of pay for the time of absence have been few indeed, if any.

The evil consequence of this super-leniency is now becoming sadly apparent. We suppose that more than half the men who offer themselves as substitutes, are deserters from the army; and it is a fair presumption that one of these intends to perform his duty. He is the best likely of any man to go to the front, because there he would be almost sure of being recognized as a defaulter. It may be taken for granted that he nearly intends to get his furlough, and availing himself of his past experience, to desert again at the first opportunity. It is high time an effectual stoppage was put to this species of fraud. Without some curative measure, the armies in the field cannot be recruited to the extent needed. The draft, even without any unlawful evasion of the law, will scarcely bring the number of men originally calculated upon, so numerous are the exemptions legally allowed. This wholesale desertion by substitutes must therefore be arrested, and we are glad to see that General Meade has determined to do his duty in the premises, and make example of these cheats and cowards by shooting three of them. But a like justice—for it is justice only, and not severity—must be persisted in if the evil is to be really cured.

There have been indications of rain to-day, and a very slight shower or two fell this morning. Rain is very much wanted.

In an editorial on the subject of Mexico, the London Times says:—"The seating of an European prince on an American throne, under the protection of French bayonets, is an event, the importance of which will become more and more conspicuous. Other matters, which fill at present a large space in the world's sight, are but ten porry; but the Austrian throne and the French army of occupation will be permanent elements in the politics of both hemispheres."

[COMMUNICATED.]

It is suggested that if some regulation were adopted, compelling the citizens to clean out the gutters before their doors, every day, and thus preventing the accumulation of stagnant water &c., it would contribute much to the general health, and be the cause of removing noisome smells in hot weather. N.

MARRIED.

On August 18th, at Vienna, Montgomery county, Maryland, by the Rev. Robt. Prout, GEORGE G. BRADLEY, of Howard county, to LAURA, daughter of the late John Gassaway.

DIED.

In Washington, on the 22d instant, WILLIAM H. WERDEN, in the 23d year of his age.

STEAM TUG C. H. HASWELL FOR SALE.—The steam tug Chas. H. Haswell, is offered for sale cheap, for cash. Apply on board the steamer Young America, to the captain. aug 24—2w

FROM CHARLESTON.

WASHINGTON, August 25.—The following has been received here:

FORTRESS MONROE, VA., Aug. 25, 1863.
Hon. Edwin M. Stanton, Secretary of War:
[From the Richmond Sentinel, August 24.]

CHARLESTON, August 23.—On Saturday six hundred and four shots were fired at Sumter, of which four hundred and nineteen (419) struck inside and outside. The east wall is much scaled and battered in and the parapet undermined. The northwest wall, arches, &c., have fallen in, guns dismounted, and one private killed.

"On Sunday the land batteries opened from south to north and the monitors from east to west, coming close up. The fire was very damaging. The east wall was cracked and breached, and the shot swept through the fort. A shell burst, wounding Lieut. Boylston, Col. Rhett and three other officers. The fort is now in ruins.

"Col. Rhett is ordered to hold this outpost even as a forlorn hope, until relieved or taken.

"Col. Gaillard was killed on Sunday.

"Gen. Gilmore sent a communication at 11 o'clock on Sunday, giving notice that at 11 o'clock to-morrow he would open fire on Charleston." Very respectfully,

S. A. MEREDITH, Brig. General.

LATER.—NEW YORK, August 25.—The steam transports Cambria and America bring Morris Island dates to midnight of the 21st instant.

The bombardment of Fort Sumter still continues, and the South wall has been demolished almost to the base. Wagner, Gregg, and other batteries replied at short intervals.

An expedition was fitting out to silence the James' Island batteries, which have become annoying.

Several Confederate prisoners, taken during the past two weeks, up the country, were brought to this place to-day, and sent on to Washington. Among them were Willie Wright, formerly of this place, and Richard McVeigh, of Loudoun.

The convalescent camp, near Alexandria, now contains about 6,000 men—2,000 paroled prisoners, 3,000 convalescents, 800 conscripts, and about 200 deserters.

Francis Scott was executed at New Orleans on the 15th, for the murder of Major Bullen, of the Twentieth Maine Regiment, on the 5th July.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between Elias Tonnonholz and Jacob Goldstein, under the firm name of TONNONHOLZ and GOLDSTEIN, was dissolved, by mutual consent, on the 24th instant. The business will be conducted in future by the undersigned, at the old stand, No. 53 King street, who will settle up the business of the old firm. aug 25—3t E. TONNONHOLZ.

TWODWELLINGS FOR SALE.—The advertiser offers for sale, two comfortable DWELLINGS—one BRICK, one frame—situated at the lower end of Water street. For terms &c., apply at the Gazette office. jy 21—tf

KEEP COOL!

THE undersigned would inform his friends, and the public generally, that he is now prepared to furnish ICE AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, at the "old stand" No. 26, north Royal street, opposite the market.

F. G. SWAINE.

P. S.—Orders for large quantities of ICE left with me, will be promptly filled at most favorable terms. mh 27—tf

Intelligence from the Marine Battalion, now operating at Charleston, states that it arrived safely in the Arago, and, by reinforcements from the South Atlantic Squadron, has been increased to seven hundred of the best disciplined soldiers in the regular service. They are to support the Naval Battery of Captain Foxhall Parker on the extreme right during the bombardment, and in the assault will lead the storming columns. Major Zellin is chief in command.

The total wealth of Boston, as valued by the city assessors, is three hundred and two million five hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars.

EDUCATIONAL.

REV. C. C. BITTING will re-open school, on Sept. 15th, 1863. Apply at No. 9, Alfred st. above King. aug 15—dtf

THE duties of MISS ELLEN MARK'S SCHOOL will be resumed on TUESDAY, the 15th of SEPTEMBER. Particular attention will be given to the ELEMENTARY BRANCHES as the only sure base for future improvement. It is desirable that all the pupils as far as practicable, should be present at the opening of the school. Terms for Orthography, Reading, Geography, Grammar, Philosophy, History, Arithmetic and Algebra, from five to seven dollars per term of ten weeks. Music and French at Professor's charges.

The School is pleasantly situated on King street, No. 214, between Columbus and Alfred. aug 21—dtsept1&octoet10.

EXCURSION TO GLYMONT.

THE STEAMER YOUNG AMERICA, Capt. Talbot, will make an excursion to Glymont on Thursday next the 23rd inst., leaving the dock foot of King street, at 8 o'clock a. m., and returning about dark. A fine band of music will be in attendance, and everything done to make the excursion an agreeable affair. Tickets \$1 for sale at Stone's Book Store, City Hotel, Leadbeater's Drug Store. aug 21—dtf

DOG LOST.—A SMALL SCOTCH TERRIER, with very short legs, sheared to the shoulders, and odd looking, generally, was taken from the residence of the subscriber, on Tuesday night last. A reward of \$5 will be paid for its return or information that will lead to its recovery. JOHN McHUGH, 229 King Street. aug 21—3t*

THREE OR FOUR GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with good lodgings at 39 Alfred street, between Queen and Cameron. aug 24—3t*

MARK YOUR CLOTHING.

STENCIL PLATES, FOR MARKING CLOTHING, &c., with Indelible Ink, neatly cut in any style. Orders left at Stone's Book Store, No. 104 King St., where samples may be seen. aug 21—2w

EMPIRE HOUSE FOR SALE.

THIS large and commodious establishment, No. 230 King Street, is for sale. It contains 20 rooms. The lot is 25 feet by 100. For terms &c., apply to R. JOHNSTON. aug 15—6t.

DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS FOR RENT.—Five Lots, each 15½ feet front, by 100 feet deep. Located in the South end of Fairfax street. Apply at this office. aug 19—tf

BRICKS! BRICKS!! BRICKS!!! On hand a large number of excellent BRICKS, of various descriptions, which will be sold low for cash. EMANUEL FRANCIS. je 22—tf

F. G. SWAINE CHEAP FAMILY GROCERY, No. 26, North Royal street. A full supply of family groceries always on hand. jan 15

SPIRITS TURPENTINE. 2 BLS. just received and for sale by HENRY COOK, No. 39 King st. aug 14