

## The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, SEPT'R. 9.

Numerous shanties are going up rapidly on the vacant lots in the suburbs of the town.— Houses are in much demand. There are none scarcely unoccupied—though, in some instances, the tenants hold over, refusing to go out or to pay the landlords rent.

A soldier, yesterday, who snatched a portmanteau from a lady, coming out of Mr. Stewart's store on King street, was pursued, arrested, tried, convicted and sentenced to ten days imprisonment.

The sale of Confiscated real estate, in Washington, belonging to persons in the Confederate service, took place yesterday. The sale is only of the life estate.

On Tuesday night a disturbance occurred in Washington, in which Lieut. G. M. B. Branman was killed by a shot from a pistol.

Bahia dates to August 5th state that the U. S. gunboats Mohican and Onward were in port. No Confederate vessels have recently been heard from.

There continue to be accounts from Newbern, N. C., of reported Union movements and meetings in that state.

A fire occurred in Buffalo, N. York on the night of the 7th, which destroyed two elevators, and 250,000 bushels of grain in them. Loss \$430,000.

Two persons were arrested yesterday for assaulting and beating old colored persons.

The following extract from the letter of a private gentleman who lately fell in company with General McClellan in the country, will possess interest: "I saw to-day, for the first time, and had a long talk with Gen. McClellan, who lives near the friend with whom I am stopping. I was very favorably impressed by the frank and dignified bearing of the man.— He spoke to me freely of various persons, but always with respect, and, as I conceive, with justice. He has been put on retired pay, a sufficient proof that the Administration do not mean to employ him again."

A young woman named Annie Jones was sent in from the Army of the Potomac, and committed to the Old Capitol prison, Washington, on Tuesday. It is alleged that she had papers about her, containing the location and force of the Federal army. Since her commitment she eats nothing.

The New York World says:—"The administration is attaching more importance and giving more attention, to its political campaigns in the North, than to the military campaigns in the South."

C. C. Jamison, esq., President of the Bank of Baltimore, died yesterday, in the seventy second year of his age.

Joseph J. Stewart, of Baltimore county, has been appointed collector of interval revenue for the second collection district of Maryland, in the place of James L. Ridgely, removed.

Considerable excitement was caused at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday, in consequence of the tearing down of a Vallandigham flag by a cavalryman.

## FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer]

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—The Provost Marshal General has notified Gov. Tod, of Ohio, that the Assistant Provost Marshal General of that State has been ordered to prepare for the draft. The quota will be twelve thousand five hundred and thirty-two.

Advices from the Army of the Potomac report some sickness prevailing, owing to the inadequate supply of vegetables. Arrangements have been made to send an abundant supply forward immediately.

Funds to pay the armies on the frontier will be provided in a few days.

An order issued from the Second Comptroller's office, Treasury Department, regulates the mode of computing time in making payments to employees of the Government, to be observed in all payments made after October the 1st, 1863. It provides that in making calculations of the monthly pay of Government officers and employees, thirty days will be assumed as the length of each month in the year, without regard to the number of days the month may contain. Services rendered in February will be calculated as though that month contained thirty days. This rule does not apply to commutation of rations. In computing them, the actual number of days are to be ascertained and allowed.

Commander George A. Prentiss has been missing for some weeks past, and therefore the Navy Department is concerned for his safety.

In filling up the Signal Corps of the army now organizing under the law passed at the last session of Congress, one or two expert telegraphers are to be commissioned as lieutenants. These officers will have charge of the working of the light field telegraph lines, which are under the control of the Signal Corps, and which in battle or at sieges are run out and worked on the field or in the trenches under fire.

Advices from the steamer Vanderbilt are to July 24th, and not July 4th, as stated yesterday.

Gen. Rosecrans reports that the Federal loss in the recent movements in Tennessee is eighty-five killed, four hundred and sixty-two wounded and thirteen missing. The total number of prisoners taken was forty-nine commissioned officers and one thousand five hundred and seventy-five non-commissioned officers and privates.

The Paris correspondent of the London Star says:—"The Pope testifies his approval of the Mexican Government created by Marshal Forey. His Holiness is about to send an apostolical nuncio to congratulate the triumvirate on their happy deliverance from Juarez and all such free thinkers. The person destined to bear to these worthies the felicitations of Pius IX is Mgr. Vitellechi, Archbishop of Seleucia."

General Martindale, Military Governor of the District of Columbia, has left Washington for New York, on a thirty days' leave. Major Sherburne, Adjutant General on General Martindale's staff, is acting military governor.

According to a Port Royal correspondent, the thunder of the bombardment of Charleston was distinctly heard at Beaufort, a distance of fifty miles.

The yellow fever is raging at Havana considerably.

## A REMARKABLE PROCEEDING.

[Correspondence of the New York Tribune]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—From your correspondent with the Army of the Potomac have the following, dated

HEADQUARTERS, Sept. 8.—Col. R. C. Hill of the Confederate Army recently sent word across the Rappahannock, from Fredricksburg, that he would like to see an officer of the army. The wish being made known to General Custer, the general himself crossed. The motive of Colonel Hill's request was to make inquiries respecting General Gregg, with whom he was once a classmate and intimate friend.

General Custer received a note from Colonel Hill to General Gregg, which was forwarded. Colonel Hill remarked confidentially to General Custer, that peace was near at hand. This assertion was also voluntarily made by two officers in the boat which conveyed General Custer, and by others on shore. On being asked the reason of their supposition they would not communicate it, simply reiterating their opinion. Colonel Hill would not state what command he was connected with, but appeared to be a staff officer. At least 1,000 cavalry and infantry from the Confederate army thronged about the wharf as spectators when General Custer landed. His reception by the officers was exceedingly cordial.

Notwithstanding these anticipations of peace the Confederates expected another battle near Culpeper. They did not anticipate attacking but presumed that the Federals, strengthened by conscripts, would speedily assume the offensive.

General Lee is yet in Richmond. Great amicability exists between the Federal pickets and those of the Confederates. Yesterday about 100 men belonging to both armies bathed together in the Rappahannock.

FROM MEXICO.—Advices from Vera Cruz to the 15th ult., have been received at New York.

The occupation of Tampico, by the French, was effected by an expedition of seven vessels, one thousand infantry, and seventy cavalry, after some slight resistance. The city and port were occupied. Duhalde raised \$400,000 and with 4,000 men started westward to purchase arms and recruit men. Guadalajara is being fortified. General Arteaga, Comte Dubois, and Saligny are very ill. The French forces occupied Tlaxcalingo on the 18th ult., after some slight resistance. Miramon has given in his adhesion to the new order of things.

The whole number of prize vessels arrived at New York since the commencement of the war foots up 83, as follows: Thirteen steamers, 3 ships, 3 barks, 5 brigs, 59 schooners and sloops.

Saturday in Boston, there was an auction sale of several lots of land in Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, and Nebraska containing from 80 to 700 acres in each lot.— Prices ranged from 50 cents to \$5 per acre.

Mr. Bassel, one of the crew of the Florida, states that Captain Semmes, late of the Alabama, has taken command of the Mississippi, a new and formidable craft, carrying twenty-four guns—not the Georgia as has been stated.

INSTRUCTION ON THE PIANO AND MELODEON.—In addition to the usual English branches and others taught in MISS PARROTT'S SCHOOL, (180 Cameron street, which will be re-opened on Monday next, the 14th inst., a thorough knowledge of MUSIC on the above named instruments may be obtained. Pupils attended at their residence if preferred. Reference may be made to Mr. A. H. Slagmaker, Doctor R. H. Stabler, Leadbeater & Co., Mrs. Susan Smyth, &c. sep 9—t5

FOR RENT.—One FURNISHED ROOM on the first floor, to a gentleman and wife, without children, at 39 Alfred street, between Queen and Cameron. sep 7—3t