

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 8.

The West Virginia Legislature for some weeks past has had under consideration, and finally passed on Wednesday last, a preamble and resolution in relation to the navigation of the Ohio. The Legislature request their Senators and Representatives in Congress to endeavor to obtain from that body the early passage of an act providing for the adequate and permanent improvement of the navigation of the Ohio river, with an appropriation of funds sufficient for the purpose; and also request the Legislatures of other States interested to co-operate in effecting the object indicated.

At the recent session of the Circuit Court of Peoria, Ill., two divorces were granted. In one instance the petitioner had a marriage license in his pocket before the decree was granted, and immediately upon obtaining it was married again the same night. It was one of those cases where a man was not "off with the old love before he was on with the new."

The Washington Union states that there is a rumor in Washington that Judge Cartter will resign his position on the bench of the United States Court for the District of Columbia, in order to accept an appointment of a Judgeship in Florida. Mr. Bingham, of Ohio, for many years past a member of Congress, is named as his successor in the event of the change.

Ex-Governor Thomas, of Maryland, in a speech he made at Rockville to the same meeting that was addressed by Mr. Blair, declared his firm conviction that if ever the issue came up between the preservation of the Union or the preservation of slavery, "the latter must go under." He denied that the Administration party was a political abolition party.

It is stated that some changes have been made in the location of the troops of the army of the Potomac, but nothing indicating immediate active operations has transpired.—Conscripts in large numbers are arriving.

Reports are received in Chicago from New Orleans that Gen. Franklin's corps was repulsed recently in an attack on the Confederates at Brashear City, La. Subsequently, however, reinforcements arrived, and the Confederates were defeated.

The residence of Mr. Buchanan, on Washington street, near King, was entered on Monday night by a negro man, who succeeded in stealing a small sum of money, before the burglary was discovered, and the thief made his escape.

The New York Evening Post's Washington correspondent declares that his statement to the effect that another draft would soon be ordered was derived from the office of the provost-marshal general. It will be six weeks, however, before it is ordered.

It is thought, in Washington, that President Lincoln will fall in mainly with the requests of the delegations from Kansas and Missouri.

Small bunches of small rock fish were offered for sale in market, this morning, at 50 cts. per bunch!

Late advices from San Francisco bring the news that the Russian Pacific fleet were expected off the coast of California some time during the present month. This simultaneous movement of the great Russian fleets—one to the east Atlantic coast and the other to the west Pacific coast—shows that the Czar and his government had fully counted upon war with the western powers upon the subject of Poland. Rather than give up what they deemed their rights, they were willing to run the risk of another great war with the allied powers; but Alexander, wiser than Nicholas, determined that his fleets should not be shut up as they were during the Crimean war, but should be so placed that they could inflict no little damage upon the commerce of either France or England in the event of a war. We think this explanation is sufficient to account for the appearance of the Russian fleets in the eastern and western waters.

Speaking of some of the proceedings of the County Court, at this term, it is announced that it "it was substantially remarked by one of the Justices, in open Court, a few days ago, that the effete forms and the demagogues' interpretations of law which have so long swayed the Courts of this state, will no longer be allowed to clog the wheels of justice here."—And it is further said that "the most obstinate and foolishly sanguine sympathizers with secession and copperheadism will soon become convinced, by these and similar proceedings of the Court, that the only alternatives they will have are to be, either flight to their traitorous friends and abandonment of all their interests here, or entire submission to and open support of the lawful State and National governments."

PROCEEDINGS AT THE MAYOR'S OFFICE THIS MORNING.—James Archibold, charged with abusive language, fine \$3.50. Edward Pipenbring offering light bread for sale, fine \$6 and 82 pounds of the bread sent to the almshouse for the benefit of the poor.

Those of our subscribers, on the upper routes in town, who are not called on by the carriers, for their weekly dues, will oblige us by leaving the same at the Printing office.

The steamer Diamond, reported heretofore as captured, was brought up to Washington yesterday.

The Colored Odd Fellows' procession is to take place in Washington to-morrow.

There was rain last night and to-day.

One of the noblest and most charming of contemporary authors has just been lost to the literature of France—Count Alfred de Vigny, a poet of rare and graceful genius, and a prose writer at once affluent and exquisitely critical.

A singular incident occurred lately at the Circus at Ostend, when the Duchess de Brabant was present. The performance terminated by a stag-hunt, in which the animal, finding itself surrounded, made a desperate leap and alighted in the royal box at the feet of the duchess. It then jumped over the low partition, rushed down the grand staircase at the back of the box, gained the street, and has not since been heard of.

NOTICE.—The BREAD made at the Old Dominion Bakery, No. 149 Kingstreet, especially for families, is manufactured of the best family flour, and will be six cents a pound hereafter, until a decline in the price of flour.
oct 8—3t E. PIEPENBRING.

LATEST NEWS.

The Confederates in North Carolina are preparing by their movements, to resist an anticipated raid. Already the Home Guards nineteen counties have been called out.

A letter dated Pocahontas, (Tenn.) Sep. 30, says that General Hurlburt's command the Sixteenth Army Corps, has been ordered to the "front."

From the vicinity of the Rapidan we have received no news during the past week indicating a forward movement of the Army of the Potomac.

General Gillmore is still mounting guns of the heaviest calibre on Forts Wagner and Greg.

Real estate in New York within the few days past, has taken a fresh start. At private sale large parcels of land, located on the Brooklyn side of the East River, have changed hands, at a heavy advance on the prices of last spring.—Building lots on the Jersey shore, and on the palisades back of Hoboken, are also in quick demand from speculators, as well as from parties anxious to make sale and permanent investments.

The trial of Browne, the abortionist, in N. York, is still in progress. The testimony for the prosecution is all in, and the defence have but few witnesses to examine; the case will probably terminate to-morrow.

Charles H. Sanborn, of Boston, has proposed to the U. S. Navy Department to raise the steamers Georgiana, Ruley and Isaac H. Smith, and any or all other vessels sunk in or near the harbor of Charleston, S. C., for a salary of 50 per cent. of the net proceeds of what may be recovered; or will pay \$1000 for each of the above named steamers as they are; or will raise said vessels and property, and will make return of all that may be recovered to some Court of Admiralty for adjudication of the amount of salvage to be paid to him.

MARRIED.

In Baltimore, on the 7th of October, by the Rev. Dr. Fuller, EDGAR SPEIDEN, of Washington, D. C., to LUCY, daughter of the late John Leadbeater, of Alexandria, Va.

DIED.

At his residence, in Shepherdstown, Va., on Tuesday, the 6th of October, after a short but severe illness, Col. CHARLES HARPER, in the 68th year of his age. Col. H. was a native of this city, and settled in early life in the county of Jefferson, where he continued to reside to his death. But few men have enjoyed more of the confidence of their fellow citizens, and none have died more deserving. [Baltimore and Richmond papers please copy.]

At Nottingham, Prince George's County, Md., on Friday last, Mr. ROBERT THOMSON, aged about 60 years. Mr. T. was a native of Scotland, but for many years resided at Nottingham, respected for the social qualities of his heart, and honest dealing with his fellow-men. He was a great admirer of the Scotch Bard, and had in his possession a silver cup which was presented by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to Robert Burns, a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

ENGLISH SHOES. Just received a prime lot of BOOTS and SHOES of English manufacture which were captured off Charleston, for sale low at No. 80. oct 8—eo3t JOHN T. EVANS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

I HAVE just received direct from the manufacturers, a large and well selected stock of Ladies', Misses' and Childrens' BOOTS, SHOES and GAITERS, which are of the best style and quality, and will be sold at very reasonable prices. Call and examine for yourselves, at No. 80, King st. oct 2—1t JOHN T. EVANS.