

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 9.

The Washington correspondent of the Phil. Inquirer says, that information is received in Washington, that some thirteen thousand Union soldiers, prisoners at Richmond, have been exchanged by the Confederates and were on their way to, or were at, City Point, on James River, to obtain transportation home.

The Chief Quartermaster of the Department of Washington advertises for proposals for four hundred and forty-five wood stoves and heaters, for heating barracks, for troops, cooking purposes and office use in his Department.

The recent attack, in a public speech, of Gen. Blair, of St. Louis, Mo., upon Mr. Secretary Chase, excites much attention in the North and West. Gen. Blair seems to be particularly hostile to the Secretary.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says that the garrisons of the different forts around Washington, are engaged in preparing winter quarters.

The Northern Republican papers express entire confidence that the Administration party will succeed in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Maryland, at the ensuing elections.

Within the last month, an average of near four hundred passes each day, have been issued from the Provost General's office in this place.

A number of "contrabands," from the adjacent counties, have come into town in the last few days.

It is said in the New York papers that the testimony in the case of Gen. Milroy, by order, is not to be published.

Large sales of real estate—both within and beyond the city limits—continue to be made in Washington, at fair prices.

Business, in this place, it is said, has not been so brisk during the present week, as it was heretofore, lately.

A number of the farmers of Washington county, Md., intend, it is said, to emigrate to the West next Spring.

The Northern papers say that Gen. Stuart is engaged in raising a very large force of cavalry for the Confederate service.

Col. Daniel F. Dulany, recently taken prisoner by the Confederates, has arrived in Richmond.

Maj. Sidney Coolidge, of Boston, reported killed at Chattanooga, was wounded and is a prisoner.

Rev. Mr. Gibson, the teacher, recently arrested in Baltimore, has been released on his parole; also Rev. Mr. Baird.

A Confederate telegram from Gordonsville says:—"Three Englishmen were captured at Cedar Run to-day; they refuse to be exchanged."

The draft in New Jersey is to be commenced on the 25th.

Gold in New York yesterday, 145 1/2.

OPERATIONS OF THE ALABAMA.

A Cape Town paper gives the particulars of the capture of the "Sea Bride," which was taken by the Alabama off the Cape of Good Hope, just a few moments prior to the entrance of the "Sea Bride" into the bay. The Alabama was visited by the citizens, and Captain Semmes boasted that he had captured the following vessels within a short period, viz:

Ockimulgee, whaler; Stadlight, trader; Ocean Rover, whaler; Alert, do.; Waterguage, do.; Altamaha, do.; Benjamin Tucker, do.; Corsair, do.; Virginia, do.; Eli-ha Dunbar, do.; Brilliant, with grain; Emily Farnum, do.; Wave Crest, do.; Dunquirque, do.; Manchester, do.; Tonawanda, do.; Lamplighter, do.; Lafayette, do.; Crenshaw, do.; Loretta, do.; Baron de Casten, do.; Levi Starbuck, do.; T. B. Wales, Indiaman; Parker's Cook, Martha; Union; Ariel, mail steamer; U. S. Gunboat Hatteras, Golden Rule, Chastelaire, Palmetto, Golden Eagle, Olive Jane, Washington, Bethia Thayer, J. A. Parke, Punjab, Morning Star, King Fisher, Charles Hill, Nora, Louisa Hatch, Lafayette, Kate Corey, Dorcas Prince, Union Jack, Sea Lark, S. Gildensleeve, J. Snow, Gisinia, Amazonian, Talisman, Conrad, A. E. Schimdt, Express, Sea Bride.

The capture of the Sea Bride has been represented as having been accomplished in neutral waters, and the U. S. Consul protested on that account. Capt. Semmes, however, denies this, and positively asserts that she was five miles from shore; that being two miles beyond neutral ground. The Alabama took in stores at Cape Town; and Capt. Semmes had received invitations from persons on shore to visit the town, and he visited H. M. steamer Valorous and East India Company's steamer Lady Jocelyn.

Mr. Henry Winter Davis's late speech, at Elkton, in Maryland, was principally on the subject of Slavery, Emancipation, &c. In the course of it he said:—"Gentlemen, as I told you before, we live in very fast times. There was a time to talk about compensated Emancipation; there was a time when it might have been accomplished; there was a time when it was offered, and I did not reject it. I wish it to be understood that I do not contemplate now the tying of emancipation to compensation at all. If it can be gotten, let it come; if it cannot be gotten, Emancipation will come without it; for in these days the interests to be considered are not the interests alone of the 16,000 slaveholders of Maryland, but of the 700,000 people within her borders of all kinds—[applause]—and it is their interest that slavery shall cease, and they will make it cease. They will decree Emancipation under such terms and conditions as will soften the shock as much as possible; but swiftly or slowly, in one form or another, with or without compensation, it must come."

Reported Massacre.

CHICAGO, October 8.—A special dispatch from St. Paul says:

"Intelligence brought by half-breeds from Pembina states that Capt. Fisk's overland expedition to Idaho have been massacred by the Sioux. Nothing definite is known except that it took place on the Big Bend of the Missouri River. The half breeds say that the Indians display as trophies, guns and other articles known to have belonged to the expedition. The dispatch says the report may prove untrue, as it may be another version of an attack upon a party of miners who came down the Missouri river, an account of which has already been published.

Dr. A. T. Augusta, the colored surgeon, has been assigned to duty in Baltimore, as surgeon of the 7th Regiment U. S. colored troops.

FROM NASHVILLE.

NASHVILLE, Oct. 8.—Rumors prevail that the Confederate cavalry have captured and entirely destroyed Shelbyville, Tennessee, taking the forces there prisoners. No particulars received so far, and the truth of the report is questionable.

Gen. Mitchell with a large cavalry force, was pursuing the Confederate cavalry, but we have no reports of his being within striking distance.

The telegraph is working within three miles of Chattanooga, and a large force is repairing the track recently torn up.

Probably the Confederate cavalry has divided, a part marching towards Kentucky, to harass Gen. Burnside's lines of supply, and a part going southward against Rosecrans.

John H. Smith has been unanimously re-elected Mayor of Nashville.

No prospect of a rise in the river.

The last Chattanooga advices say all is quiet and there is no appearance of an attack.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

It is in the contemplation of the Commissioner of Patents to change what was for a long time the museum of the original Patent Office into a national gallery for trophies and for whatever in art, curiosities, &c., belonging to the nation, may be assigned to that depository.

It is understood that an order is in contemplation requiring the removal of all fruit and confectionery stands on Pennsylvania avenue. Regular dealers protest against the continuance of these stands as being unjust to them.

The crew of British steamer Diamond, captured off the coast of Georgia, as a blockade runner, and which has arrived at the navy-yard, were committed to the Old Capitol yesterday. They were handed over to the provost marshal to be held as witnesses.

We are having now delightful fall weather.

MARRIED.

In Petersburg, Va., Sept. 24th, by the Rev. Wm. J. Hoge, J. MARION HART, to FANNIE S., daughter of James P. Smith, esq.

SEVERAL GENTLEMEN can be accommodated with LODGINGS, at No. 112 Duke street. oct 9-21*

PIANO MUSIC (CONTINUED.) Effie Lane; Ever of Thee I'm Fondly Dreaming; Every Household has its Angel; Estelle Waltz; Emma Waltz; Fond Moments of Childhood; Flower Fadeth; Friend of my Heart; Folks that put on Airs; Farewell, We Meet no More; Farmer's Daughter; Fireside Schottish; Gideon's Band; Good Night, Fair Maiden; God and our Native Land; Good-bye, Mother; Girl I Left Behind Me; Glory, Hallelujah; Gum Man's Gallop; Good-bye at the Door; Give us Back our Old Commander; Hoppity Hickety; How are you, Greenbacks; How Sweet are the Roses; Home, Where Changes Never Come; High Daddy; Hold Your Horses; How Sweet are the Flowers of Spring; Hoist up the Flag; Hunting Song; Halleck's Grand March; How Sweet to Roam; How are you, Conscripts; I Never have been False to Thee; I'm Returning to Thee; Annie; I am Coming Home; I Hear again those Silvery Chimes; I am not the Wild Creature I Seem; I've Loved Thee Long; I've Lost My Darling Little Girl; I'll Meet Thee; I Cannot Love Another; Indiana Grand Waltz; I Dreamed My Boy was Home again; I Loved That Dear Old Flag; Jovial Schottish; Jessie Gallop; Juniata; John Jones; Jim Crow Cotillion; Johnny Schmoker; Jocky Hat and Feather; Kiss me Good Night, Mother; Kate Bate-man Schottish; Kingdom Coming; Kind Friends are Near Thee; Keep My Secret; Nellie Dearest; King Cotton; Kissing Through the Bars. For sale by ROBERT BELL. oct 8-21*