

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 21.

FIRE.—Last night about 11 o'clock, a fire broke out in the brick stable of Dr. O. Fairfax, on St. Asaph street, between Cameron and Queen streets, occupied by the U. S. authorities, which consumed the entire frame work of the building, but by the exertion of those present, the hay, of which there was a quantity in the stable at the time, was saved. The adjoining frame building was uninjured. The Steam Fire Engines rendered most efficient service, but owing to some of the fire plugs being out of order, the Water could not be procured for the hand engines, and consequently they could not be used.

A gentleman residing in the upper part of the town, who possesses a fine milk cow, on Monday missed her, and in his search passed a slaughter house, at the upper end of King street, where he heard the lowing of a cow, and upon entering the establishment, was somewhat surprised to find his own, with a rope around her neck, and a man just in the act of killing the animal. The blow was suspended, and the gentleman offering sufficient proof of property—"took her away." Butchers should not buy cows about town, without knowing from whom they buy them.

Justice Clerke, of the N. Y. Supreme Court has delivered his opinion in the celebrated (false imprisonment) case of George W. Jones, ex-Minister to Bogota, against Secretary Seward. The Justice holds that the President has no power, under the Constitution, to suspend the habeas corpus, and a motion for the dismissal of proceedings, therefore, must be denied—so says the N. Y. Times. The Washington Chronicle says, "the act of Congress is very explicit and doubtless the defendant will find his remedy."

The account of the Federal raid towards the Virginia salt works furnished yesterday by the Associated Press in the telegram from Fortress Monroe, differs in some particulars from the telegram as printed in the Richmond papers. There are several omissions, and among them the fact that "the Union men of Tennessee say the Federal loss is estimated at twelve hundred killed and wounded."

The house occupied by the officers in charge of the contraband farms in Virginia, between Langley and Lewinsville, accidentally took fire and was burned to the ground on Sunday afternoon. The house was the property of Dr. Mackall, formerly of Cecil county, Md. The property was at one time owned by the superintendent of public schools in the State of New York.

The Baltimore American says: "We learn that in official quarters there is some anticipation that General Stuart is about to attempt another raid into Maryland and Pennsylvania. There are rumors of Confederate cavalry concentrating at points menacing a crossing at some of the fords of the Upper Potomac, but nothing definite is known."

Capt. Russell, lately arrested in Baltimore, has been released. The charges against him were not sustained.

RELIGION AND POLITICS.

[From the National Intelligencer.]

Some of the scenes in the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, lately held at Springfield, are eminently characteristic of the radical tendency of the present day, and worthy of record as illustrating that tendency. On being invited to make a few remarks, Gov. Yates availed himself of the opportunity to deliver a long speech, the following passages of which we find in columns of a contemporary:

"The rebels fired on Fort Sumter, the Star of the West, &c. They had brought upon themselves this war. It was not the North that is destroying slavery, but the South. And I say let it die. [Cheers.] It may, for all I care, die, [Amen,] and be eternally damned. [Cries of 'Amen,' 'God grant it,' and great applause, stamping of feet, clapping of hands, &c.]

"As slavery became strong in the nation, as cotton began to command a high price, slaveholders became proud and arrogant, and aspired to rule the Government and to teach the hell-born philosophy that men should be slaves. [Cheers.]

"I do not endorse everything old Abe has done, privately and individually. But he has done mighty well generally. He has a backbone; but, as brother Barrett says, it is too long. It tapers too much towards the lower end. [Laughter and cheers.] It was not quite stiff enough for him. I want to deal rigidly with rebels. I want to see them eternally damned. [Cheers.] Not scripturally, but politically damned. [Great cheering.]

"I have visited old Abe and urged him to use more radical measures. But Lincoln has said to him, 'Never mind, Dick, it will be all right yet. I'll still see the salvation of the Lord!' [Loud and prolonged cheering, stamping of feet, &c.]

A great deal has been said now a days about the liberty of speech. He was in favor of free speech as much as any one; but there was a difference between freedom of speech and license. No man has a right to talk treason. Traitors have but two rights—the human right to be hung and the divine right to be damned. [Great applause.] God has put in the heart of the South, or some other man—the devil, I believe it was, [cheers]—to begin this rebellion to perpetuate slavery. I will tell you when the rebellion will be put down. It will be when slavery is put down. [Great cheering.]

Gov. Yates happily prefaced his address with the remark that he was "not a member of any church."

It is said that Gen. Rosecrans' advance beyond the works at Chattanooga, was not ordered from Washington.

Several blockade runners, with cotton, from Wilmington, N. C., have recently arrived at Bermuda.

The races on the National race course, in Washington, are now going on, attended by crowds.

The fine weather continues—bright and warm. It is, probably, our Indian summer.

Rev. Dr. Clay, rector of the old Swedes' Church, in Philadelphia, died yesterday.

Mr. W. S. Lindsay, M. P., has been speaking at considerable length upon American affairs at an agricultural dinner. In the course of his remarks he denied the statement made by Lord Russell at Blairgowrie, that the sympathies of the majority of the people of England were with the Federal States. The noble Earl, he submitted, had not spoken the sentiments of either the people or the Parliament of England.

It is believed that the conditions of the Archduke Maximilian's acceptance of the Mexican crown are the same as those named in October, 1861, according to which he considers the co-operation of France and England to be the only means by which order can be re-established, and that a free manifestation of the voice of the whole nation, is absolutely necessary.

The English papers of the 7th instant devote many of their columns to the particulars of the earthquake which was felt in all parts of England at about twenty-two minutes past three o'clock on the morning of the 6th instant. At some places the shock is represented as having been quite severe, and accompanied by a loud rumbling report, while at others, it was slight and without noise. No damage was sustained anywhere.

A New York correspondent of the Boston Herald asserts that an important movement upon Richmond is in progress, under the conduct of a general usually successful in all his undertakings.

The influx of fugitive negro women into New Orleans from the surrounding country is already a subject of much local concern. Many of them, who are utterly unfit for housework of any kind, are said to be living in idleness and want. If allowed to remain in the city in their vicious vagrancy, it is apprehended that they will soon become a serious burden, if not a curse to the community.

The Banker Hill Aurora learns that there was bonded at the Custom House, in Boston, on Friday, one million five hundred and seventy-three thousand seven hundred and eighty pounds of sugar.

Mr. George D. Belcher, of Chicopee, Mass., advertises a dissolution thus:—"A I and my wife cannot agree, we dissolve partnership, and I shall not pay any of her bills after this date."

Gen. Shepley, the Military Governor of New Orleans, has issued an order directing a rigorous collection of taxes on property in that city, and the forfeiture of the property of delinquents.

It is stated that the Princess Helena of England will probably be married to the Prince of Orange in the ensuing spring.

LADIES' FESTIVAL.

THE ladies of the Methodist Protestant Church will hold a FESTIVAL in Stewart's Hall, opposite the Marshall House on King street, commencing on Wednesday evening at 7½ o'clock, the 21st inst.

They respectfully ask a liberal patronage from the community, as the proceeds will be applied to defray the expenses of repairs to the church building, fuel, &c., during the approaching winter.

Admission, 15 cents each night at the door, or a season ticket 50 cents.

A supper will be provided each evening a ticket to which will be for a gentleman 15 cents and for a gentleman and lady \$1.

Tickets may be had at the stores of Wm. Arnold, No. 85 King street; J. Tacy, No. 157 King street; F. G. Rouler, No. 202 King street; and of Thos. M. McCormick, Mrs. W. D. Massey, Mrs. Greenaway and other ladies.

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LOST.—On Tuesday, the 10th inst., a BLACK and WHITE POINTER DOG; had about one inch off from the tip of tail. A liberal reward will be given at the Drug Store, 209 King street. Oct 20—21

BARE CHANCE TO LEARN THE BEST TRADE. THREE OR FOUR BOYS WANTED, from 14 to 16 years old, to LEARN SUGAR MAKING. Priced boys residing with their parents. Good references required. Inquire at 209 King street. Oct 20—21