

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 5.

THE ELECTIONS.—The elections in the North and West all seem to be in favor of the Republican or Administration tickets, by large majorities. New York has gone for the Republicans by some 20,000 majority; Massachusetts by a larger vote than ever; and yesterday's mail brings the news of the success of the Radical Republicans in Missouri and Kansas. Illinois and Wisconsin have gone the same way. In Maryland a majority of the Legislature will be in favor of emancipation, and three out of the five Representatives to Congress, have been elected by the Republicans.

An official report of Gen. Thomas, dated Chattanooga, November 3, makes no mention of the situation of affairs in that vicinity, but states that Gen. Granger, in Eastern Tennessee, has routed the Confederate guerillas under command of Col. Hawkins, killing fifteen or twenty and taking sixty-six of them prisoners.

The election in Baltimore and in Maryland, generally, as far as heard from, passed off quietly. The whole Unconditional Union ticket was elected in Baltimore. H. Winter Davis and E. H. Webster are elected to Congress. Alexander, City Circuit Judge. All the members of the Legislature from Baltimore are in favor of emancipation.

News has been received of Col. Dulany, recently captured by the Confederates, and carried to Richmond, who, with Messrs. Sherman, Davis, Wibert and Sutton, are confined in Castle Thunder. They are said to be enjoying good health, and to be better treated than prisoners confined in other places.

The Washington Chronicle says, "We presume that the approaching session of Congress, which will make it necessary for Gen. Schenck to enter upon his duties as a member of the House of Representatives, has led the President to include Baltimore within the limits of General Butler's new department."

Troubles in Central America still continue. At the last dates Carrera had advanced to the Capital, and thrown in bombs, &c., by which the house of the U. S. Minister was injured and one of his servants killed. The leaders were endeavoring to compromise.

By direction of the Mayor, the Clerk of the Market has introduced new quart and pint measures in the market, which can be used for measuring other things than liquids, and are an improvement.

The difficulties with the workmen on the Treasury building in Washington, have been resumed. The government book binders are on "a strike."

There was a fine lot of fresh fish in market this morning—but they were offered at very high prices.

The New York papers of yesterday give the Republican majority in the State as about twenty thousand.

One of the U. S. monitors passed up the river to Washington, this morning.

Reminiscences of the 'Old Town.'

By SENEX.—No 2.

The Academy—The Old Presbyterian Church.

Just over the way from the old Drug store, but nearer to Prince street, was the residence of Mr. Riddle, a shipping merchant of prominence, and hard-by was the Grocery store of Mr. Bryan Hampson. Around the N. W. corner of Prince and Fairfax, and near to it, stood the old Post-office, which was destroyed by fire many years ago.

The old building on Fairfax, with its East gable end facing the street, and its front looking upon its pretty yard, was a female Academy, kept by Mrs. Serena Nichols, a lady highly distinguished for her piety and intrinsic worth. Painful memories, sir, connected with this spot, now crowd upon my mind, and if you please, we will proceed.

This tablet in the wall tells me that the old Presbyterian church was struck by lightning, and burnt, and that this building was erected on its ashes. I well remember the old church, and its venerable pastor, Doctor Muir. He was a Scotch gentleman, well advanced in years, and of prominent piety. He was instrumental, I have no doubt, in bringing many of his flock into the true fold, more, I think, on account of his tender concern for them, and of his bright example, than of his eloquence.

In the gallery of this church might have been seen, every Sunday, a queer, spectre looking little man, sitting bolt upright in his pew, dressed all in white; white coat and vest, white pants and a white cap on his head, tapered to a point and tasselled. This to me, then a child, was very attractive, and drew all of my attention, but how was it possible for me to restrain my risibilities when I would see him fling out his arm to a right angle with his body, and with a flourish of his hand, bring the tip of his forefinger in contact with the tip of his nose, then the chin, and so, in their turn, each feature of his face would be visited by the tip of his digit. Then, as it would seem, the arm became tired, and the hand would drop into his lap. Presently up again, it would go, and the same flings and flourishes would be renewed, and repeated till the end of the service, the old gentleman, all the while, gazing intently, at the preacher.—"Is he crazy?" I asked. "No, it is only a way he has." Good old Mr. Drowns!, would that all our ways were as harmless. His gesticulations were, doubtless, devotional.

Political speeches by leading men continue of almost daily occurrence in various parts of England. Among others Earl de Grey and Wilton had spoken in defence of the Government policy in American affairs. He advocated strict neutrality, and contended that England was bound to recognize the South as belligerents—in doing which she only admitted a fact which could not be denied and which was acknowledged and secured by the supreme courts of justice in the Northern States. He contested the arguments of Messrs. Seward and Sumner against this proceeding. Mr. Collier, the Solicitor General, had addressed his constituents at Plymouth in a similar strain. He urged that Government had not only to preserve neutrality toward the belligerents, but had to preserve its own neutral rights and take care those rights were not violated by either side.

A new way of preserving all kinds of fruit, is beginning to be practiced in the West—placing the fruit in rooms surrounded by charcoal and saw dust, so as to prevent the temperature from rising above 40°. They can be kept in this manner without trouble.

The alleged Custom House frauds in New York, still continue to be commented on in the papers of that city. Frauds to the amount of to upwards of \$100,000, bonds have been abstracted, &c. Investigations are going on.

THE PRISONERS ON BOTH SIDES.—The exchange of sick and wounded prisoners, but of no others, still proceeds. One hundred and eighty-five Confederate soldiers, all maimed or badly wounded, were delivered at City Point the day before yesterday. In exchange for them one hundred and eighty-five Yankee prisoners, all in the same or a worse condition, were placed on board the flag of truce boat.—A detachment of the Richmond Ambulance Committee went down to take charge of the moving of these mangled wretches, and provided also with refreshment and comforts for the alleviation of the sufferings of their fellow creatures on both sides. It is right to mention that our committee received the grateful acknowledgments of the Yankee officer in command of the boat for the care and tenderness with which they moved and handled the dismal freight which they put on board his ship.

This is sad work. All these prisoners on both sides were unfit to be moved in their present condition; and many of them forfeit their lives in the process of recovering their liberty.—[Richmond Examiner.

RESULT OF THE ELECTION.—The election in this state has resulted in the success of the administration ticket by above 15,000 majority as nearly as can be judged at the time of writing. It is more likely to be over than under that figure. The Democratic majority is only twenty-one thousand in this city—some ten thousand less than last year, and we have also lost heavily in all the lower part of the state.

The local Democratic city and judiciary ticket is elected, though McCunn and Richardson run heavily behind. A Republican mayor has been elected in Brooklyn. The next Legislature of the state will be largely Republican in both branches.

The result in the other states which held elections yesterday was also adverse to the Democratic party, except in New Jersey.—[N. Y. World.

PIANO MUSIC.—(Continued.)—T.—The Last Rose of Summer; To Him that Giveth let us Sing; Thou art Gone, Gentle Sister; the Prayer my Mother taught me That gets ahead of me; 'Tis sad to leave our childhood's Home; They only make believe; Thy voice hath a charm; The day our Mother died; The days of our youth; The songs of other years; Twilight Dews; Thou hast learned to love another; Tam O'Shanter; Trooper's Death.

U. & V.—Universal Medley; Under the Willow She's Sleeping; Uncle Sam; Vacant Chair.

W.—We do think of thee at Home; We'll go down ourselves; Who will care for Mother now? We have met, we have loved; Would I were with thee; What is home without a Husband? Weeping, Sad and Lonely, or when this Cruel War is over; Warrior's Grave; What shall I offer thee? Waves of the Ocean; Weep not for me, my Mother dear; Waiting in the moonlight; Why ask if I remember thee?—We praise Thee, O God; While this Heart its joy revealing; Was my Brother in the Battle? When I was a girl of sixteen; When the Swallows homeward fly; Yes, I would the War was over; Zula Zong. For sale by

ROBERT BELL.

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U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE.
OFFICE OF U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE,
3d Dis. Va., Oct. 29, 1863.
ALL assessments prior to October 1st, are now ready for settlement, and persons indebted to the U. S. Government for taxes on these lists are hereby requested to make early payments of the same, at 164 Prince street, Alexandria, Va. N. D. KENEASTER,
oct 30—1w Col., 3d Dis. Va.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!
WANTED at No. 17 King Street, any amount of RAGS, OLD IRON, COPPER and BRASS, for which the highest market price will be paid at all times.
oct 21—3m

H. O. WERNER,
WATCH MAKER,
HAS REMOVED TO
No. 10, S. ROYAL STREET,
UNDER WOLF'S GALLERY.
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