

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 12.

Although this is a year of unexampled drought in California, that is at least without a parallel during the last twenty years, although the wheat crop has failed completely in three-fourths of the State, and although the cattle have died by the tens of thousands—with all this, the wine crop is not only as good as the average, but promises to be considerably better.

Advices from New Orleans report that Gen. Polignac made a raid into Natches and took some prisoners, and also that the Confederates had made a demonstration against Berwick City, and were threatening Brashear City.—There had been a sharp engagement at Clinton, Louisiana, which place the Federal forces took and occupied two days and nights.

The Richmond Whig says that the "Electric Spark," which was captured recently by the Confederate steamer Florida, will be put under command of Capt. Semmes until he can get a better vessel. She was a fleet steamer between New York and New Orleans, and is said to be of the first quality.

The New York Tribune, which in the winter of 1860-'61 pledged itself to do the best it could "to forward the views" of the disaffected people of the seceded States, announces in its number of the 5th instant that it will hereafter "fly the banner of Abraham Lincoln for the next Presidency."

The minority in the late Maryland State Convention have published a formal protest against the proceeding and action of that Convention, and advise the people to reject the proposed Constitution. The protest is an able one, and was drawn up by Judge Chambers.

A frightful accident occurred last week on the Pennsylvania railroad, one and a half miles west of Latrobe which resulted in the death of three men, the injury of a fourth, the destruction of a locomotive, and the total demolition of six loaded cattle cars.

Dispatches from Washington state that Capt. D. W. C. James, A. A. D. C., of Gov. Wisewell's staff, has been relieved and ordered to take command of his company, an independent corps, on duty at Alexandria.

An expedition from the Federal Gulf Blockading Squadron made a descent last month, at Tampa, Florida, and burned some salt works belonging to private individuals, and a sugar mill, belonging, it is said, to President Davis.

We have continual showers. The pastures have been revived—the late corn and tomatoes, &c., helped much—and the turnips benefitted. Butter and vegetables of all kinds ought to be much cheaper than they are—especially with gold declining daily.

It is said that various horses taken off recently in Fairfax county, have been sold since in Baltimore and Washington.

A large Lincoln meeting was held in Philadelphia, on Saturday night presided over by Simon Cameron.

From Gen. Grant's Army.

The Northern Associated Press correspondence, from the headquarters Army of the Potomac, states that the anticipated attack on Grant's left, resting on the Weldon railroad, has been evidently given up by the Confederates, and that Wednesday and Thursday had been ominously quiet. A terrible, battle it is said, is expected to take place at any moment on the Weldon road, somewhere near Ream's Station. Gen. Lee is reported to have moved his headquarters from Richmond to the vicinity of Ream's Station, and to have called in all the commands in Northwestern Virginia, including Moseby's to take part in a grand attack. It is also said that part of Gen. Hood's army in Georgia has arrived in Richmond.—A later dispatch says that there was heavy firing in front of Grant's right centre on Friday. The Confederates attempted to interrupt his railroad transportation, but did not succeed. During Friday night Hancock, whose position is on the Jerusalem Plank Road, advanced one division of his corps, surprised the Confederate pickets and took a few prisoners. The Confederate line of entrenchments was some distance behind the ground held by the pickets. The correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says "the siege of Petersburg has been abandoned," and that the movements of Gen. Grant are directed "to the destruction, if possible, of the Confederate communications."

The Richmond Examiner of last Friday contains a dispatch from Gen. Hood's army, dated September 7, which says: "Yesterday our advance drove the enemy from Jonesboro, and recaptured the hospital containing ninety of our wounded. Sherman continues to draw back toward Atlanta for the purpose, it is reported, of strengthening the works on the eastern, western, and southern approaches thereto. Fifteen hundred will cover our losses from all causes in the battles and skirmishes of last week. The army is now in fine spirits."

The New York Times has the following:—"General Fremont has been in town several days, discussing the desirability of withdrawing. His letter is believed to be in the hands of an ex-member of his Staff."

Signor Marini, it will be seen, re opens his dancing school, in this place, on the 26th inst. Signor M. had a large school last season and gave general satisfaction. See his advertisement.

Mobile papers report, on the authority of scouts, the capture of Duvall's Bluff, Arkansas, and two gunboats and seven transports by the Confederates.

The bi monthly report of the Agricultural Department at Washington says the rains which have recently fallen have dispelled the fears which were entertained for the fall crops.

The Chicago Tribune learns that Hon. Lewis Cass pronounces the Democratic platform a most ignominious surrender to the Confederates, and says he cannot support it.

The steamer Francis, lately from Philadelphia, has been fitted out at Havana for the business of running the blockade.

The Portugese ports have been thrown open for the importation of foreign breadstuffs.

A dispatch to the New York Tribune, dated at Harper's Ferry, Friday evening, says:—The Federal cavalry has been engaged almost constantly with the Confederate pickets, driving them in where they are found to be unsupported by infantry, and retiring whenever found in force. Averil in falling back from the vicinity of Martinsburg was less fortunate than was asserted in Thursday's dispatches, but, it is said, "that nothing like disaster or serious injury befel him." The correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer asserts that "Early is falling back towards Winchester, where it is thought the main body of his army is encamped." A dispatch, dated Washington, Saturday, states that a reconnoissance in the Shenandoah Valley found the Confederates in a strongly entrenched position. A Berryville dispatch, dated Saturday, states that Colonel Lowell, with the 24 Massachusetts, and two other cavalry regiments, Friday destroyed four flour mills, and several other smaller mills, on Ocoquan Creek. A Harper's Ferry dispatch, of the 10th inst., states that the Confederates are still in force near Winchester and Bunker Hill." The correspondent of the Baltimore American says that the Federal army still remains in its entrenched position near Berryville.

The circulation of the Chicago Times, Cincinnati Enquirer, New York World, New York Day Book, Freeman's Journal, and Metropolitan Record has been suppressed at Memphis.

DIED.

At the McVeigh Hospital, on Thursday, Sept. 8th, of wounds received in battle July 28, 1864, ABNER M. BUSARDI, aged 23 years, a member of Co. K., 19th Regt., S. C. Vols. It will be consoling to his bereaved ones to know that he received the best and kindest attention from physicians and attendants, and although suffering severely was patient and resigned.

MARINI'S DANCING ACADEMY,

145, King St., Bet. St. Asaph and Washington.

PROF. MARINI respectfully announces to his patrons and the public in general, that he will resume his classes on Monday, September 26th

DAYS OF TUITION:

For Young Ladies, Misses and Masters, every Monday and Wednesday, from 3 to 5 P. M.; for Gentlemen, from 8 to 10 P. M. For particulars see circulars, to be had at French's Book Store, or at the Academy during school hours. sep 12-1f

FASHIONABLE FLUTING, FOR DRESSES.

DONE AT

No. 41, North Washington St.,

Between Cameron and Queen.

sep 12-1f

\$20 REWARD.—Lost on Saturday evening \$52. \$40 in Bank notes, one \$10 U. S. note, and \$2 on the Starke's Bank.

BREMAN & WIGMAN, No. 279, King St. cor. Fayette st.

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FOR COUNTY CONSTABLE.

THOMAS I. EDELIN will be supported for the office of County Constable, at the election ordered to be held in this city on the 20th of the present month. sep 6-1f

GO TO SCHWARZ'S

AND LOOK AT HIS NEW STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS. THE LARGEST AND CHEAPEST IN THE MARKET. sep 8-1f