

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, SEPT. 13.

The New York Daily News declares that it will neither support McClellan or Lincoln and that its course is approved of by the Peace men. It says:—"General McClellan's voice is for war. Principle, feeling, consistency, every suggestion of patriotism, statesmanship, and self respect forbids us therefore from giving him our support. Four years more of such bloodshed and destruction as men and gods never before witnessed, having been made an issue of his election, we feel bound to resist it with the most energetic opposition."—In another article it says:—"The candidate for President proposed at Chicago has forfeited all rights offered him by that nomination, and party fealty demands that the Convention reassemble, and that a candidate for the Democratic party be nominated, who will, when elected, carry its principles and its measures into effect. Failing to do this, the chosen guardians proving faithless to their trust, the people will take the matter in hand, and call a Convention of their own."

The "Virginia State Journal" says:—"A bill was presented to the U. S. Circuit Court to day by Israel Dorsey, negro, claiming to be a citizen of Massachusetts, and asking an injunction to restrain the County Court of Alexandria County from proceeding to hear and determine the case of Graff vs. Howard with out examining him as a witness. The parties to the case of Graff vs. Howard being white, under the laws of Virginia, Dorsey is not allowed to testify. It is claimed by Dorsey that under the Constitution of the United States he has as much right to testify in a suit between white men here as in Massachusetts."

The New York Express of yesterday in its money article says:—"The heavy fall in gold has made a good many 'lame ducks' among the small fry speculators on the bull side, but one large house, and that of German extraction, has gone under. The price opened at 225, and was run up to 226½, when the startling rumor that General Grant had been driven from the Weldon road, but towards noon fell to 213, partly upon another rumor that Gen. Lee had been defeated. The fluctuations were frequent and violent, and were attended by the greatest excitement ever known in the gold room."

Another "conflict of authority" has arisen in Kentucky, in consequence of an order of Gen. Ewing to require the Justices of each county to "levy upon the tax payers a sum sufficient to arm, mount, and pay fifty men to be raised in each county, &c." Gov. Bramlette has published a counter order directing the Justices not to obey the military orders. And so the case stood at the last dates.

A despatch from Cairo says:—"The steamer John J. Roe, bound for New Orleans with a battalion of the 2d Missouri cavalry, sunk in thirty feet water above New Madrid. No lives were lost. All the horses on board were drowned."

Mr. Fillmore will vote for Gen. McClellan, and advocates his election.

THE "CONTRABANDS" IN ALEXANDRIA.—A Dr. Pettijohn, a surgeon in the U. S. army, writing from Alexandria, in reference to the "contrabands" in this place, says:—

"I think that within the jurisdiction of Gen. Slough, the Military Governor of Alexandria, Virginia, there are nearly seven thousand contrabands, and at this time there are but twenty-five persons on the charitable ration list of the Commissary, and out of but a few hundred white refugees there is nearly an equal number on the same list. The contrabands have, hundreds of them, in the last twelve months, built houses of their own, and paid every dollar for them, besides supporting their families—I think they have built nearly one thousand of these houses in one year, and the idea of settling these people in little villages and communities, to experiment with their abilities, teaching them trades, and in making a support for themselves, and that, too, at a heavy expense to the Government, is to say the least of it, ridiculous. They have a pretty fair proportion of mechanics considering their numbers, and the majority of them have a more practical knowledge of the mechanical arts, and of cultivating the soil, than many of the men who are experimenting with them. All they need is protection, plenty of work to do at a fair price, and punctual payment; then let them expend their money as they please, and they will make their own support, and be no expense to the Government. This is just what they are getting here under Gen. Slough's gubernatorial jurisdiction."

A man named David Duff was arrested on Saturday, in New York, charged with having forged a check on Morgan & Sons, bankers, in William street, for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars. The money was drawn on a spurious check, at the Bank of America, a short time before the sailing of the steamer Elinburgh for Europe, and the officers found Duff just as he was embarking on that vessel. He was taken to the Tombs and searched, when nearly the amount of the check was found in gold. Duff had been for a long time a confidential clerk in the employ of Messrs. Morgan.

On the twenty fifth of August a hundred and fifty Confederates, under Capt. McNeil, attacked the Wilkins plantation, near Goodrich's Landing, on the Mississippi River, killed the guard, burned the stables, and took away several mules and horses. They also carried away two hundred negroes.

Two blockade runners, loaded with cotton for England, it is said, for the payment of the interest on the Confederate loan—arrived at Halifax last week. An English blockade runner, with cotton, is reported to have been captured, a few days ago.

There is a woman in Troy, New York, who has been married four times to soldiers since the war commenced, and is again a widow.—With four pensions she may be able to get along without marrying again.

The Administration papers in the North are all jubilant over the defection of some of the leaders of the Democratic party from General McClellan. They anticipate, now, an easy triumph.

It is said there are now about 7000 Confederate prisoners at Point Lookout.

It is again reported that Quantrill, in Missouri, has been captured.

Gold continues to decline. It was 219 in New York yesterday.

The scythe of war has, at least, prostrated, for a time, one evil. We are told that the publication of those "cheap, popular novels," books which were once showered over the land, thick "as leaves in Vallambrosa," has much diminished of late; and that the book publishers find it to their interest to send forth reprints of standard works, or really valuable productions, instead of the trash that formerly paid so well and was so much sought after.

To be sure, there is an offset to this, in the eagerness with which many trashy newspapers called "popular" are bought. Many never read any thing else but newspapers, and it is greatly to be regretted that these journals should have deteriorated as they have; and that what should be vehicles of instruction, and fountains of truth, should in many cases be now nothing but collections of mendacious stories, or of matter not all calculated to improve the taste, correct the judgment, soften the hearts, or enlighten the understandings of their readers.—Type metal, printer's ink, and the press, are now unfortunately put to their "basest uses."

The Cincinnati Volksfreund has hoisted the name of Geo. B. McClellan and G. H. Pendleton at the head of its columns. The Volksfreund, always a Democratic paper, had recently raised the name of John C. Fremont for the Presidency, on the presumption that Fremont alone could beat Lincoln. But as the Fremont movement has made but little progress beyond the German element, that paper has considered it a duty to return to the first choice—George B. McClellan.

The quota of the draft in Washington, has been very much reduced, but, it is said, the draft for the wanting number will go on.

GOLD.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Gold, to-day, 218.

MARRIED.

In Washington, on the 9th of September, at St. Dominick's Church, by the Rev. J. A. Baker, Mr. JOSEPH H. REEMS, to Miss ANNIE R. CAWOOD, of Alexandria, Va.

DIED.

In this city, on the 10th instant, from wounds received at the battle of Reams' Station, EDWARD C. COUNCELL, Colonel 16th Mississippi Regiment, formerly of Talbot county, Maryland.

In Georgetown, D. C., on the 10th of September, 1864, GEORGE THOMPSON, in the 73d year of his age, for many years Chief Clerk of the U. S. Topographical Bureau, and late of the Engineer Department.

At Greenspring, Fairfax county, Va., on the 6th instant, CORA LEE, youngest child of Matthew and Hannah C. O'Brien, aged six months.—[Richmond and Charlottesville papers please copy.]

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