

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 14

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

The New York News say: that the passage of a law by the Legislature of New York authorizing the payment of bounties has imparted new life to the recruiting business in the city, about one hundred recruits having been obtained on the city's quota the 13th inst. The new law authorizes the payment of three hundred dollars for one year men, and six hundred dollars for three years men, the same amounts being payable to persons furnishing substitutes for those periods. The law also provides for the payment of two hundred and fifty dollars to each drafted man.

The financial plan of Secretary Cassenda, for the next fiscal year, has been sent to the Committee on Ways and Means. It provides for loans to the amount of six hundred millions of dollars, to be issued in the form of bonds, at rates of interest not exceeding six per cent. per annum, and authorizes the sale of the bonds at such rates, whether above or below par, as the Secretary may deem it advisable to accept.

The Richmond Sentinel of the 11th says:—"Mr. Barksdale offered a bill in the Confederate House of Representatives on yesterday, for the voluntary enlistment of slaves for military service. The bill is in accordance with the suggestion presented in Mr. Benjamin's speech. The votes of the House on its reception and disposition indicated a great degree of favor."

The Spanish Peruvian question has been settled. The terms are that Peru shall pay \$3,000,000 for the expenses of the Spanish expedition. Peru obtains possession of the Chincha Islands.

The Traders' Bank of Providence, R. I., was entered some time between Saturday night and Monday morning, and a large amount of Government bonds, some fifteen thousand dollars belonging to different parties, and six thousand dollars in gold belonging to the bank, were stolen.

The Government of Bogota has issued orders prohibiting the passage of foreign troops across the Isthmus in future. Exception is made with regard to the United States troops, owing to the situation of their territories on the Pacific.

Capt. Jas. Y. Beall, convicted on the charge of being a spy, and being one of the Lake Erie raiders, will be hung, on Saturday morning, at Governor's Island, New York harbor, the sentence having been fully approved by Gen. Dix.

Indian troubles continue in the Northwest. The U. S. troops have recently had several engagements with bands of Indians between Julesbury and Laramie.

Dr. Gwin's colonization scheme in Mexico, is said to have failed, as far as he is concerned; but a considerable emigration to Mexico is going on.

The U. S. steamer Flag, conveying twenty-one vessels loaded with cotton captured by Sherman at Savannah, arrived at New York, yesterday.

The steamer Ocean Queen, from Aspinwall on the 5th, has arrived, with a quarter of a million of dollars in treasure.

Duncan F. Kenner, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means in the Confederate House of Representatives, is now on his way to Europe.

The Committee on the Conduct of the War report in favor of the use of wrought iron for guns of large calibre.

The speculators ran up the price of beef in New York on Monday; also, mutton and pork. They took advantage of the snow storm.

Two barges from Fortress Monroe for Baltimore were wrecked in the Chesapeake Bay on Sunday night. Their crews were saved.

Several Philadelphia Engine Companies are coming to Washington, on the 4th of March.

The small-pox continues its ravages at Kingston, Jamaica.

Indiana has ratified the Anti Slavery Constitutional amendment.

The Draft heretofore ordered is not to be postponed.

All North the severity of the weather on Monday and Tuesday is spoken of.

U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate yesterday Mr. Wilson reported a series of resolutions in favor of offering soldiers disabled or discharged, the preference in civil appointments under government, and recommending merchants, bankers, &c., to do the same. On motion of Mr. Powell, the Secretary of War was requested to inform the Senate whether he had presented to the judges of the United States Court a list of political prisoners held in confinement, as required by law. The bill to establish a department of freedmen and abandoned lands was passed over. The bill to regulate commerce between the States, after a long discussion concerning the Camden and Amboy Railroad, was postponed.

In the House, Mr. Ashley reported a bill to establish the Territory of Wyoming. The internal revenue bill was considered, and amendments adopted taxing locomotives and steam engines, leaving machine and manufactured clothing 5 per. ct. An amendment to tax smoking tobacco 35 cts. per pound was adopted, with an exception that smoking tobacco made from stems should only pay 15 cents. Pending an amendment to tax the notes of State Banks the committee rose, and the bill to make the bridge over the Ohio river a post route was passed; also the bill authorizing a bridge over the Ohio river at Louisville.

The New York Herald has a letter from its Paris correspondent similar to the letter of the London correspondent of the N. Y. Daily News, in relation to the sailing of Confederate rams from France for the coast of the U. S., a secret treaty between France and the Confederate Government, &c. It is still affirmed in the Northern papers that these stories are all canards; and they do not seem to make much impression.

Hon. Fernando Wood of N. Y. appeared before the Mozart Committee on Monday, and defended his recent speech in Congress. The pamphlet copy of Mr. Wood's speech is somewhat "toned down" from the first report in newspapers, but the position is still maintained. The N. Y. News says that Mr. Wood cannot be considered as a representative of the Peace party in the North."

Gold, in New York, to-day, 207½.

Recent Scenes in the East Indies.

Later advices reveal the full extent of the disaster inflicted by the terrible cyclone in India. A Calcutta letter to the London Times, just received, says:

"I see that the news of 12,000 persons having been lost in the cyclone was received with incredulity in England. The estimate was wide of the truth, but only because it vastly underrated the calamity. As every one who knows this country will readily conceive, there is no possibility of ascertaining precisely the loss of life, because hundreds might be swept away and leave no trace behind. But we are not without data for arriving at a conclusion, and it has now been calculated that there cannot be fewer than 60,000 persons drowned or otherwise killed by that fearful storm. In the island of Saugor alone, before the cyclone, there were 8200 persons. There are now about 1,200; nor have any left it to go elsewhere, even thousands were carried clean away by the storm wave. All up the river the population has been swept off, if not in the same proportion, yet in very large numbers. As we all anticipated, disease is raging everywhere—cholera, fever, and small-pox. The epidemic fever, which I have mentioned in previous letters this year, is depopulating whole districts."

W. W. Corcoran, Esq., has given a piece of land, consisting of about an acre and a half, and eligibly situated in the northern section of Washington, as a site for a new Protestant orphan asylum, and it has been determined to erect thereon a spacious edifice.

The U. S. Senate on Monday confirmed about 1,300 nominations in executive session—nearly all military appointments, including Gens. Terry, Weizel and Cox, as Major Generals, and George J. Abbot of the District of Columbia, as Consul at Sheffield England.

MARRIED.

In Washington, D. C., February 2d by the Rev. Dr. Finckel, Mr. ROBT. E. HEYMAN, to Miss MARGARET ANN WOLF, daughter of Wm. and Sophia Wolf, of this city.

DIED.

On the 11th instant, at Hampton Hospital, Va., aged fifty-four years, RO. H. P. CRABBE, of Westmoreland county, Va.

DIVIDEND.—ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY.—A dividend of two dollars per share, will be paid to the stockholders of said Company, on and after the 15th instant. R. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

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FOR RENT.

STORE and DWELLING HOUSE. on Cameron street, between Royal and Pitt, next door to White's Grocery store. It is a good stand for business. Possession given immediately. Inquire of JAS. CHATHAM. feb 15—tf

FOR SALE.

A GROCERY STORE, one of the best stands in the city. The stock is new and well assorted. No charge for good will. Enquire at this office. feb 9—tf

NOTICE.—TO THE PUBLIC.—I will close out all of my stock of Fall and Winter Boots and Shoes at reduced prices. Call and examine at No. 80 King street before you buy. JOHN T. EVANS. jan 12—1m

NOTICE.—All persons indebted to the estate of E. M. WALTON, & Co., will please come forward and make immediate payments, or they will be placed in the hands of officers for collection, and those having claims will present them properly authenticated (at once). A. R. THORP, Administrator of E. M. WALTON dec'd. JAMES DONOHUE, Surviving Partner. feb 10—dtmar25