

The Alexandria Gazette

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 16.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

Capt. John Yeates Beall who was recently tried and convicted on the charge of being a spy, violating the rules of war, &c., and who is to be hung in the harbor of N. Y., on the 18th, is said to be a native of Jefferson co., Va., about 33 years of age, educated at the University of Virginia, and before the war a man of wealth.

No business was transacted in either branch of the U. S. Congress yesterday, the obsequies of Senator Hicks occupying the time of both Houses. Eulogies were pronounced in the Senate and House, and the funeral ceremonies took place in the Senate chamber about 2 o'clock P. M.

In the case of the St. Albans raiders witnesses for the defence deposed as to the genuineness of the prisoners' commissions. Geo. N. Sanders testified that an agent, claiming ambassadorial powers, civil as well as military, Mr. Clay, informed him that he directed the raid and promised to assume the responsibility.

Seventeen car loads of Confederate prisoners from Elmira, N. Y., arrived in Baltimore yesterday, (about five hundred in all) and were immediately sent to Fortress Monroe for exchange.

The steamer Africa sailed from Boston yesterday, taking out \$50,000 worth of butter as part of her cargo. A. J. Polk and family, of Tennessee, are among her passengers.

A detachment from the Federal fleet captured on the 5th inst. a torpedo and a boat, with a Confederate officer, not far from Newport News, Va.

The English Churchman states that the Princess Mary, of Cambridge, has married an English peer, in spite of the Royal Marriage Act, and the refusal of her mother.

The twenty one sailing vessels which arrived at New York on Tuesday, from Savannah, brought eleven thousand bales of cotton—equal to about five million pounds.

It is said that the experiment of making printing paper out of corn shucks is likely to be entirely successful.

A bogus detective has been arrested in Washington and sent to jail.

Gold declines in New York, and the upward tendency in prices has been checked.

General Sickles has gone to Bogota from Panama.

The Draft is to be commenced as soon as the different provost marshals are ready.

The typhus fever is prevailing in the city of New York.

Another batch of bounty jumpers have been arrested in New York.

The New York Daily News charges the N. Y. Herald with having manufactured its Paris Letter about the Confederate rams and the secret treaty, out of its (the News's) London Letter. The uninitiated probably, do not know that frequently the foreign correspondence of the New York papers is written in the printing offices in New York.

The foreign papers by the late arrivals all speak of the severity of the winter in most of the countries of Europe.

WAR NEWS.

A dispatch from Philadelphia, states on the authority of the "Washington correspondent of the Bulletin" that the Richmond papers of Tuesday last acknowledge that General Sherman has occupied Branchville and Orangeburg, and express the belief that he would next advance on Columbia. Thus far the only opposition offered to the progress of Sherman has been made by Wheeler's cavalry.

An arrival at Fortress Monroe from Port Royal reports that as she was passing Charleston harbor last Saturday, a special dispatch boat was sent to her from Morris Island, with the information that a small Union force from Folly Island had crossed over to James Island, and after a brief skirmish captured some rifle pits and a number of prisoners. Vigorous cannonading was heard in the direction of Charleston.

The Petersburg Express learns that General Grant has thoroughly fortified his army in the rear, and that he is now nearly as strong in that quarter as he is in front. This is done in order to prevent a raid similar to Col. Hampton's celebrated cattle expedition.

The papers of Western Virginia contain accounts almost daily of new discoveries of oil wells.

FOREIGN NEWS.—Five days later European intelligence has been received by the steamship North America.

The news of the continued Federal successes, coupled with the reiterated peace rumors, exercised a material influence in the English market for United States securities, causing a general advance.

The Morning Post's city article says the last advices from Mexico allude to the rumored cession of Sonora to France as a guaranty for the French Mexican debt. A preliminary treaty to this effect was concluded in the latter part of November. The Mexican Government is, however, to protect the sovereignty of Sonora. The immediate occupation of Sonora by the French troops is also rumored, some having, it is said, already left Acapulco for that destination.

S. L. Hyde, a detective, in New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday night, on returning home asked his wife to get some cartridges that he might reload his revolver. As she started to comply with his request, the hammer of the weapon slipped from his finger, and the ball entered the heart of his wife. The unfortunate woman sprang forward, exclaiming, "I am killed; kiss me before I die," and in a few moments was dead.

The police in Washington are breaking up several of the disorderly houses in that city, arresting the inmates, and driving off the visitors.

The bounty bill has passed both branches of the Maryland Legislature, and is now a law.—It gives \$300 to each man who may be hereafter drafted; and authorizes the County Commissioners to add \$200 to this sum.

A Temperance Celebration is to be held in Washington, on the 7th of next month. It is to be held in the hall of the House of Representatives.

A bill punishing strikers who interfere with workmen with a fine of \$100 and six months imprisonment has passed the Legislature of Minnesota.

A Fashionable Wedding.

(From the New York Express, February 10)

A correspondent sends us a glowing account of a grand wedding this week, between one of our wealthy New York merchants and a beautiful and accomplished lady of Hudson. We do not care to give names, either to gratify anybody's curiosity or to awaken a spirit of vanity, and, therefore, decline publishing the letter. Omitting the names of bride and groom and bridal party, we may give, however, what our correspondent writes of the fête which followed the wedding.

"The reception lasted until 11 o'clock before the ball commenced. The spacious halls and parlors presented a scene of fairy like enchantment. A large number of distinguished guests, representing the various heads of our departments at Washington and Albany were present, and notwithstanding a large addition to the house had been built, to accommodate the numerous guests, it was a perfect jam.—The ladies were dressed superbly, and presented a throng of gorgeous toilettes, and with jewelry of princely value. The beau monde of the city were well represented by over one hundred and fifty, who went up expressly to attend this wedding. There were some few hundred persons present, and eight hundred cartes of invitations issued. The bridal presents were beautiful and costly beyond description, amounting in value to near thirty thousand dollars. The rooms were almost perfect flower gardens, being tastefully decorated with the choicest exotics. Music's voluptuous swell filled the houses with strains of inspiring harmony during the entire evening. Supper was served at one o'clock, containing a display of all the delicacies imaginable, altogether superb. The bridal party and friends next morning had a special car sent from Albany to carry them to the city. F. W."

A letter from Savannah in the Washington Chronicle says:—"Savannah is not now the clean and beautiful city it was before this unhappy strife began. Many fear that the coming summer will be unhealthy, but the military authorities have taken steps to prevent the spreading of contagious diseases. Gen. Grover has issued an order calling upon physicians, surgeons, and their assistants to see that a thorough vaccination is effected in parts of the city heretofore neglected."

MARRIED.

At the Fourth Presbyterian Church, in Washington, on the 14th inst., by the Rev. J. C. Smith, D. D., the Rev. GEORGE H. SMYTH, pastor of the 6th Presbyterian Church, (Island,) to Miss JOSEPHA GOODRICH, youngest daughter of Josiah Goodrich, Esq.

NOTICE.

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feb 16—1f HENRY COOK.

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feb 15—3t R. JOHNSTON, Treasurer.

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