

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 7.

WAR NEWS.

The U. S. transport Massachusetts, at Philadelphia, brings an account of the capture by a U. S. naval force, of Fort White, mounting seventeen guns, just below Georgetown, S. C. The sailors and marines then landed and captured Georgetown. The Confederate cavalry made a charge on them in the streets, but were repulsed with the loss of several killed, wounded and prisoners. The Federal loss was one man of the U. S. tug Cypso. Admiral Dahlgren's flag ship Harvest Moon, on her way down, was sunk by a torpedo. All hands were saved, with the exception of the ward room steward.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Tribune asserts positively that Sheridan occupied Staunton on Friday, and that Early, who had been there, retired before him, not having sufficient force to give battle. The report of a portion of Sherman's troops having reached Wilmington, N. C., is contradicted. Statements of deserters and refugees who came into the Union lines last Wednesday, at Wilmington, N. C., were brought to Washington yesterday, by the arrival of officers of General Schofield's army, representing that Gen. Sherman, by a flank movement, had compelled the Confederates to evacuate Florence, S. C., and was moving on Fayetteville, which is in the route to either Goldsboro' or Raleigh, N. C.

The Confederates are reported to be strengthening their defences north of the Appomattox river, Va., and have already, it is stated, mounted seventeen guns there. Richmond papers of Saturday say that on Thursday evening some artillery firing occurred in the neighborhood of Hatcher's Run, but that the rain and mud has since kept both armies within their respective tents.

General Sheridan and his forces commenced their movement Monday week, and were at Staunton when last officially heard from. General Hancock was placed in charge of the Middle Military Division during the absence of General Sheridan, headquarters at Winchester.

The Washington Chronicle says:—"Many colored persons appeared to pay their respects to the President and lady, among whom were Fred. Douglass and wife."

There is much talk in Turkey about a religious reform demanded by a large number of the Musselman population. The number, it is said, varies, and, from 1,500 has, by report, reached as high as 80,000. They are against polygamy, in favor of drinking wine, abolishing the fast of Ramazin, and claim that no man is an infidel, who believes in the Old and New Testaments.

The effect of the suppression of monasteries in the dominions of Victor Emmanuel has been to force many of the former members of the cloister, to emigrate to Rome, where they are allowed a pension by the King of Italy.

Gen. Imboden is in command of all the military prisons of Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi.

It is said that Mr. McCulloch was nominated to-day as U. S. Secretary of the Treasury.

NEWS BY TO-DAY'S MAIL.

The 4th of March was celebrated in New York, by firing of cannon, ringing of bells, &c. &c.

The Portland, Me., Advertiser states that the mystery of the Castice raid last fall, has been solved. The whole affair was carried out by some soldiers of a battery stationed there, three of whom have been arrested.

Walter S. Cox, Recorder of Georgetown, was assaulted and beaten by a gang of rowdies, in that place, on Saturday night. They were afterwards arrested.

The Memphis and Vicksburg packet James Watson, laden with Government freight and a large number of passengers, and eighty six soldiers, sunk twelve miles below Napoleon, on the 2d. Over thirty lives were lost, including the Adams' Express agent.

The N. Y. papers have a "report"—probably but a "report"—from Mexico, that the police in Mexico have orders to arrest persons in that country, "for expressing sympathy with the Federal cause." This is not probable.

The North Carolina Journal has a "report" that Haygood's brigade of Hoke's division Confederate army, with the exception of one battalion, was recently captured on the Cape Fear river.

The execution of Capt. Beale, at New York, caused much excitement in Richmond.

The Washington letter writers, to some of the New York papers, give curious accounts of the deportment of Vice President Johnson, on the occasion of his speech in the Senate, when he was sworn into office. They openly charge him with being under some influence, certainly not proper; and state that the Senators of all parties were much chagrined and grieved at the exhibition made. It is added that the Senators were so mortified that they notified the Globe reporter to suppress his copy and wait until Mr. Johnson could write out a speech, that this affair might not go before the world in that form. We do not know what truth there may be in the statements in the papers; but, if the half of what they publish be true, there was never such a scene, on such an occasion. They state that when the new Senators were called up to be sworn Mr. Johnson stepped forward with the Bible, held it out, and motioned to the new Senators to touch the Bible, bow their heads in assent, and then motioned them away without repeating the oath in any form. Most of the Senators left the stand when the muddle was discovered. The Senators were recalled, and Mr. Forney administered to them the oath of office.

Large numbers of the finest rock fish—some, five feet in length—were caught on Monday, at the mouth of the Patuxent river. It is thought the catch of fish of all kinds will be excellent this season; and that present prices must fall.

The New York Times approves the Inaugural; the Tribune thinks that it might have been more conciliatory—the World and News condemn it strongly.

MILCH COWS & CALVES FOR SALE.

The undersigned would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has just received a fresh lot of MILCH COWS and CALVES, which can be purchased at No. 302, upper end, Prince st., and which he will sell at the lowest rates. A call respectfully solicited.

WM. GRAY,
Butcher

LOCAL NEWS.

COUNTY COURT—Monday.—On motion of D. S. Gregory, Andrew Jamieson was appointed trustee, in place of E. Louis Kinzer, dec'd., in a deed of trust from Geo. Bryan, S. R. Adams and D. S. Gregory to E. L. Kinzer; also trustee in place of E. L. Kinzer, in a deed of trust from Geo. Bryan and wife, and S. R. Adams and wife, to the said Kinzer.

The will of James Roach, dec'd., was admitted to probate.

William Adams, a free negro, charged with burglariously entering the house of Daniel Johnson, and attempting to commit an outrage on Mahala Belin, was tried, and ordered to be discharged, the evidence not being sufficient for conviction.

S. N. Garwood, sheriff, was ordered to administer on the effects of John Sullivan, dec'd.

Wilkinson vs. Harrington—unlawful detainer—dismissed.

Howell vs. Rogers—summons on a suggestion—dismissed by order of pl't.

The report of the Commissioner appointed to settle the administration account of Daniel Vogelgesang was returned to the Court, and ordered to lie over for one month.

The Court adjourned till Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

CITY COUNCIL.—There was a meeting of the City Council last night, at which a resolution was passed authorizing the Auditor to issue his warrant for \$50 in favor of R. F. Tatspaugh, as additional compensation, for extra services, as Chief Engineer of the Fire Department.

The salary of the Mayor was fixed at \$1,000.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the Auditor to issue his warrant, to satisfy an execution, in the hands of the Sheriff, in favor of George Siggers vs. the Corporation.

A report from the Committee on Finance, in favor of paying G. C. Hewes, Collector of Northern District, \$482 69, and to O. C. Whittlesey, Collector of the Southern District, \$379 64 as additional compensation for 1864, was adopted.

The thanks of both Boards were tendered to their respective presiding officers, clerks, &c.

The annual accounts of the Corporation for the past year were presented, approved, and ordered to be printed.

The returns of the City Surveyor, amounting to \$300, was received and read.

The report of the Committee on Light was received, approved and ordered to be printed.

John R. Gray, was allowed \$50, for special services, as Police at the Market House, since the death of J. H. Stillwell.

Both branches then adjourned, sine die.

C. & O. CANAL.—By a letter dated March 2d, at Four Locks, Md., we are informed that about twenty feet of the cribbing on the Virginia side of dam No. 5, six miles above Williamsport, was carried away by the freshet, and it was supposed that some of the timbers from the tops of the other cribs are gone. This of itself is sufficient to delay the opening of navigation for some time, and fears are entertained that another rise of the river will add to the damage. The water now is so high that the exact extent of damage cannot be ascertained.