

The Alexandria Gazette

FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 22.

LOCAL.—We are now having Spring weather, though the nights and mornings are cool. The trees are beginning to show their buds and blossoms, and the labor of the gardens are now in full progress. The "Virginia State Journal" says that Maj. Messervey, commanding at Fort Rogers, will properly drain and keep drained the Marsh, below that fortification, if the authorities will furnish the machinery for the purpose." The drainage of the Marsh would contribute much to the general health, and be an excellent improvement.—A Circuit Court in Fairfax is still in session.—We may now reasonably hope for a larger supply of fresh fish (shad and herring) and a fall in prices.—It is remarked that, with many dealers, provisions "go up" when gold "goes up," but prices do not decline when gold "goes down," it is all "going up" with them.—It is said that from and after to-day, passengers will be conveyed from and to Washington and Alexandria, in one of the steamboat lines, free of charge.

Rev. Mr. Hitzelberger, of Washington, delivered last evening, in St. Mary's (Catholic) Church, in this place, to a large audience, a very interesting and eloquent Lecture on the life and times of Pope Pius the 9th. The Rev. Lecturer after giving a concise account of the life of the Pope, illustrated by anecdotes of his virtues, humility, and religious zeal, discussed, generally, his present situation, and examined the subject of his temporal power, and the attempts now making to deprive him of it. In the course of this examination, the characters, objects, and measures of the ultra liberal leaders, the heads of the revolutionary parties, in Europe, were investigated and a judgment pronounced against them. The lecturer denied that they could, in any sense, be compared, as to their course or purposes, with the great men who effected the revolution in America, which separated the Colonies from Great Britain. The Lecture was carefully prepared and well delivered.

The Boston Advertiser says of the attack on Plymouth, last Sunday, by sea and land, "the fight was going on up to midnight of Sunday. The Federal force is believed to be strong enough to hold out."

About \$800,000, it is said, have been collected at the Sanitary Fair, now going on in New York. A similar one is being held in Baltimore, and a large amount collected.

The Philadelphia Inquirer says, "it is highly probable that there will be no draft, unless another call for troops be made which is not unlikely."

Orders were received at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday, from General Sherman, prohibiting the issue of passes to citizens to go beyond Nashville.

A very valuable and fast blockade-runner, called the Matilda, has been lost at sea off Landy's Light. She was valued at \$300,000.

It is rumored that the Confederates have an iron ram and four gunboats on Roanoke river, six miles from Plymouth.

[From the New York Herald.]

Mr. Lincoln's Estimate of the Senate.

The President says that in the Senate he "owns nine of the Senators and one-half of another." "Who owns the other half?" asked a gentleman to whom the President was speaking.—"Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts," replied the Chief Magistrate. "Wilson is for me," says the President, "before breakfast, rather against me while his digestion is going on after it, loves me like pie during the hours which he spends visiting the various departments and asking for places and patronage, and bitterly my enemy from seven every evening until he goes to bed, drops asleep and commences snoring. Wilson is carrying water on both shoulders; but I guess he'll get a wetting and soil his clothes before he gets through."

The New York Commercial says that Secretary Chase is depressing the price of gold, by enabling gold brokers to be in the market to make sales. It adds:

"The operation is for the transfer of gold, on the order of Mr. Chase, to certain banking houses, who employ brokers to sell it in the open market, without much regard to price, the object being to depress the price of gold. The importers and bankers and other buyers are, of course, well satisfied with the plan, since they get gold cheap at the government expense. The special effort is also directed to greenbacks which are supposed to be very scarce, and gold is freely offered at terms below the market rate, to be paid for in greenbacks."

It is reported that at the late battle on the Red River the Confederates were commanded by Major General Dick Taylor, a son of "Old Rough and Ready," and a brother-in-law of President Davis. He was educated at West Point, and in his campaigns with Stonewall Jackson, in the Valley of Virginia, and more recently in Louisiana, has evinced military capacity of a very high order.

The feast of the Jewish Passover commenced on Wednesday evening.

Gold, in New York, yesterday, again advanced to 172½.

The Baltimore Gazette of to-day says:—"J. Z. Jenkins, arrested in Prince George's county several days since and sent to this city, charged with disloyalty, has been transferred from the military prison in this city to the Old Capitol prison in Washington."

The Baltimore Gazette says:—"Mr. Henry W. Rogers, real estate broker, has effected the sale of a fine farm, known as "Oakland," belonging to Mr. Geo. R. Gaither, containing 1,370 acres, for \$78,000, to Mr. Philip Tabb. It is located in Howard county, five miles from Ellicott's Mills and fifteen from Baltimore, and is considered one of the most beautiful and productive estates in Maryland.

Deserters who have come into the lines of the Army of the Potomac report that General Longstreet's Corps has joined Gen. Lee's army, and is at Orange Court House. The strength of the Confederate army by these deserters, is said to be not more than fifty thousand strong.

A grand requiem high mass for the repose of the soul of Caroline Deslondes, the lately deceased wife of Gen. Beauregard, was celebrated at Mobile on the 7th of April.

Three prominent dramatic performers—Messrs. Hackett, Wheatley and Booth—have determined to ensure the erection of a statue to Shakespeare in Central Park, New York.

[COMMUNICATED.]

The warm weather will probably soon commence, and, it will be necessary—more than ever—in consequence of the large influx of negroes, into this place, to institute a rigid course of sanitary measures, in reference to the houses and premises of the contrabands. Many of them are crowded together in one building, as is the case in the old building at Hamer's Ship Yard, and almost all their houses are badly constructed for health, and have no drainage. Many of them, also, are notoriously careless in their habits, and do not keep their premises clean. This is a very important matter, and I trust will receive the attention of the proper authorities.

A CRUIZER.

THE GUERRILLAS.—The army correspondent of the New York World writes:

"A cordon of guerrillas seems to surround the Federal lines in every direction. It is stated that Mosby and members of his command frequently enter Warrenton in disguise. They doubtless glean, on these nocturnal visits, much important information respecting this army, stragglers from which are almost certain to be captured or shot when out of speaking distance from the pickets. You have already been informed of the attack upon, and killing of two out of four officers of General Warren's command, who were so imprudent as to venture into the vicinity of Greenwhich. A sergeant belonging to the Bucktail Pennsylvania Rifles was also shot yesterday, near Brister station.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO CANAL.—At a late meeting of the board of directors, the toll on coal transported on the canal was advanced to three-eighths of a cent, per ton per mile—equal to sixty-nine cents per ton to Georgetown. The canal is now in good order, and doing a fine business. During the present season 286 boats, with 31,718 tons of coal, have left Cumberland for Georgetown.

A dispatch from Cairo states that the greater portion of the town of Hickman, Ky., has been burned by the Confederates, and that about four hundred of them were at Henderson, Ky., on the 18th.

Captain Henry B. Todd, late provost marshal of Washington, and who has been dismissed the service of the U. S., was arraigned and convicted of embezzling property received while he was acting as provost marshal of Washington, consisting of a diamond cluster ring and certain silver plate, he having the diamonds re-set, and the silver re-cast into spoons for his own use. He is accordingly dismissed the service.



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