

The Alexandria Gazette

MONDAY EVENING, JUNE 13.

Steamers continue to arrive almost daily from the White House with wounded soldiers. About 1,300 arrived on four boats yesterday and the night before. The State of Maine brought up 400 wounded officers and soldiers, many of which are severe cases, and had to be removed on stretchers. She left the White House on Friday evening, where about 1,500 wounded are awaiting transportation. The propeller Spaulding was taking on board prisoners who are to be transferred to Point Look-out.

At a meeting of the Democratic Association of Washington, on Friday night last, Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, said, "let us have but one watchword, and sustain that word like men, and all will be well. That watchword is peace." (Loud applause.) Mr. Price, of Missouri said: "We have had blood enough already, and if Grant cannot speedily take Richmond it is time for all to unite and stop this blood shed and war." (Applause.)

The U. S. Navy Department has information of the capture, off Velasco, Texas, of the steamer Isabel. The Isabel was loaded with powder, arms, percussion caps, medicines, &c. Her officers made a desperate resistance, and did not surrender until they had received two broadsides at short range.

On the 23d ultimo, Mr. Condon, the editor of the New Orleans Picayune, was ordered by the Federal Provost Marshal of that place to prepare to leave on the following day for Pascagoula. Gen. Bowen, however, modified the order for his banishment, so as to allow him the privilege of going to any foreign country.

The railroad bridge over the Wabash river at Attica, Ind., was partially destroyed by fire on Monday morning last. All the covered portion west of the draw, save one section, was burned. The burned portion, including the trestle work, was about a fourth of a mile long, and to replace it will cost from \$50,000 to \$80,000.

In the U. S. H. of Rep. on Saturday the vote on the Bankrupt bill was reconsidered, and the bill postponed until the second Monday of December next. The contested election case of Tod against Jayne, delegates from the Territory of Dacotah, was taken up and Tod was declared entitled to the seat.

At Georgetown the Cumberland coal trade is very active. About 3,000 tons arrived in canal boats from Cumberland, and the agents are shipping large quantities by river, much of it to northern ports. Other vessels are receiving cargoes as rapidly as the hands at the derricks can transfer from canal to river.

Honorable William Matthews died in Charles county, Md., on the 4th ult. He was formerly a prominent citizen of Allegany county, which he frequently represented in the legislature.—After his removal to Charles county, he was for a time Judge of the Circuit Court.

Some think the Democratic Chicago Convention will be postponed.

"ABANDONED PROPERTY."—In the U. S. House of Representatives on Saturday, Mr. Wilson, of Iowa, from the committee on the judiciary, made a report on the resolution referred to them, instructing an inquiry by what warrant or authority the bill providing for the collection of abandoned property, and the prevention of frauds in insurrectionary districts, approved March 12, 1863, became a law, and whether said act is in force.

The committee say they sent a note to the Secretary of State, who replied to their question that the bill was approved on that day, and that the date, as well as the signature, is in the handwriting of the President. The truth is established that owing to the great press of business on the fourth of March, 1863, the bill did not reach the President until after Congress adjourned. The committee briefly state the President's reasons why he signed the bill during the recess, believing he was justified in doing so by constitutional warrant; but they say although there is force and plausibility in the reasoning, they receive as a correct interpretation of the constitution, that the ten days limitation refers to the time during which Congress remains in session, and has no application after an adjournment.—Hence, if the Executive can hold a bill ten days he can as well hold it ten months. This would render the enactment of laws uncertain. The committee, for this, and other reasons, consider that the act approved March 12, 1863, is not in force, and in this the committee are unanimous.

The report was referred to the committee of ways and means, in order that they may report a similar bill.

A blockade runner, the Georgiana McCew, was run ashore June 2, under the guns of Fort Caswell, in Wilmington harbor, by boats from the Federal gunboat Victoria. The captain was captured, together with twenty-nine of the crew and three passengers, among whom, it is said, is a bearer of dispatches from Paris and London to Richmond. On searching their baggage important documents were found implicating certain individuals in New York and Baltimore. The Georgiana McCew was from Nassau, bound to Wilmington, partly loaded with provisions, &c. The Federals fired her in several places, but the fort having opened a heavy fire on the boats, the captors were obliged to leave without completing her destruction.

The Wilmington Courier says that the city of Charleston suffered more by the conflagration of December 1861, which lasted for twelve hours, than in all other ways during three years of the war.

It is not expected that the call for more U. S. troops will be made till Congress has decided whether it will repeal the commutation clause of the enrollment act.

A Fortress Monroe dispatch says: "A late Richmond paper says that several steamers have arrived at Charleston S. C., within a few days, among them a fine steamship belonging to the Chicora company."

The National Intelligencer considers "the nomination of Lincoln at the present time as premature."

The weather for the last two or three days has been quite cool, although there is a bright sun, and in its rays it is sufficiently warm.

Several steamers arrived here at the close of last week, with sick and wounded from the White House.

A schooner, with liquor on board, bound to the White House, was seized last Saturday by the U. S. guard vessel lying off this place.

FROM ARKANSAS.

A dispatch from Cairo announces that "Smith landed at Snyaside on the 6th, and took up the line of march early in the morning, under a heavy rain, in the direction of Lake Cheat. About nine o'clock the advance met two regiments of Confederates, strongly posted opposite the bank of a bayou, emptying into the lake, and opened fire upon them from two guns. They fell back to a second position on a bayou, leaving an open field between the two lines. The Federal fire was responded to by the Confederates with a battery of six guns. The Federal forces soon desisted from the use of their guns, and advanced under a heavy fire upon the Confederate line, driving them from their position. The Confederates retreated in a westerly direction, leaving the lake in the rear, and rendering it impracticable to pursue.

"The engagement lasted an hour. The Federal loss was twenty killed and seventy wounded.

"A band of guerrillas made a raid on the plantation of Judge Dent, near Skipworth's Landing, on the 7th instant, captured sixty mules, and carrying off all the negroes employed on the plantation."

[COMMUNICATED.]

I do not know when my feelings were more touched than on yesterday (Sunday) when I saw, in one of our christian congregations, four aged men, each of them probably, upwards of eighty, uniting in the solemn religious services of the occasion, and kneeling at the altar like patriarchs, in the midst of the sons and daughters, grandsons and daughters of their friends, relatives and townsmen! There were none present who did not pray for blessings upon their aged heads, and thank God for the example thus set to the rising generation. May their days yet be lengthened! May peace and happiness follow them during their stay upon earth, and when in heaven may they look down with joy upon many who will follow them to the realms of bliss! X

MARRIED.

On Tuesday the 7th instant, by the Rev. Dr. Marbury, JOSEPH J. LARLEY, Esq., of Port Tobacco, and Miss VINTIE BURNELL, of Aquasco District, in Prince George's county, Md.

On Thursday evening, the 9th instant, by the Rev. John H. Chew, Mr. F. OWEN BERRY and Miss NANNIE BUDD, all of Prince George's county, Md.

DIED.

At his residence in Nottingham District, Md., on Thursday, the 25th ultimo, THOMAS N. BABEN, Esq., an old and highly respected citizen.

Of typhoid fever, in the village of Occoquan, May 28th, Mr. REUBEN HAMMILL, son of Hugh and Jane Hammill, in the 25th year of his age.

The Ladies of this city will hold a FESTIVAL for the BENEFIT OF THE POOR, on the north side of King between Washington and St. Asaph st., commencing on Wednesday evening, 15th June, and closing on Saturday night, 18th. As this is for benevolent purposes it is earnestly requested that all who take an interest in the suffering humanity will send their contributions at once to the hall. However small, they will be thankfully received. (Admission 15 cts.)

"Ye that giveth to the Poor,
Lendeth to the Lord."

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