

The Alexandria Gazette

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 31.

The Washington Chronicle says that the Government has under advisement the important question of colonizing all the tribes of Indians between Minnesota and Iowa and the Rocky Mountains, on to a reservation by themselves. It is believed that Commissioner Dole will be sent out with a military escort, for the purpose of holding a grand council with the head chiefs of all the tribes, and to announce to them the policy of the Government. This territory, it is believed, will be selected somewhere on the northern border of Montana and Dakota, with the British possessions adjoining as an unlimited hunting ground, and will be well guarded along the southern boundary line by a military force.

From Chattanooga via Cincinnati, under date of yesterday, we learn that the Southern papers announce that the people will respect the authority of the United States and that they repudiate alike guerrilla warfare and acts against individuals holding political opinions at variance with their own. Ex-Secretary Mallory and Howell Cobb have passed through Chattanooga on their way to Nashville under guard. Champ Ferguson, a well known guerrilla leader in Tennessee, has been captured and is closely confined in irons at Nashville.

The N. Y. Tribune says that the following is understood to be the disposition of the Major Generals in the regular army, which has been determined upon: General Halleck takes command of the Pacific States; Gen. Sherman of the military division of the Mississippi, comprising the States of Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and probably Louisiana; General Meade of the Atlantic States; General Sheridan of the trans Mississippi; General George H. Thomas of Virginia, North Carolina and perhaps other Southern States.

The Mediterranean Fleet, now fitting out in New York will consist in part of the steam frigates Brooklyn, Colorado, Minnesota, Powhatan, Wabash and ship Kearsage. Some of the new gunboats of the Butaw class will also be sent, and it is reported that the Dunderberg, Dictator, Puritan and New Ironsides will represent the iron arm of the service. The squadron, so far as definitely announced, includes six steamships, carrying 209 guns of formidable calibre. Rear Admiral Louis M. Goldsborough will command the squadron.

It is said by the Washington Star that "General Halleck will shortly be relieved from the command of the Department of Virginia by Major General Geo. H. Thomas, who is hurriedly expected, he having been ordered to report for that purpose. It is also said that General Halleck is to be relieved from the command of the Military Division of the Pacific States."

The Paymaster General has issued a circular to the chiefs of the various pay districts notifying them of the fact that a large number of troops will arrive within the limits of their respective districts within the coming week, to be mustered out, and ordering them to make such arrangements as to secure their payment without delay.

The CONSPIRACY TRIALS.—In the Military Court, yesterday, testimony was given by a witness, a Northern man, who had been in the express business at the South, to the effect that when Jefferson Davis first heard of President Lincoln's assassination he was making a speech in North Carolina, and remarked to the people then that "if it were to be done, it were better that it were done well." He is also represented to have repeated the same remark a few days afterwards, in conversation with Breckinridge, adding that it would have been better had Andrew Johnson and Secretary Stanton been also included. The same witness adds that Breckinridge regretted the assassination on account of Mr. Lincoln's sympathy for the South. Among a number of other witnesses examined, was a carpenter at Ford's Theatre, who testified that on the night of the assassination, after Booth ran out of the back door of the theatre, he was asked by Spangler, "for God's sake to shut up and not state which way he went." General Johnston was, after some reluctance on the part of members of the court, admitted as a witness, with the view of invalidating Von Stineke's testimony relative to his hearing discussions by Booth and officers in the rebel camp of plans to assassinate President Lincoln. The General admitted Stineke had been on his staff as an engineer, but he had never known any secret meetings of officers of the brigade, or any discussion of any plan to assassinate the President, and never saw Booth.

It is reported from Washington that Secretary Stanton is about to vacate his position as Secretary of War, and that he will be commissioned by President Johnson as Minister to Berlin. But the latter portion of the report is contradicted.

T. R. S. Boyce formerly member of Congress from South Carolina, and more recently a member of the confederate Congress was on Monday a spectator of the proceedings at the White House, in company with his old friend E. P. Blair, Sr.

Franklin Buchanan, formerly of Maryland, but during the war an Admiral in the Confederate navy, surrendered himself to the U. S. Naval authorities at Mobile, on the 18th inst. and was released on his parole of honor.

John J. Chew and R. O. Dabney, clerks of the corporation and county courts of Fredericksburg, have both been reinstated in their respective offices by the military authorities.

The first election for members of the Legislature of Virginia took place in Norfolk on the 25th instant. Dr. Robinson was elected Senator and Messrs. Ellis and Hardy Delegates.

A heavy shock of earthquake was felt on the 26th inst., throughout Southern California. No damage was done, although many houses were rudely shaken.

It is said that the examination into the case of the parties recently arrested in San Francisco for being engaged in the Mexican emigration scheme, shows that the scheme contemplated the seizure of the French transport Phin, when she came down from Mare Island. The parties arrested are all in prison, charged with conspiracy to commit felony.

Mr. Seward, has so far recovered from the injuries sustained by the fall from his carriage, as to admit the release of his right arm (broken by the fall) from bandage. The first use made of his hand, after its release, was the signing of the President's amnesty proclamation. Mr. Frederick Seward, at our latest accounts, was recovering rapidly.

General Logan will not accept a brigadier generalship in the regular army. He is to retain command of the Army of the Tennessee, which will leave for Kentucky in a few days. The army will encamp within four miles of Louisville.

Threatened Riot in Schuylkill and Carbon Counties, Pa.

READING, May 29.—The laborers in the coal mines in Schuylkill and Carbon counties became highly excited at the announcement on Saturday that their wages were to be reduced. It is well known that enormous rates have been paid by coal operators and shippers to get their coal out in sufficient quantities to meet the demand during the winter. Yesterday, in nearly every mining centre, the excitement seemed about culminating. At Pottsville, Mauch Chunk, at Schuylkill Haven and other places the miners assembled in large numbers, many of them infuriated by spirituous liquors. In some instances women, dogs, and children accompanied them with yelping noises. The destruction of valuable property was anticipated. At Ashland two coal breakers were turned by the rioters, and for a time the telegraph wires were severed.

Last night seven companies of the 202d regiment of Pennsylvania volunteers passed through here en route for the scenes of disturbance. Four companies have reached Pottsville, and three have gone to Mauch Chunk. Provisions for a number of days have been sent them, but it is now thought that the danger has ceased.

If the disturbances are continued, it is proposed to employ soldiers from the army, who will soon be discharged, in place of the element now working in the mines.

Troops to be Mustered Out

The number of troops in the Army of the Potomac and in General Sherman's army, whose terms expire prior to the 1st of October, and now under orders for muster out, is estimated at 122,310. Of these there are—

159 three year regiments of 1862	55,600
Three year recruits of 1862	20,150
22 one year reg'ts. of 1864 and one by	14,840
One year recruits of 1864	31,720
Total	122,310

The N. Y. Tribune says:—"Upon what is considered good authority, it is asserted that Mrs. Gen. Lee has no intention, and never expressed any, of applying for the possession of the Arlington estate."

A DAY OF HUMILIATION AND PRAYER.

PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR.

Notice is hereby given that all places of business within the limits of this city, will be closed to-morrow, the first day of June, said day having been set apart by the President of the United States, as a day of "special humiliation and prayer, in consequence of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States." All people are hereby enjoined to properly observe the day by participating in devotional exercises appropriate to the occasion.

WM. D. MASSEY,
President of the City Council
and Acting Mayor.

GEORGE DUFFEY,

CLOCK AND WATCHMAKER,

No. 10, North Royal Street, near King.
WATCHES and JEWELRY carefully repaired and with dispatch. He would respectfully ask a call from his former friends, and the public generally. All watch work warranted.
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Persons indebted to the estate of JOHN E. HENDERSON, will please come forward and settle immediately, as further indulgence will not be given.
WILLIS HENDERSON,
Administrator.
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\$20 REWARD.—Strayed or stolen, from No. 24, Patrick st., on Friday night last, a BAY ROAN HORSE, about 16 1/2 hands high. He is a U. S. condemned horse, marked with a large C. The hoof of the left foot is split open, and has an iron lip on the shoe to prevent the split from spreading—newly shod, long mane and tail, and in good condition.
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W. B. NALLS.