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THURSDAY MORNING.

MAY 20, 1858.

REGIMENTAL PARADE.

The 55th Regiment of Virginia Militia, was paraded in Charles Town on Saturday last. It was one of the largest assemblies that has appeared in our town for many years, and reminded us of days gone by, with the exception that there was none of the jingling exercises which formerly characterized such occasions—and less intoxication.

At about 11 o'clock the Regiment was formed under the command of Col. John T. Gimesey, aided by Maj. Jas. L. Hoerr, and Adj't. Jas. W. Boyce.

There was but one company in uniform, the "Hampton Guards," under the command of Capt. V. M. Butler, Lieut. Mo. Lewis, and Lieut. Marmaduke, which took first place, followed by the "J. W. Gordon Guards" of Charles Town, headed by Lieut. H. B. Davenport, Col. H. Stewart and James A. Hurd.

All the companies in the Regiment, numbering 10, were present with the exception of the Bolivar company. After arriving on parade ground, an election was held for company Officers, in conformity with the provisions of an Act of the General Assembly under the supervision of Col. R. W. Bayliss, Francis Yates and Thomas Hite, conductors, appointed at the April Term of the County Court, to hold said elections. The following named officers were then elected:

Company No 1—W. H. T. Lewis, Capt.

" " David Humphreys, 1st Lieut.

Company No 2—J. T. Thompson, Capt.

" " James E. Wilson, 2nd Lieut.

Company No 3—Thos. W. Davis, Capt.

" " Henry Keene, 1st Lieut.

" " Geo. W. Kilmer, 2nd Lieut.

Company No 4—J. T. Gibson, Capt.

" " T. B. Robey, 1st Lieut.

Company No 5—L. D. Davis, Capt.

" " J. S. Melvin, 1st Lieut.

" " Tobias Hendricks, 2nd Lieut.

Company No 6—J. W. Henly, Capt.

" " George Johnston, 2nd Lieut.

Company No 7—W. S. Magruder, Capt.

" " John Osborne, 1st Lieut.

Company No 8—S. D. Harst, Capt.

" " J. D. Haylett, 1st Lieut.

Company No 9—J. H. Eggle, Capt.

" " Henry C. Moler, 1st Lieut.

Company No 10—W. H. Eggle, 2nd Lieut.

Company No 11—No election.

The "Chriswell Comet Band" of Shepherdstown, added much to the occasion—the day will long be remembered by many of the juveniles who witnessed a "General muster" for the first time in their lives.

BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road Company on the 12th inst., Mr. John L. Wilson, Assistant Road Master, on the western division of the Road, was appointed Road Master in the place of Mr. Wendell Bollman, resigned. Mr. Silas McMurphy was appointed assistant Road Master, in place of J. H. Teeguern, resigned. Both appointments were made with much unanimity.

Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. McMurphy have been in the service of the company some fifteen years, and proved efficient in their respective positions. Their present promotion is in accordance with the general policy of awarding tried and efficient men in the service.

The President was instructed to address Messrs. Bollman and Teeguern complimentary letters on their retirement.

THE JEFFERSON CADETS.

The following compose the officers of the Jefferson Cadets, a juvenile Company of Charles Town, lately organized:

Captain—Lyon W. Pitts.

2nd. " " William Wilson.

3rd. " " Eugene C. Wilson.

4th. " " Robert Craighead.

Orderly Sergeant—H. White.

Drums—Charles Alling.

Lance Corporal, Esq., has this young company in charge, and drills it regularly—they will shortly be in full uniform with the usual musical accompaniment, &c.

DECEASED.

John Hess, Esq., who received a nomination for County Clerk, a few weeks ago, by six gentlemen who constituted themselves a Convention, declines the honor intended him by that large and august body, for reasons which it is unnecessary to mention.—The contest, therefore, remains with Thos. A. Moore, Esq., the present incumbent, and Capt. John F. Smith.

UNION PRAYER MEETING.

To night, (Wednesday) the Union Prayer Meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church. The last meeting was at the Episcopal Church, on Sabbath afternoon last.—These meetings, designed to prove interesting, and the audience is large and encouraging.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Next Monday evening is the regular time for the meeting of the Temperance Association. The ladies and gentlemen are requested to manifest their interest by a full attendance.

THE AGRICULTURAL CONVENTION.

This body formally met at Winchester, yesterday. The occasion is expected to be one of great interest, and will, no doubt, attract a large number of persons to witness its proceedings.

TO CANDIDATES.

You will need tickets for the ensuing election, and we are prepared to print them. Call early that we may supply you.

On Thursday last one hundred and fifty workmen were discharged from the Portsmouth (Va.) navy-yard.

LATEST FROM UTAH.

Advice from St. Louis, of the 17th inst., report the surrender of the Mormons, and their submission to the U. S. authorities—a special dispatch to the Baltimore Sun, reads as follows:

Br. Louis, May 17th.—An express agent from St. Louis, who arrived on the 10th of April, and is now here, reports that he has brought the important intelligence that the Mormons had laid down their arms, and that Gov. Cummings had entered Salt Lake city on the 15th instant. As far as the peaceful intentions of the people, large numbers had already taken their departure for the States, Nevada, and others were preparing to follow.

Col. K. L. Leverett, of the 1st Cavalry, has paraded his troops in the streets of Salt Lake city, and it is presumed was instrumental in bringing about the result mentioned.

Gov. Cummings, commander of the Utah expedition, has not reached Lawrence when the express arrived, but it was believed that further movements of the troops would be stopped upon his arrival, the submission of the Saints had rendered their services altogether useless.

The War Department at Washington, has no confirmation of this late intelligence, from their sources, there are two chances out of five that it is true.

THE UNITED STATES AMERICAN

—A Series of interesting notices of ship-owners and ship masters was held in New York in relation to the recent captures of American vessels by British cruisers. A among several resolutions adopted were the following:

Resolved, That Congress should assist the administration in restoring compensation for every vessel wronged so as to render the American name safe and creditable throughout the world. That no officer or crew of a vessel, whether it consists of negroes or nothing; and that freedom from such is an American's inalienable right as well as much as to freedom from the intrusion of foreign policemen in our channels of trade.

It is rumored that two vessels of war have been ordered to proceed to the Gulf of Mexico, immediately, to protect American merchant vessels.

DIMISSED.

Mr. Hackney, door keeper to the House of Representatives has been displaced from his position on the ground of official misconduct, by a vote of 145 to 34. He was charged with deliberate abuse in exceeding authority in appointing subordinates and increasing the expenses of the fiddling room.

John L. Weller, the democratic nominee, was elected on Tuesday last to supply the place of Mr. Hackney.

DANCING ACADEMY.

We are requested to say that Mr. Clapp will give lessons in the Terpsichorean art, on Mondays and Thursdays. For Ladies, Masters and Misses at 2 o'clock P. M., and for Gentlemen at 7 o'clock P. M.

Married,

Mar. 15, 1858.—THOMAS J. NEELEY, of the Free State of Jefferson County, Ky., on the 19th inst., by the Rev. Dr. R. S. Robinson, Mr. E. C. Moore, and others, to Mrs. J. N. Carter, daughter of Jas. L. Carter.

At the City Hotel, Frederick City, Md., on Tuesday evening work by Rev. Mr. Rose, Mr. Dan, and others, to his son, Jas. L. Carter, and daughter of Jas. L. Carter, and Jas. L. Carter, and daughter of Jas. L. Carter.

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