

NEGRO ENGINEERS. The negro soldiers in General Banks's Department having proved good soldiers, it has been determined to turn their mechanical skill to account. Recent letters from Baton Rouge report that a regiment of negro engineers is now organizing at that point. When filled, this regiment will consist of over twelve hundred able-bodied men, who will be attached to the engineer corps of the department, and be employed in bridge and road building under the instruction of competent officers.

THE REBELS AND NEGROES. It is reported that the rebels are putting a stop to the desertion of negroes, by the assurance that they will be forced into the Yankee negro regiments upon their arrival, and compelled to take the front of all the battles, while, if they remain at home, they will be free from conscription.

☞ A great riot has occurred at Richmond. A mob of 3000 women, armed with clubs, guns and stones, broke open the government and private stores, and helped themselves to bread and clothing. The militia failed to check the riot, which was not suppressed until speeches had been made by Jeff. Davis and others, promising that whatever they wanted, they should have.

☞ More than 200 colored emigrants have given notice of their intention to embark in the next Liberia packet, sailing from Baltimore May 1st.

COLORED TEACHERS. Judge Rice, of Illinois, has decided that colored persons are not privileged to teach school in that State, and that the public moneys cannot be appropriated to pay their salaries. Shame!

☞ The constitutionality of the Black Laws of Illinois, under which colored people are excluded from the Commonwealth, is to be tested in the Supreme Court of that State.

☞ The number of our vessels captured by the Sumter, the Alabama and the Florida, is forty-seven. Twenty-one have been taken by other Southern cruisers.

☞ With the exception of 100 in hospitals, the last of the rebel prisoners at Camp Douglas, Chicago, have left for the South. The number received in January was about 8800. Of these upwards of 700 have died, and 290 have been released upon taking the oath of allegiance.

☞ One of the bloodiest battles of modern times was the fight at Bear river, Washington Territory, by Col. Conner, with 200 hard-marched and exhausted men against 800 Indian warriors. Of the Indians, 224 were killed.

☞ At Arlington, Pa., on the 14th inst., Mrs. Harper and Miss Ellis Morgan were killed in the mill of Mr. Smith Harper. It is supposed that one of them was caught by her dress, and whirled around the shafting, and the other, in attempting to rescue her, was also caught, and shared the fate of her friend.

New York, April 17. The barque Helen Augusta arrived to-night from St. Domingo. She brings a number of negro emigrants who have returned.

THE 64th REGIMENT. We are informed that a circle of young ladies are exerting themselves to procure a suitable flag for the Massachusetts 64th (colored) regiment. Communications for the Committee may be addressed to Miss Addie Howard, 40 Poplar street, or to Miss Mary Louise Lockley, 81 Garden street.—*Boston Transcript.*

☞ The Secretary of the Interior has entered into a contract with Forbes and Tackerman, to transport to the Haytien Island of Abache, five hundred negroes, who are free under the Confiscation act, or the law emancipating slaves in the District. Fifty dollars each is to be paid for the transportation.

☞ The work of organizing negro regiments progresses briskly on the Mississippi.