

COMMERCIAL.

Money.—There is a slight improvement noticeable in the Money market, not owing to a greater abundance, but to a less active demand. The Banks are discounting moderately—not sufficient to meet present engagements—and a good deal of good paper finds its way to the street, where it is little difficultly in negotiating.

Exchange is in limited request with a declining tendency. We quote drafts on New York Philadelphia, and Baltimore, at 1 1/2 to 2 percent premium.

LAND WARRANTS have slightly advanced in New York, and are quoted as follows:—160 acres 1062/100; 80's at 570/90; 120's at 826/6; 160's at 572/90.

PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.

Table listing prices for various commodities such as Flour, Sugar, Coffee, and other goods.

Alexandria Fish Market, April 2.

The arrivals are increasing, with a fair demand. Upwards of 5000 Herrings were brought up from the shore of Messrs. Dempsey & Violett, which met with ready sale at 12 per hundred. Shad are arriving in greater abundance; sales at \$11.

The Markets.

Baltimore, April 2.—Flour is firm; Howard street and Ohio \$4.50; City Mills dull at \$4.25. Wheat is firm; red \$1.05; white \$1.00.

Baltimore Cattle Market, April 1.

CATTLE.—The receipts of Beef Cattle to-day were comparatively light, and prices were a shade better than last market day.

NEW YORK, April 2.—Flour is firm; sales of 7000 lbs. at \$4.25; Ohio \$4.80.

THE BALTIMORE AMERICAN SAYS.—Money is not scarce, but investments are made with caution.

NEW ORLEANS, March 30.—The exports to Great Britain from this port the past week were 43,000 bales, and from Mobile they were 12,000.

PHILADELPHIA, April 1.—A sale of 1,800 bags of coffee was made at auction to-day at 92 1/2 cents.

Virginia Legislature.

In the Senate, on Thursday, a bill was reported for running and marking the boundary line between North Carolina and Virginia.

The General appropriation bill for the two years 1858-9 was taken up and passed. Among the most prominent items are \$163,894.49 for the two Legislative sessions of '57-'58; \$224,000 for salaries to officers of the civil government; \$200,000 for the Washington Monument; \$43,367.18 for the payment of interest on the public debt and the gradual redemption thereof, and for investment; \$271,647.10 to pay the interest on the guaranteed bonds of the James River and Kanawha Canal Company; \$60,000 to pay the interest on the guaranteed bonds of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal; \$5,000 to enclose the birth-place of Washington.

Senate bills were passed authorizing the Colonization Board to compensate its Secretary; increasing the salary of the adjutant General of the State to \$1500 per annum; authorizing the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company to construct the Fayetteville branch; for the construction of the "extension" of the Manassas Gap Railroad; increasing the capital stock of the Central Bank of Staunton, and authorizing it to establish a branch at Richmond.

The House amendment to the Senate bill, requiring merchants to take an oath not to deal with slaves, came up, and was discussed. The amendment prevents merchants from selling liquor to free negroes without a certificate of their good character from three magistrates.

Mr. Daughtrey opposed the amendment, on the ground that it would throw an unlicensed liquor traffic into the hands of unscrupulous white men, who would make a profit by selling liquor from merchants and then selling it to free negroes at a heavy advance.

The amendment was advocated by Messrs. Taliaferro, Thomas and Ambler. Several amendments to the amendment were offered, but defeated. It was then agreed by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Ambler, Brannon, Bruce, Coghill, Coleman, Denton, Deskins, Floyd, Frazier, Hubbar, Huddleston, Layton, Marshall, Paxton, Richmond, Rives, Smith, G. Smith, J. Stuart, Taliaferro, Thomas, Thompson.

Mr. Floyd offered a preamble and joint resolution instructing our representatives and requesting our Senators to request to ask for Lieut. Maury's extraordinary promotion in the Navy, on account of his distinguished services to commerce.

In the House of Delegates, on motion of Mr. Crutchfield, the Senate bill changing the charter of the Alexandria, Fairfax and Potomac Railroad, and Gordonville Railroad, was taken up. The bill authorizes the unpaid portion of the three fifths subscription (\$240,000) heretofore appropriated, to be issued as preferred six per cent stock.

The passage of the bill was advocated by Messrs. Crutchfield, Segar, McCreary, McKenzie, DeJarnette and Christian, and opposed by Mr. Johnson of Taylor.

The question on the passage of the bill was then put, and determined in the negative by the following vote:

AYES.—Messrs. Hatchfield, (Speaker) Anderson, Bailey, Ball, Carpenter of Culpeper, Bird, Bowles, Caperton, Carpenter, Chapman, Christian, Clarke, Creigh, Deane, DeJarnette, Draper, Gatewood, Hancock, Howery, Liss, Mallory, Martz, Massie of Rockbridge, Massie of Augusta, Mays, McCreary, McKenzie, Morgan, Paxton, Parrall, Powell of Hampshire, Preston, Prince, Ronald, Scott, Segar, Starn, Sweeney, Thomas, Thompson, Thornburg, Woods, Yancy.

Mr. Paxton moved to pass by the order of the day for the purpose of taking up the oyster bill, with the view of withdrawing it to Congress. The motion was briefly discussed, and was rejected.

Mr. Paxton remarked that he wished a showing of hands, and to effect this, he called for the yeas and nays. The motion submitted was then rejected—yeas 46, nays 63.

Mr. Edmunds offered the following as an independent session.—After the 1st of June, 1858, no report or branch shall pay out or issue any note for circulation, except of the denomination \$5, \$10, or of some multiple of ten.

Mr. Edmunds proposed to amend the bill further by changing the period for commencing the suppression of the circulation of foreign bank notes of a less denomination than \$20, from 31st December, to 1st June, 1858.

Mr. Edmunds moved to amend the bill so as to strike out that feature prohibiting the circulation of notes of a less denomination than \$20, after 31st December, 1859.

Congress.

In the Senate, yesterday, Mr. Seward presented a memorial from citizens of New York, in relation to marine signals.

Mr. Jones, of Iowa, presented a petition from citizens of that State, asking a grant of land to aid in the construction of a Railroad to that State.

The reception from the House of the joint resolution to adjourn finally on the first Monday of June, being announced, Mr. Brown said it was madness to consider that measure now, and on his motion it was laid on the table.

A bill granting the right of pre-emption to the Indiana yearly meeting of Friends, to certain lands in Kansas was next considered.

The Kansas bill as amended by the House, was taken up.

Mr. Bigler addressed the Senate in opposition to the amendment.

The Senate refused to concur in the amendment, and returned the bill to the House, and adjourned.

In the House of Representatives Mr. Good, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported back, without amendment, the Senate bill to acquire certain lands needed for the Washington Aqueduct. It was passed.

The House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the state of the Union, and resumed the consideration of the bill to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the year ending June 30th, 1858.

The re-appointment of Isaac Winston, Esq., of Culpeper county, Va., as Marshal of Kansas has been confirmed by the Senate.

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By Yesterday Evening's Mail.

HO! FOR THE COAL-FIELDS!—The appropriation of \$300,000 which the Legislature has made to the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad, with the county, corporation and individual subscriptions already made, will be sufficient to bring the iron horse over the valleys and mountains to the border of Winchester, in about two or three years, after which the water wheel will be ho! for the coal-fields!

THE WHEAT CROP.—We are pleased to learn from intelligent and observing farmers, from different localities, that the wheat crop in Rockingham bids fair to be good on the present season. It looks as well as it ever has since the fly first made its appearance in this county. It looks exceedingly healthy and promising. If nothing should yet interfere with the wheat, the harvest will be a large and a very early one. There has been a full average crop sown by our farmers.—Rockingham Register.

The Valley Democrat understands from reliable authority that the Manassas Gap Railroad company expect to commence operations on the line between Woodstock and Mt. Jackson at an early day in May, and finish the road to that place as soon as possible.

Some fifteen or twenty workmen are at present employed at the University of Virginia, in making the necessary repairs and through ventilation of the buildings and premises, ordered by the Board of Visitors at their recent session.

MRS. SOLOMON has just opened a handsome assortment of SILK, LACE, and STRAW BONNETS, LEGHORN, and STRAW FLATS, and a variety of KIBBONS, FLOWERS and LACES. Also, SPRING SHAWLS, Spring and Summer MILLINERIES. These goods are of the latest style, and have been selected with care. She invites the Ladies to examine them before purchasing. ap 3-31

\$50 REWARD.—I will give \$50 for the apprehension and delivery to me of my Negro Boy TOM. He is about 15 years of age; dark brown, or black; about the middle size; or a little under. My P. O. is Fredericksburg. ap 3-31 JOHNSTON FITZGIBBON.

WHITE STRAWBERRY POTATOES.—Which name, on trial, will be found apply to describe them, as a table potato. White, because they are as white as superfine straw.—strawberry, from the fact that they have rather long stalks, something like a strawberry bush, and the leaf something like a strawberry leaf. I obtained a peck of these potatoes two years ago last June, at a cost of \$3.45. I planted them on the 17th of June—the product was nine and a half bushels. I planted half an acre in my orchard the first day of last April—the product was seventy-five bushels. I am now sowing them in the Washington market, without cost. They were sown by all who saw them. They were called the best potatoes ever brought to that market. I intend to dispose of about fifty bushels, of the last year's crop. The price is \$5 per bushel, delivered in Alexandria, or Washington. Address BENJ. R. BARLOW, Chantilly, Fairfax County, ap 1-6037

I TAKE pleasure in stating, that I planted last season, for early use, the White Strawberry Potato, procured from Mr. Benjamin R. Barlow, of this county, and that I was much pleased with them, both as to product, quality, and time of maturity. I consider these potatoes preferable to any I have seen, for early culture. S. T. STUART, Chantilly, March 27, 1858.

I TAKE pleasure in stating to the farmers of Virginia, that I last year experimented with "Barlow's White Strawberry Potato," with the most gratifying result. The yield was remarkable for uniformity in size. The flavor of the White Strawberry Potato, in my opinion, not excelled, if equalled, by any other that I have seen. The produce slightly exceeded that of the White Mercer. H. WADE, Fairfax Court House, Va., March 15, 1858.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, March 24, 1858, at the request of the President of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company, it was Resolved, That a general meeting of the Stockholders of the above Company be called, to be held on Thursday, the 29th day of April next, at the city of Alexandria, for the consideration of the act passed the present session of the General Assembly, authorizing a loan to the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Company, and for other purposes. True copy from the minutes. THOMAS H. DEWITT, Secretary B. P. W.

NOTICE.—MANASSAS GAP RAILROAD COMPANY.—A general meeting of the Stockholders of the Manassas Gap Railroad Company, will be held in the city of Alexandria, on Wednesday, the 28th day of April, 1858. By order of the Board of Directors. mh 29-60 EDWARD GREEN, Secy.

FOR SALE.—Having permanently settled myself in the city of Alexandria, I now offer to sell privately, the very desirable property in the town of Jefferson, Culpeper County, Va., formerly owned by J. P. Latham, consisting of a large and comfortable DWELLING HOUSE, Kitchen, Granary, Stable, Ice-house, &c., with about THIRTY TWO ACRES of beautiful grass land, a large and productive Garden, Orchard, &c., which I will sell on most accommodating terms. Any one wishing to purchase, I would refer them to Mr. Caleb Burnley or Mr. James S. residents of the above place. Mr. Rice W. Payne, Warrenton, Va., or Z. English & Brother, Alexandria, Va. mh 13-60 C. W. ENGLISH.

20,000 PEACH TREES, at \$100 per acre, near Washington. The above Trees are all of fine growth, and of the best select fruit. Also, a general assortment of ORNAMENTAL, EVERGREEN, SHADE, and FRUIT TREES. The Shade and Evergreen Trees are of particularly fine growth and appearance. Catalogues sent, on application, through the Post Office. JOSHUA PEIRCE, near Washington, D. C. ap 1-60

FARM FOR RENT.—I offer for rent a FARM, containing EIGHTY TWO ACRES, adjoining the city of York, and being within the city limits. It adjoins the land of Mr. Rotchford. Persons wishing to rent can apply to the subscriber, at his residence, between Washington and Alexandria. mh 30-60 THOS. W. SWANN.

PORTLAND SUGAR AND SYRUP. 200 BLS. H. B. PORTLAND SYRUP 125 BLS. Yellow do. SUGAR 75 " A. A. do. do. We are constantly receiving supplies of the above SUGARS and SYRUP, which we offer to the trade at Manufacturer's prices. FOWLE & CO. Agents, Portland Sugar Co. mh 10

\$50 REWARD.—Runaway from the farm of Black County, HARRIET, about 35 years of age, five feet 3 or 4 inches high, and tall, black hair, blue eyes, very fair complexion, and a white collar. She was purchased by me from Messrs. Dickinson & Hill, in Richmond, and formerly came from King George County. I will give the above reward if returned to me, or secured so that I can get her. A. S. GRIGSBY, Fairfax County, Va., Nov 28-60

LOCAL ITEMS.

COUNTY COURT.—The April term of the County Court, for this County, commences on Monday next. All the justices have been summoned for the purpose of granting Licenses.

GOOD FRIDAY was observed in this city, by services in the Catholic and Episcopal Churches. The Union prayer meetings were well attended.

ALEXANDRIA LITERARY SOCIETY.—The question: "Should the British Parliament enact a law for the punishment of conspirators against the lives of foreign sovereigns?" will be discussed at the Library this evening. Messrs. David L. Smoot and S. Ferguson Beach are expected to open the debate.

FLOUR INSPECTION.—Amount of Flour inspected for the quarter, ending April 1 1858: Family..... 237 barrels. Extra..... 784 " Super..... 11,611 " Fire..... 487 " ROBT. TAYLOR, Inspector.

APRIL 1 was not forgotten by the jokers and quizzers. There were some amusing "take ins" on the occasion.

GAS METERS.—These instruments for measuring the consumption of gas have long been suspected of being blind guides, capable of being made to register a greater flow of gas than really occurs. It is a remarkable circumstance that all meters are supplied by the company, who put them up, keep them, and in fact exercise entire control over them. The consumer has no protective oversight of his meter, and but one in a thousand is able to compute the amount of gas consumed on his own premises. There is also the most extraordinary discrepancy apparent in his quarterly bills, the excess sometimes being enormous even when he is certain that his consumption has not exceeded the usual average.—Ball. Amer.

ALLEGES.—The Washington Star says Mr. Carson, of Alexandria, who is fishing below Maryland Point, made a haul yesterday, the like of which was never before heard of, in hauling for shad his men drew out sixteen or 100,000 shad; they filled nine tubs to overflowing and rendered it necessary, lest the netting should be broken in hauling, to raise it up, allowing a considerable number to escape. Old fishermen say that the presence of these fish at this early season of the shad fishing, bodes no good, and that the shad will leave early.

NEW AND ATTRACTIVE BOOKS, published by Nelson & Son—Lugana, a Tale of Equinax Land, by Robert M. Ballantyne, author of "Hudson Bay," &c., \$1.25. The Roly Family, or Battling with the World, a sequel to the "Giant Killer, or the Battle which all must fight," by the author of "The Young Begonia," &c., 50c. The Rose for a Rat, by A. L. O. E., author of "The Giant Killer," &c., 50c. The Butter Why, or What do I Live for? by Wm. Randall Ballantyne, 50c. Our Pastor's Visit, by the author of "The Christian Year Book," 40c. Sorrows, and Joy, a narrative of successive bereavements in a Minister's Family, by Rev. Alexander Bell, 50c. The Race for Riches, or some of the Pits into which the Runners fall, by the Rev. William Arnot, author of "Laws from Heaven for Life on the Earth," 37c. The Life of a Nap, from the Launch to the Wreck, by the author of "Three Little Kittens," beautifully illustrated, 65c. Motor Fair, by the author of "Three Little Kittens," beautifully illustrated, with colored plates, 65c. Evil Deeds and Evil Consequences, with handsome colored plates, 60c. Christian Year Book, a Golden Treasury for the year, containing a page for every day of the year, 75c. Cats and Dogs, by Mrs. Hugh Miller, widow of the eminent Geologist, with colored engravings, \$1. Young Pilgrim, illustrative of the Pilgrim's Progress, by the author of "The Giant Killer," 75c. The House Picture Book, with beautiful pictorial boards, a folio volume, \$1. Hudson's Bay, or Every Day Life in the Wilds of North America, by Robert M. Ballantyne, \$1.00. The Young Fur Trader, a Tale of the Far North, by the same author, with eight beautiful illustrations, \$1.25. The Giant Killer, or the Battle which all must fight, 50c. Home, a Book for the Family, by the Rev. Dr. Tweed, 81c. The Rivers and Lakes of Scripture, by the Rev. W. R. Tweed, handsomely printed on thick paper, with 12 maps and engravings of the Jordan, the Red Sea, &c., \$3.50. Scripture Characters, by Rev. R. S. Candlish, \$1.25. Laws from Heaven for Life on Earth, an illustration of the Book of Proverbs, by the Rev. W. Arnot, \$1.25. The Language of Flowers, beautifully printed, with six full illustrations, painted in colors and gilded, &c., 50c. My Mother, a series of beautiful oil-colored pictures, illustrating the nursery song of "My Mother," 25c. Pictures and Songs for the Little Ones at Home, printed in oil colors, 25c. Watts' Divine Songs, beautifully printed in colors and gilded, 25c. Picture Record Cards, for Sunday and Week Day Schools, printed in oil colors, by Baxter's patent process, each containing a hymn and an elegant engraving, in packs of 15 cards, 25c. These are the prettiest Reward Cards that have ever been published. Nelson & Son also publish a Series of Views, &c., beautifully printed in oil colors, in packets of 12 Views, with letter-press descriptions, at 25c. per packet. These are very appropriate presents. This Series embraces Eastern Manners and Customs; Eminent Men; English Poets; The Lakes of Killarney; London and its Environs; Pictures and Songs for Children; American Views, two series; Wonders of Art; English Lakes; English Cathedrals; Eminent Men; Views in Jerusalem; Bible Lands; Views in Edinburgh; The Cities of Palestine; Environs of Jerusalem, &c. For sale by ROBERT BELL, mh 19

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