COMMERCIAL.

PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.
FROM CARS, VESSELS, AND WAGONS. (YESTERDAY.)

FLOUR, Super	$5 00	@	$5 12½
Do Extra	5 75	@	6 00
Do Family	7 00	@	8 00
WHEAT, White	1 25	@	1 30
Do Red	1 15	@	1 20
CORN, White	0 75	@	0 78
Do Mixed	0 75	@	0 78
Do Yellow, (new)	0 80	@	0 00
CORN MEAL, ₱ bushel	0 75	@	0 82
OATS	0 40	@	0 42
RYE	0 68	@	0 70
CLOVER SEED, (retail)	6 00	@	6 25
TIMOTHY SEED	2 00	@	2 25
FLAXSEED	1 30	@	0 00
STRAW, ₱ hundred	1 25	@	0 00
PLASTER, Lump, retail, delivered on Cars	4 25	@	4 50
Do Ground do	7 00	@	0 00
GUANO	58 00	@	0 00
SALT, Fine	1 75	@	0 00
Do Ground Alum	1 05	@	1 10
BUTTER, Roll, ₱ lb	0 18	@	0 22
Do Firkin	0 12	@	0 14
BACON, Hog Round	0 09½	@	0 10
PORK	6 50	@	7 00
LARD, in Kegs	0 10½	@	0 11
WHITE BEANS	1 25	@	0 00
BLACK-EYED PEAS	1 00	@	1 25
HAY ₱ 100 lbs	0 50	@	0 62½

FLOUR.—The market remains quiet, with light transactions to the city trade at the quotations given above. The receipts are small, and the stocks on hand moderate.

WHEAT.—There is some enquiry, and sales were made on 'Change yesterday of white at 125c. for fair to good, and 116c. for fair red. The receipts are yet light, though increasing, and very little prime is offered.

CORN.—There is a good demand for Corn, and we are pleased to note an increase in the receipts of yellow. There were no sales of white or mixed reported. Yellow was sold at 80c., and brisk.

RYE is in fair request, but the small transactions will not allow of reliable quotations, though the figures given above are about the ruling prices.

OATS.—Demand good, but supply light, and receipts very small. We continue our quotations unchanged.

PORK.—The receipts of dressed hogs yesterday showed a slight improvement. The demand is yet good, and prices keep up. We continue to quote $6 75@$7, and $7 50 for prime.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Flour is buoyant: State $4.45@$4.75; Ohio $5.60@$5.90; Southern $5.20@$5.50. Wheat is firm: Southern white 135c., Western red 122@125c. Corn is firm, but holders demand an advance: mixed 82c; new yellow 80c. Pork is quiet: old mess $17; new $17.50; prime $13. Lard is firm. Whiskey is firm at 26½c.—Stocks are lower. Cumberland Coal Co. 20¼. Virginia 6's 96¾. Missouri 6's 86¾.

Philadelphia Cattle Market, Jan. 10.

Beef Cattle.—The offerings this week amounted to about 1,350 head; sales at $7@$10 25 ₱ 100 lbs—these prices are about the same as those of last week. Cows—Sales of fresh Cows at $40@$50; dry do. at $15@$25 each. Sheep—Offerings 4,000; sales at $3@$5 each. Hogs—Offerings about 2,100 head; sales at $7 50@$8 ₱ 100 lbs. net.

The New York Tribune says:—"The weekly averages of the banks show a general expansion, the loans and deposits touching a higher point than ever before. Notwithstanding the scarcity of paper and the moderate wants of the mercantile world, the bank managers succeed in still increasing their lines of loans, and we see no reason why they will not continue to do so as long as the deposits continue to increase. It is freely predicted that the loans will touch $151,000,000 during the year. The specie line shows rather more increase than was anticipated, and will be further increased during the week by the California arrival. Our banks could also, if deemed desirable, strengthen themselves still further by drawing balances from Boston, which city is believed to be debtor about two millions of dollars."

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FIRST MONTH. JANUARY.	SUN rises.	SUN sets.	MOON'S PHASES.	D.	H.	M.
13 Thursday	7 14	4 46				
14 Friday	7 13	4 47	Full	18	6	30 E.
15 Saturday	7 13	4 47	Last qr.	25	3	25 E.
16 Sunday	7 12	4 48	New	2	7	43 E
17 Monday	7 11	4 49	First qr.	10	2	17 E.
18 Tuesday	7 10	4 50	HIGH WATER.			
19 Wednesday	7 10	4 50	JANUARY 13.	—h.		-m.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—JANUARY 12.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Ellen Stewart, Coffin, for Charleston, was at Helvoet 21st ult.

Brig Georgia, Trott, for this port, cleared at New Orleans 7th inst.

Schrs. D. C. Higgins, Longstreet, for Norfolk, and Rebecca, Woglom, for City Point, cleared at New York 10th inst.; Wm. Hone, Scott, from Georgetown, D. C., arrived at do. same day.

Schr. Decatur, Oakes, Rowland, from Alexandria, was below Providence 9th inst.

DISSOLUTION.—The co-partnership heretofore existing in the name of BRYAN, ADAMS & CO., has this day been dissolved, by mutual consent. Either partner is authorized to sign the name of the firm in settlement. GEO. BRYAN, SAM'L. R. ADAMS, D. S. GREGORY.
jan 1—eo3w

GEORGE BRYAN AND SAMUEL R. ADAMS have this day formed a co-partnership, in the name of BRYAN & ADAMS, and having purchased the stock of Goods belonging to Bryan, Adams & Co., respectfully announce to the public that they have in store a desirable assortment of seasonable DRY GOODS, which they offer for cash or to prompt dealers, at low rates. jan 1—eo3w

COLUMBIA LAND OFFICE, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.—Established for the Sale and Exchange of Farms, Plantations, City Lots, and Real Estate generally, on Commission, throughout the United States.—*WINSLOW M. WATSON & CO.*—Office in the building on the corner of Indiana avenue and Second Street. The attention of land owners in Virginia and Maryland, who wish to effect sales of Farms, and other landed property, is requested to the above establishment, as affording facilities for the sale of real estate unequalled by those of any other Agency. Circulars transmitted on application. oct 5—eo3m

NOTICE.—The sublime wonders of the BIBLE, PROPHECY FULFILLED IN AMERICA. Lectures on this thrilling subject, will be delivered in *SAREPTA HALL, King street, on (this) Thursday and (to-morrow,) Friday evenings, commencing at 7½ o'clock*, by Rev. F. E. PITTS, D. D., of Nashville, Tennessee. Admittance 25 cents.
jan 13—2t

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO SAVE IN THESE HARD TIMES—Well how can I save? Why I will tell you. When you want a Broom take the old handle to the Broom Factory, and you will be allowed two cents for the old handle in exchange for a Broom. L. HERRING, Royal street, south of Prince.
jan 13

SALT.—
500 sacks Ground Alum Salt
100 " Marshall's fine "
400 " Deakin's " " For sale, to arrive by GRAY, MILLER & CO.,
jan 13 corner King and Water streets.

JAYNE'S EXPECTORANT, Alterative, Carminative Balsam, and all of his popular Medicines, received and for sale by PEEL, STEVENS & CO.,
jan 13 corner King and Alfred streets.

KEROSENE OIL.—This oil gives as bright a light as Gas, received and for sale by PEEL, STEVENS & CO.,
jan 13 corner King and Alfred streets.

WEST'S FLUID, and 80 per cent Alcohol, for sale by PEEL, STEVENS & CO.,
jan 13 corner King and Alfred streets.

FOR SALE—A YOUNG HORSE, five years old, works well in either double or single harness—will be sold low.
jan 12—1w KINCHELOE & BRUIN.

BUGGY FOR SALE.—A No. 1 NEW BUGGY, without top, made in the best manner, for sale a bargain, by KINCHELOE & BRUIN.
jan 12—1w

OAK AND HICKORY WOOD, for sale by the car load, by KINCHELOE & BRUIN.
jan 12

BY YESTERDAY EVENING'S MAILS.

CULPEPER ITEMS.—The farm of Mrs. Gabriel Freeman, near Culpeper Court House, containing 240 acres, was sold on Saturday last, at $36,75 per acre, Col. Ed. A Freeman, purchaser.

The "Millwood" estate belonging to the late Capt. A. P. Hill, containing 737 acres, was sold, on Tuesday last, at public auction at $16,27 per acre. Thos. and Ed. F. Hill purchasers. Several lots, containing 20 acres each, belonging to the same estate, were sold, at the same time, to John H. Rixey, Th. Jeffries, Th. O. Flint, and A. G. Sims, at from $20, to $30, per acre.

The house and lot, on Main Street, occupied by Mr. Strauss, belonging to same estate, was sold for $1650. Th. Hill jr., purchaser.

We learn that Mr. Thornton Fry, of Madison county, while hunting wild turkeys, a few days since, was attacked by a bear, and would, probably have been killed, but for the timely assistance of Mr. Theophilus Smoot who came to his assistance. The bear made his escape Mr. Fry's wounds were slight.

It has been bitter cold since Saturday night last, the ice now 2½ to 3 inches thick, and our citizens engaged in filling ther ice houses.

The young men of Culpeper Court House, have formed a "Christain Association."—*Blue Ridge Rep.*

GALT'S STATUE OF JEFFERSON.—We have just been favored with a view of a photograph taken from the plaster model of this statue. The face is excellent, bearing a very striking likeness to the best portraits of the great original. It is very difficult to judge of the grace, or even correctness, of the figure from a photograph. This sort of "sun-painting" not only reverses the right and left sides of an object, but botches the foreshortening in a manner very offensive to an artistic eye.—As well as we can judge, however, from this imperfect representation, the position is easy and graceful, and, at the same time, sufficiently erect. The model has, we are informed, already made Mr. Galt "quite a known personage" among the artistic world in Forence.

There is much snow on the mountains this winter, an this may possibly delay for two or three months the procuring of the block of marble, for which alone Mr. Galt is now waiting, in order to complete his work. In any event, however, the statue can be completed within the contracted time, January, 1st 1861.—*Rich. Enq.*

THE NOTTOWAY POST OFFICE ROBBERY.—The young man, Cincinnatus Stith, formerly Postmaster at Nottoway Court-house, was brought up for examination, yesterday, before the United States Commissioner, Wm. F. Watson, esq., at the United States Court.

The charge against him is, that on the 8th of December last, he stole from a letter, entrusted to him by J. E. Jones, of Nottoway, the sum of $75, which was to be sent per mail to Mr. Thos. W. Royster, of Petersburg.

On the 8th of December J. E. Jones gave the letter and money to Stith, who was aware of its contents—namely, three twenty dollar bills, one ten and one five. The letter was registered on the book, though not according to rule, post marked. It was placed in the mail bag in charge of Mr. Blanks, taken out by Mr. Friend, Postmaster of Petersburg, handed to Mr. Smith, who took it to Mr. Royster, who, on opening it, found no money therein. After investigation, Stith was arrested on suspicion of having abstracted the said money from the said letter.

There were, yesterday, about thirty witnesses summoned in the case. It was shown that money had been lost frequently on the same route, from letters, previous to the time the accused became Postmaster.

From the evidence adduced in the matter, the accused was sent on for trial, on the alleged charge of the United States Court. The bail for the appearance of the accused was set down at $1,000.—*Rich. Enq.*

Caroline Items were scarce yesterday.—The intense cold was the chief topic of thought, feeling, and expression, and the belligerents had to "keep cool." Slaves were hired at large figures—$180 to $175 for railroad hands.—Three slaves belonging to Duval's estate were sold; a shoemaker brought $1005, a young man $1130, and old woman $222. Other auctioneers had a dull time. It was too cold to talk or to listen. "J. B's" "occupation" was almost "gone," and so were two poor old horses, which would'nt go. "Money makes the mare go"—but we saw one which would not go "for love or money"—and we came away without much of either.—*Fredericksburg News.*

SUICIDE.—Mr. Henry F. Pinner, a respectable young man of Winchester, commited suicide in that place, on Saturday last, by shooting himself with a colt's pistol, through the head. He was about 22 years of age, a native of Prussia, and had been in this county about five years, the last three of which he lived in Winchester, having previously resided in Baltimore. He had been engaged in the retail clothing business. His indebtedness is supposed to have been the principal cause of his putting an end to his life.

HART'S STATUE OF CLAY.—The Richmond Enquirer says:—"Late advices from Florence inform us that the Statue of Henry Clay, for which the ladies of Virginia furnished an order to Mr. Hart, will probably be completed within the next six months."

During the last two days, the Hustings Court of Richmond, has been occupied with the trial of Wm. H. Harris, who stood charged with having stabbed and caused the death of Wm. Camp, last Christmas night. The testimony was very lengthly in the case, after investigating which, the Court discharged the accused.

EVERYBODY SHOULD HAVE A COPY OF THE GREAT CHRISTMAS TRIPLE number of the London Illustrated News, for sale at *FRENCH'S Book and Periodical Depot.*

This magnificent paper contains a colored engraving of a Christmas Carol, after H. Weir, Fair and Fruitful Italy, a large colored engraving after E. Lauce. The Turkey Guardian, after T. Salmon, beautifully colored. A large sheet of forty-eight columns of Christmas Tales and amusements, with beautiful illustrations, price of the four sheets, 50c.

The Stars and Stripes, the first number of Leslie's new paper, 5c.

Constantly receiving new Books, Magazines, Papers, etc. jan 13

FOR GALVESTON, TEXAS.—The good Schr. *BROADFIELD*, is receiving freight, and will positively sail for the above port on the 10th January. For freight or passage, having good accommodations, apply to S. G. HAND & CO., jan 3—d6t No. 101 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore.

FOR SALE.—A new and beautiful SLOOP, of 15 tons, built in the most substantial manner, suitable for Fishing, Ducking, &c. For terms, apply to [jan 8—1w] F. A. MARBURY.

WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY, an additional supply just received and for sale by J. LEADBEATER & SON,
1 mo 3 Stabler's Old Stand.

POTASH.—One cask No. 1 Potash, received and for sale by JOHN LEADBEATER & SON,
1 mo 3 Stabler's Old Stand.

NOTICE.—Our accounts will be ready for delivery January 1st, and we solicit from our friends prompt settlements.
dec 30 G. K. WITMER & BROS.

40 FIRKINS BUTTER; 4 bbls. Roll do., in store and for sale by
jan 11 PERRY & PENNYBACKER.

100 BBLS. EASTPORT HERRINGS, for sale by [jan 12] KINCHELOE & BRUIN.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, a message was read from the President communicating the information called for in regard to the landing of the alleged slaver, Wanderer, on the coast of Georgia. It states that a landing of slaves, as above, seems to have been effected, and that measures have been taken to enforce the law in the matter; ordered to be printed.

Mr. Rice introduced a bill authorizing the President to have paid to certain Indian tribes, money for agricultural purposes.

Mr. Yulee, chairman of the committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, reported favorbly on the memorial of Samuel Butterworth & Co., praying a reimbursement of money paid the Government on behalf of the late Postmaster Kendall, of New Orleans.

Mr. Mason, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported a bill for the equalization of the compensation of foreign Ministers, which, being put on its passage, was lost—yeas 9, nays 38.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Stephens asked leave to report from the committee on Territories, the Oregon State bill, that it might be printed and made a special order.

Mr. Morgan objected.

Mr. Houston asked leave to make a report from the Judiciary Committee; but Mr. Stephens objected.

The House then resumed the consideration of the question of referring the naval appropriation bill to the Naval Committee.

Mr. Sherman urged this reference.

Mr. Washburne, of Me., opposed it, and argued that it is necessary the appropriations should all come from the Ways and Means Committee, before whom are all the estimates of all the Departments.

This debate was continued at considerable length, by Messrs Sherman and Grow for it, and Messrs. Leiter and Millson against it.

The Camels.

Their Strength.—We visited Parson's wharf on Tuesday ,to witness a feat of strength, performed by one of Mr. Watson's camels, of which there were near a dozen on the wharf of all sizes and ages. The camel loaded was one of the largest. Upon the word of command being given, the camel laid down ready to receive his load, which consisted of five bales of hay weighing in the aggregate over 1,400 pounds, which was firmly bound to the pannier placed upon the animal's hump.—Upon the utterance of command by the native keeper, the huge animal rose, without an apparent extra effort, to his feet, and walked off in a stately manner along the wharf and through the city. We were informed that the same camel had had 1,600 pounds placed on him, with which enormous weight he easily rose. The animals are all exceedingly tractable, and seem to possess much affection for any one who treats them kindly; as an example of which Mrs. W. informed us that one of them—a pretty white one, which she had petted—would always kiss her when she went within kissing distance, which fact we really thought proved the animal to possess an excellent taste, as well as an affectionate disposition. In their native country the average load for a full grown camel is some 800 pounds, with which they perform long journeys over deserts with but little food or water. We doubt not that with the abundant forage found in all parts of Texas, and a full supply of water generally, the camel will improve in strength and general appearance, and be able to transport larger loads at a more rapid pace than in his native country.—*Galveston News 30th ult.*

MARRIED.

At the Kirkwood House, Washington city, on the 11th inst., by Rev. John N. Coombs, Mr. GEO. B. ATKINS, and Miss ELIZABETH C. SLUSHER, both of Page county, Va.

At Carrollton, King George county, on the 6th inst., by Rev. Wm. Friend, Mr. ELIAS C. BRENT, of Northumberland county, to Miss ELIZA FITZHUGH, daughter of George Payne, esq., of Westmoreland.

DIED.

On Tuesday morning, 11th inst., Mrs. HENRIETTA H. ROBINSON, wife of Mr. A. S. Robinson, in the 19th year of her age. ☞ The friends and acquaintances of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, 22 south Royal street, this afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

NOTICE TO WHARF BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.—Sealed Proposals will be received through the Post Office, addressed to Thomas Smith, and marked "Wharf Proposals," until 12 o'clock, M., the 13th of January inst., for the Constructing and Filling a Wharf, and Dredging the Docks, to be erected by the City Council of Alexandria for the use of the American Coal Co.

The improvement will commence at, and connect with, the present solid portion of the Fish Wharf, and will run thence north 100 feet; thence west 100 feet; thence north 175 feet; thence west 200 feet. Connected therewith will be a Pier 55 feet wide, running east 160 feet.

Persons desiring to contract, will bid for each part of the work separately; for the Wood structure complete, including all materials; for the Filling complete, and for the Dredging complete, *according to the plans and specifications of the Committee*, which will be shown by the Committee, at the Council Chamber, from 10 to 12 o'clock each day, until the day aforesaid.

Twenty per cent. upon the estimates of work done will be retained by the City Council until the completion of the work, and persons contracting will be required to give bond, with approved security, for the fulfilment of the contract, and for the completion of the work on or before the first of August, 1859.

THOMAS SMITH,
JOHN T. ARMSTRONG,
A. W. EASTLACK,
JAMES W. NALLS, } Committee.
jan 5—dtd

FOR RENT.—The three-storied WAREHOUSE, corner of Prince and Union streets, at present occupied by Messrs. Hill, Brown & Partlow. Possession given on 15th of February.

The WAREHOUSE on Prince street, a few doors east of Union street, at present occupied by Messrs. Ford & Wickliffe. Possession given on 1st of February.

The new four-storied WAREHOUSE, on east side of Union street, two doors south of Prince street, corner of an alley.

The WAREHOUSE on the wharf, immediately east of the last named. Apply to
jan 10—tf FOWLE & CO.

NEW ORLEANS SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—We are shortly expecting the Brig Georgia, with—
450 hogsheads SUGAR
300 barrels MOLASSES.
This cargo has been selected especially for this and the District markets, and is represented to be of choice quality.
It will be offered at public auction on arrival, of which due notice will be given.
jan 1 FOWLE & CO.

DIVIDEND.—The President and Directors of the Farmer's Bank of Virginia, have declared a dividend of four and one quarter per cent. out of the profits of the institution for the last six months, subject to a deduction of a quarter per cent bonus to the State, leaving four per cent nett, payable to the Stockholders.

J. A. SMITH, Cashier.
Richmond, Va., jan 7—d10t

GENTLEMEN'S SHAWLS, Family and Servants' Blankets, Comforts, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Gloves, in great variety: Black Beaver Cloth for Cloaks, received by
jan 11 TAYLOR & HUTCHISON.

TAKE NOTICE.—All persons having claims against the Estate of George Chichester, dec'd., will please present them, properly authenticated, to my Attorney, Wm. H. Dulany, at Fairfax Court House. MARY E. CHICHESTER,
jan 8—d1w Ex'x. of Geo. Chichester, dec'd

LOCAL ITEMS.

THE LECTURE ON TUESDAY NIGHT.—A very large and intelligent audience assembled at the Lyceum Hall, on Tuesday night, to spend an evening with the American Female Poets, the subject of the third lecture of the course before the Alexandria Library Company, by the Rev. E. Yates Reese, of Baltimore, and we think we express the opinion of all present, when we say that a more agreeable evening has not been enjoyed by an Alexandria audience for a long time. The lecturer displayed great fairness and impartiality in his criticisms, and interspersed his discourse by reading choice selections from the most distinguished of the Poetesses of our country, in his peculiar and most attractive style. He purposely refrained, except in one instance, (the Sea Boy, by Mrs. Sigourney, which he repeated from memory in a manner that held the entire audience spell-bound during its recital, and at its conclusion was warmly applauded.) from reading in a dramatic style, remarking that, on an occasion like the present, he considered that poetry should be read rather as though in the family circle than in a theatrical style, though he acknowledged that a greater effect could be produced when the actions are made to suit the words. The lecturer highly complimented Fanny Kemble, whom he considered the greatest of living American Female Poets, and from a volume of her poems just issued, he read several extracts. The lecture consumed more than an hour in its delivery, but we heard many expressing their regret at the very short time occupied,—as great a compliment to the lecturer as could be paid him, for so pleased were his hearers that they made no note of time. A great desire is felt on the part of many that Dr. Reese should repeat his lecture on the Poets—delivered in this place last winter—and we hope that he may be prevailed upon to comply with the wish. The time of the next lecture and the subject will be announced hereafter.

ELECTION OF CLERK OF THE COMMON COUNCIL.—As was announced in yesterday's Gazette, an election for Clerk of the Common Council took place on Tuesday night, which resulted in the choice of Mr. James Dempsey, at present a member of the Board of Aldermen from the First Ward. There were six named for the office, viz:—Messrs. William Wright, T. M. McCormick, Wm. B. Price, J. S. Rogers, Cuthbert Powell, and James Dempsey. There were five ballots, with the following result:

	BALLOTS.				
	1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.
Wm. Wright	6	6	5	5	6
T. M. McCormick	4	3	4	4	1
William B. Price	2	1	1	0	0
J. S. Rogers	0	1	0	0	0
James Dempsey	4	5	6	7	9

The newly elected Clerk is one of our old citizens, though not an old man, and will, no doubt, make an efficient officer. Mr. Tavenner, the late Clerk, removes to the West. He has the good wishes of all for his prosperity and happiness.

RELIEF FIRE COMPANY.—The seventy-first annual meeting of the Relief Fire Company, (No. 3.) was held at the Hall of the Engine House, on Tuesday night. After the transaction of some preliminary business, an election for officers of the Company to serve for the ensuing year was held, with the following result:

S. Shinn, President; J. W. Green, 1st Vice President; W. B. Richards, Jr., 2nd Vice Presiden t; C. H. Whittington, Secretary; T. W. White, Treasurer; S. A. Green, Commander of Engine; R. H. Nash, 1st assistant; S. R. Shinn, 2nd do.; C. J. McDaniel, Commander of Hose; R. Roland, 2nd do.; J. W. Shinn and L. Hough, Pipemen; Frederick Holmer and James Molair, Axemen; W. E. Owens, R. Owens, R. Molair, Thomas Chauncey, A. Myers, S. Coleman, James Walker, B. F. Langly, George T. Warfield, James E. Green, H. Jacobs, and Wm. Chauncey, Hosemen; Sam'l Aubinoe, Henry Whitmore, and Edwin Baldwin, Torch Bearers. C. W. Neale and John Birrell were recommended to the City Council for appointment as Fire Wardens.

The Company was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, having a large list of active members, who in time of danger, are always ready with our other gallant Firemen to render succor.

ODD FELLOWS' BALL.—The Odd Fellows' Ball, on Tuesday night at Sarepta Hall, was a brilliant affair, and passed off to the entire satisfaction of all who participated. The music was delightful, the supper fine, and the company numerous. The dancing was kept up until nearly daylight. We trust that the excellent object for the promotion of which the funds of the ball are to applied, will realize a handsome benefit therefrom.

THE LONDON ILLUSTRATED NEWS.—We have received from Mr. George E. French, a copy of the London Illustrated News for the Christmas holidays—truly a splendid number.—The engravings are beautifully executed and the subjects generally possess special interest; some of them are quite amusing. The colored pictures accompanying the paper are most exquisite, showing the perfection to which the art of printing has arrived.

GROVER & BAKER'S SEWING MACHINE.—We have had one of the Sewing Machines, made by the Grover & Baker Company, in use in our family, and take pleasure in recommending it for the beauty and strength of the sewing done by it, and the great amount of work it will accomplish in a short time. The machine is simple, and can be used by children, after a little practice, as well as by adults.

THE WEATHER moderated very much yesterday. The Mail Boat to Aquia Creek continues to run regularly, and keeps a track open, of which several craft have availed themselves to reach our wharves. A few such days as yesterday, and away the ice will go!

FINE BEEF.—Messrs. J. R. & T. S. Smoot are now offering, at their respective stalls, in the Market, a lot of very superior Beef, fattened by Col. J. M. Harrison, of Loudoun. See their advertisement.

NEW MUSIC.—From Mr. John H. Parrott, we have received the Piccolomini Schottisch: by C. W. Sabatier, and the Luisa Miller quadrille, by Julius Roquette.

COUNTY COURT.—YESTERDAY.—Eli Petty and Revel Evans, each on an indictment for permitting unlawful gaming at their ordinaries, were recognized to appear at the April term of the Court to answer the charge.

Independence C. Francis was appointed Deputy Sheriff, by consent of the Court.

Several civil cases were disposed of, and the Court adjourned until this morning, at 10 o'clock.

LECTURES.—It will be seen by an advertisement in this morning's Gazette, that Rev. F. E. Pitts is to deliver two lectures, to-night and to-morrow night, at Sarepta Hall, on "The Sublime Wonders of the Bible prophecy fulfilled in America."

A great California land case has lately been argued before the Supreme Court, called the "Sutter Land Case." The amount of land in dispute is three times greater than Fremont's claim, and if the grant is confirmed it will divert from the Treasury more money than has ever yet gone out of it on a single claim.

AUCTION SALES.

BY SAMUEL J. MCCORMICK—AUCTIONEER.

SALE THIS DAY.

SALE OF FURNITURE AT AUCTION.—The undersigned, as Trustee, by virtue of a deed of trust, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the County Court of Alexandria County, will sell on the 13*th instant*, at the late residence of G. W. Harrison, Wolfe street, near Fairfax, the following property: All the HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN FURNITURE, belonging to said Harrison, consisting in part as follows: Carpeting, Matting, Parlor and Dining-Room Chairs, Sofas, Dining Tables, China and Glassware, Feather Beds, Mattresses and Bedding, &c., &c.

TERMS.—Purchases under $10, cash; over that sum, a credit of 60 days, on notes properly endorsed. [jan 7—eots] D. FUNSTEN, Trustee.

The above named HOUSE is for rent.
jan 7—eotJan13 D. F.

SALE THIS DAY.

COLLECTOR'S SALE.—Will be offered for sale *on Thursday, January 13, at ten o'clock*, for cash, at the carriage warehouse lately occupied by Bowen, Berlin & Peake, corner of King and Henry streets, a new FAMILY CARRIAGE, levied on to satisfy tax bill due City Council of Alexandria, Va., for year 1858, by Bowen, Berlin & Peake.
JOHN A. FIELD,
jan 1—eotd Collector Northern District.

COMMISSIONERS' SALE OF LAND.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, pronounced at its June term, 1858, in the case of J. C. Gunnell, vs. Robert Kirby, and R. H Wheeler, we shall, *on Monday, the 17th day of January next*, (Court day,) in front of the Court-house of said County, offer at public auction, to the highest bidder, the following described TRACTS OF LAND, viz:—

The TRACT OF LAND belonging to the said Robert Kirby, situated on Pohick Creek, in Fairfax County, and containing **276** ACRES. It has upon it a comfortable DWELLING and out buildings, a good Orchard, and a very productive Farm. The Creek is navigable up to this land. Also, a TRACT OF LAND belonging to the said R. H. Wheeler, situated also on said Pohick Creek, and containing **232** ACRES. It has upon it a good DWELLING HOUSE, and other buildings, and produces well. The Creek is navigable within half a mile of this land.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-tenth of the purchase money will be required in hand as a deposit, liable to be forfeited upon the failure of the purchaser to comply with the terms of Sale, and the residue in three intalments, at six, twelve, and eighteen months, with interest from the day of sale, to be secured by the bonds of the purchaser, and a retention of the title until the whole of the purchase money shall be paid.

CHRISPOPHER NEALE,
THOMAS J. MURRAY,
WILLIAM H. DULANY,
ALFRED MOSS. } Comm'rs of Sale.
Fairfax county, dec 18—eots

HARRISON'S EXTRA FINE BEEF. Having received an instalment of a lot of superior CATTLE, purchased of the "Cattle Napoleon of Virginia," Col. John M. Harrison, of Loudoun County, we shall expose the same for sale at our respective stalls, where we will be pleased to serve the citizens in general, and our customers in particular, with an article of BEEF superior to any that has been offered in our market this season.
J. RICHARD SMOOT.
THOMAS S. SMOOT.
Also, on hand of our own curing, FAMILY BACON, HAMS, SHOULDERS, AND MIDDLINGS, BEEF ROUNDS AND TONGUES, all of which will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.
J. R. S.
jan 11—d1w T. S. S.

DOVER ENGLISH SCHOOL.

THE fifth session of 10 months, commences January 3rd, 1859, July and August, and one week at Christmas given as vacation.

—CHARGES.—

Board, including every thing, $12 per month.
Tuition in minor branches, $20 per session.
Philosophy, Chemistry, and the higher Mathematics $25.
Incidental expenses, $1 per session.
Strict morality and attention to study required of every pupil. Discipline is mild, but firm.
R. B. MCCORMICK, Principal.
Loudoun County, jan 10—2awtMb1*

TO THE FIELD OFFICERS AND COMMANDANTS OF COMPANIES OF THE **175th REGIMENT.**—You are hereby ordered to assemble at the Court House, *on Friday next, at 3½ o'clock, P. M.*, for the purpose of organizing a Regimental Court of Enquiry.
CHARLES E. STUART,
Commandant of the 175th Reg't. V. M.
☞ All other Commissioned Officers are invited to attend at the same time and place, and produce the certificates of their qualifications, for record, according to law. jan 11—dtd

ALEXANDRIA WATER COMPANY.—**ANNUAL MEETING.**—The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the **Alexandria Water Company**, will be held ON TUESDAY EVENING, January 18th, 1859, at the office of the Fire Insurance Company, Hour of meeting, 7½ o'clock, P. M. E. S. HOUGH, Secretary.
jan 12—dtd

THE MOUNT VERNON PAPERS, by the Hon. Edward Everett, now ready in the New York Ledger, and for sale at *GEORGE SIGGER'S Book and Periodical Store, 75, Prince street, opposite the Gazette Office.*

The Snake in the Grass, by Peirce Egan, esq., author of "the Castle and the Cottage," "The Flower of the Flock," &c., price 50c.

The Smuggler of the Coast, a Legend of the Land and Ocean, by Sylvanus Cobb, 10c.

Punch's Almanac for 1859, 12½c.

Yankee Notions for February, 10c.

Le Bon Ton Journal De Modes, and Monthly Report of Paris Fashions, 50c.

N. Y. Mercury, Weekly, Flag, Waverly, Harper's Weekly, Leslie's News, Privateer, Pilot, Irish News, and all the Weekly Papers. All the Magazines for January on hand. jan 12

ALMANACS for 1859, of the following kinds, viz: Sword's Pocket, Church, Family Christian Farmer's, Housekeeper's, Virginia, German, Catholic, Water Cure, and Phrenological, for sale by the dozen or single copy.
JAMES ENTWISLE & SON,
jan 1 No. 95 King street.

NEW BOOKS.—The City of the Great King, or Jerusalem as it was, as it is, and as it is to be, price $3.

In and Around Stamboul, $1.25.

Hadji in Syria, or Three Years in Jerusalem, price 75 cents, for sale by
jan 1 JOHN. H. PARROTT.

ST. CATHARINE'S OR CANADA MINERAL WATER, from the Artesian Well, at St. Catharine's, Canada West, for Dyspepsia, want of action in the digestive organs, acidity of the stomach, loss of appetite, &c. A supply just received, by
jan 12 J. WM. BOWLING.

SPLENDID PIANOS.—Just received two more of those SPLENDID PIANOS, selected with care, and warranted in every respect. At the New Music Store, No. 3, Exchange Block, at different prices. Call and see them.
jan 12 B. F. DENNIS.

JUST RECEIVED from New York, a large consignment of LADIES' FURS, which will be sold extremely low, such as Fitch, Stone Martin, Mink, and Canada Sable. Call and examine.
jan 1 JOHN T. EVANS.

ALEXANDRIA CITY six per cent. STOCK, Registered and Coupon, for sale by
dec 30—tf CORSE BROTHERS.

WOOL purchased by
je 26 DANIEL F. HOOE

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

At a meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held January 11th, 1859, there were present,

Law. B. Taylor, esq., President.

Messrs. Reid, Fowle, Bryan, Armstrong, Smith, Lambert, and Dempsey.

Upon motion of Mr. Fowle, the vote upon the resolution of instruction to the Committee appointed to superintend the construction of the contemplated Coal Wharf, passed at the last meeting of the Board, was re-considered.

Mr. Reid then offered the following substitute for said resolution, which was passed by the Board, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on the building of the Wharf, under the contract with the American Coal Company, be instructed to advertise for proposals for the contemplated improvement, and to submit to the City Council their plans and recommendations, with the bids received for the said work.

The following orders were received from the Common Council, and concurred in, viz:

1st. Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant for $100, in favor of Thos. Whittington, Clerk of the Market, for the purpose of opening the Soup House, for the benefit of the Poor of the city.

2nd. Ordered, That the Auditor issue his warrant in favor of H. I. Gregory, for $10.75, amount of his bill, ordered per John Moore, Captain of the Night Watch.

The petition of sundry citizens for extending the Gas Pipes along Washington street, was received through the Common Council, and its reference to the Committee on Light concurred in.

A petition was received through the Common Council, from the President of the Alexandria Canal Company, for a loan from the City Council, which was referred by the Common Council to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. Armstrong moved to lay it on the table, which was lost.

Upon motion, the Board then concurred in the action of the Common Council.

The following bill was received from the Common Council, and its reference to the Committee on General Laws concurred in, viz:

"An Act to amend the 5th section of An Act in relation to Licences, and the Taxes on the same, passed the City Council May 4th, 1857."

The following resolution was received from the Common Council, and concurred in, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Light enquire into the expediency of adopting Gleason's Patent Burner for all Street Lamps.

The following resolution was received from the Common Council, viz:

Resolved, That the Harbor Masters be, and they are hereby directed to report to Council, quarterly, the number of vessels arrived of that class subject to port tonnage.

Mr. Reid offered the following substitute, which was passed by the Board, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on General Laws be instructed to report a bill amendatory of the ordinances respecting Harbor Masters, to provide for buarterly reports by said officers of the number of vessels arrived of the class subject to port tonnage.

On motion of Mr. Bryan, it was

Resolved, That two members of each branch of the City Council, be appointed as proxies to represent the interests of the city in the next meeting (and all adjournments thereof) of the Stockholders of the Alexandria Water Company.

Messrs Bryan and Fowle were appointed on the part of this Board.

Mr. Dempsey offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Streets, viz:

Resolved, That a flagging footway be laid across Wilkes and Gibbon street, on the west side of Water street; also, a plank footway from Gibbon street, north, to the first alley between Gibbon and Wilkes streets, under the supervision of the Superintendent of