

COMMERCIAL.

Table listing prices of various commodities such as flour, sugar, and other goods.

REMARKS.—The market opened with some activity, and the offerings showed an improvement in the receipts.

New York Market.—New York, Jan. 30. Heavy, steady.

Inspection of Fish.—ALEXANDRIA, Jan. 28th, 1860. Report of the Inspector of Fish for the city of Alexandria.

Table with columns for month, day, and price, likely related to the fish inspection report.

Table titled 'ALMANAC' for the year 1860, listing dates and astronomical events.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—JANUARY 30. ARRIVED. Steamship Mount Vernon, Smith, New York.

At a meeting of the officers of the 17th Regiment, held on the 20th January, 1860, Col. Charles E. Stuart was called to the chair.

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CONGRESS.

Senate, Monday, January 30. Mr. Davis, of Mississippi, reported a bill to provide for the better organization of the Army of the United States.

Mr. Grimes defended the State of Iowa from an implication among those States which had passed laws antagonistic to the fugitive slave law.

Mr. Toombs disclaimed having definitely embraced Iowa among those States, and was glad to hear the disavowal of the gentleman.

Mr. Wilkinson moved to amend by striking out all after the resolving clause and inserting what, in substance, would embody the Republican doctrine.

Mr. Nicholson then addressed the Senate in favor of Mr. Brown's resolution. He denied that there existed any "irrepressible conflict" between slave labor, growing cotton, and free labor manufacturing it.

Mr. Montgomery, of Pa., considered it the duty of the Clerk to enforce the rules. Mr. Theaker said if the resolution was intended to exclude the ladies, he would most assuredly record his vote against it.

Mr. Burnett, of Ky., was opposed to admitting any but those properly entitled to be here. Mr. Garnett, of Va., raised the point of order that, under the existing rules of order of the House, it is the duty of the Doorkeeper to exclude all persons not entitled to admission.

Mr. Ashmore, of C., said he would insist, if the wives and lady friends of members were to be admitted on the floor, that others who are outside of the doors be admitted also.

Mr. Garnett, of Va., insisted upon his point of order. Mr. Barksdale, of Miss., moved a call of the House.

Mr. Garnett, of Va., objected to the call being proceeded with, until the 17th rule be executed by the Doorkeeper.

Several gentlemen objected to the ladies being included under that rule. The Clerk stated that no objection was made to the suggestion, the ladies would be permitted to remain.

Mr. Curtis, of Iowa, suggested that those ladies who were already on the floor be permitted to remain. It would be impossible for them, at this late hour, to procure seats elsewhere.

Mr. Ashmore objected—this was their misfortune. Mr. Killinger, of Pa., insisted that the gentlemen other than those entitled to its privileges be compelled to leave the Hall.

Mr. Ashmore, and others. "That's right!" Make the Doorkeeper do it. Mr. Hickman, of Pa., moved that in order to enable the Doorkeeper to designate those who were, and those who were not thus entitled, that the members of the House retire from the hall for the space of five minutes.

After some discussion, at request, the motion was withdrawn. A call of the House was then had.

Mr. Van Wyck, of N. Y., made a personal apology to his colleague, Mr. Cochrane, who had been paired during that gentleman's disability.

LOCAL ITEMS.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER.—Mr. John H. Higdon, the Adjutant of the 17th Regiment of Virginia Militia, died on Sunday last.

Therefore, Mr. Clerk, I respectfully withdraw my name as a candidate, and in doing so, Mr. Clerk, allow me to return my heartfelt thanks to all my political friends who have stood by me in this contest.

Some time since he was chosen as Adjutant of the Regiment which comprises the Militia of this county, and in that capacity accompanied that portion of the Regiment which volunteered for service, to Charleston.

While in the service of his country in Mexico, he contracted a lingering disease, of which he was never afterwards entirely free. The exposure incident to the service, and the fatigues of the campaign, aggravated the symptoms of the complaint.

Mr. Clernens, of Va., desired to know whether it was the purpose of any one on that side of the House to resort to parliamentary tactics to delay a vote.

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POSTSCRIPT.

CONTEST FOR THE SPEAKERSHIP. WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The impression here is that the contest for clerk of the House of Representatives will be between Edward Ball, of Ohio, J. W. Forney, of Penn., and Mr. Underwood, of Ky.

It is reported that Mr. Stallworth, of Alabama, a Democrat, who has been sick for some time, is expected here to-morrow in time to participate in the ballot for speaker.

THE HARPER'S FERRY INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE. WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Thaddeus Hyatt has written a letter to Senator Mason, in answer to a subpoena of the Harper's Ferry Investigating Committee.

TRADE WITH ALEXANDRIA.—From one of the largest shipping merchants in Alexandria, we have received the following letter, indicating their determination to contribute a share to the revival of Southern commerce.

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BY T. M. McCORMICK, AUCTIONEER. COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF A VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND AND FISHERY, IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VA.

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