[FROM YESTERDAY EVENING'S GAZETTE EXTRA.]

IMPORTANT NEWS.

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MARTIAL LAW IN WASHINGTON.

Ordinance of Secession Passed.

RICHMOND, VA., April 19.—The State Convention to-day, PASSED THE ORDINANCE OF SECESSION. [Our information on this subject, which is undoubtedly correct, is limited to this single fact.—Eds. Gazette.]

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.
A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, seven of the States formerly composing a part of the United States have, by authority of their people, solemnly resumed the powers granted by them to the United States, and have framed a Constitution and organized a Government for themselves, to which the people of those States are yielding willing obedience, and have so notified the President of the United States by all the formalities incident to such action, and thereby become to the United States a separate, independent and foreign power. And, whereas, the Constitution of the United States has invested Congress with the sole power "to declare war," and until such declaration is made, the President has no authority to call for an extraordinary force to wage offensive war against any foreign power; and whereas on the 15th inst., the President of the United States, in plain violation of the Constitution, issued a proclamation calling for a force of seventy-five thousand men, to cause the laws of the United States to be duly executed over a people who are no longer a part of the Union, and in said proclamation threatens to exert this unusual force to compel obedience to his mandates: and whereas, the General Assembly of Virginia, by a majority approaching to entire unanimity declared at its last session, that the State of Virginia would consider such an exertion of force as a virtual declaration of war, to be resisted by all the power at the command of Virginia; and subsequently, the Convention now in session, representing the sovereignty of this State, has re-affirmed in substance the same policy, with almost equal unanimity: and whereas the State of Virginia deeply sympathises with the Southern States in the wrongs they have suffered, and in the position they have assumed: and having made earnest efforts peacefully to compose the differences which have severed the Union, and having failed in that attempt, through this unwarranted act on the part of the President; and it is believed that the influences which operate to produce this proclamation against the seceded States will be brought to bear upon this Commonwealth, if she should exercise her undoubted right to resume the powers granted by her people, and it is due to the honor of Virginia that an improper exercise of force against her people should be repelled:

Therefore, I John Letcher, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, have thought proper to order all armed volunteer regiments or companies within this State forthwith to hold themselves in readiness for immediate orders, and upon the reception of this proclamation to report to the Adjutant General of the State their organization and numbers, and prepare themselves for efficient service. Such companies as are not armed and equipped will report that fact, that they may be properly supplied.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Commonwealth to be affixed, this 17th day of April, 1861, and in the eighty-fifth year of the Commonwealth.

(L. S.)

JOHN LETCHER.

Gov. Letcher's Reply to the Secretary of War.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, RICHMOND, VA., April 16, 1861.

HON. SIMON CAMERON, Secretary of War:

SIR: I received your telegram of the 15th, the genuineness of which I doubted. Since that time I have received your communication, mailed the same day, in which I am requested to detach from the Militia of the State of Virginia "the quota designated in a table," which you append, "to serve as infantry or riflemen for the period of three months, unless sooner discharged."

In reply to this communication, I have only to say that the Militia of Virginia will not be furnished to the powers at Washington for any such use or purpose as they have in view. Your object is to subjugate the Southern States, and a requisition made upon me for such an object—an object, in my judgment, not within the purview of the Constitution or the Act of 1795, will not be complied with. You have chosen to inaugurate civil war, and having done so we will meet it, in a spirit as determined as the Administration has exhibited towards the South. Respectfully, JOHN LETCHER.

Movements in Harper's Ferry.

Rumors, at first intangible, but soon after taking definite shape upon our streets last night, and this morning, gave currency to the report that a body of the troops of this Commonwealth had moved from Richmond, by the Central and Orange and Manassas Gap Railroads to Winchester. On the route companies from Charlottesville, Staunton, Culpeper C. H., Orange C. H., Warrenton, Berryville, and Woodstock had joined the column. Upon arriving at Winchester, the State forces were, it is said, to move upon, and take possession of the armory at Harper's Ferry.

This movement has doubtless been accomplished, and it is reported in Washington this afternoon that Harper's Ferry and the Armory were in possession of the State troops.

The Armory was garrisoned by a company of United States troops, lately removed thither from Carlisle Barracks, and the artizans of the establishment had, also, been drilling as a company.

Fort Washington.

Fort Washinton, situated eight miles below Alexandria, on the Maryland side and commanding the Potomac at that point, has been put in complete repair.

It was reinforced this week, and is in command of Major Haskins, U. S. A.

Large quantities of provisions were sent down this morning.

Guns have been mounted upon the summit of the walls, so as to command the hill on the East, which is as high as the Fort, and which is only two or three hundred yards distant—a valley intervening.

The Southern Loan.

MONTGOMERY, April 17.—The city of Charleston has taken $2,080,000 of the loan at par, and $1,200,000 has been paid in. The books are still open there.

New Orleans takes $2,700,000 at par, and subscriptions are still coming in. At Mobile $300,000 was taken, all by small bidders. The Capitalists hold off till to-morrow.

Arrival of Major Anderson in New York

NEW YORK April 18.—The steamship Baltic (having on board Maj. Anderson and his men,) has been signalled below.

Resignation of a Navy Agent.

NORFOLK, April 17.—George Loyall, the navy agent at this port, has resigned.

From Norfolk.

BALTIMORE, April 18.—Capt. Pearson, of the Norfolk and Baltimore steamer, which arrived here this morning, reports that the main entrance to the inner harbor has been obstructed by order of Governor Letcher, that small vessels have been sunken there, and that he was compelled to go over the flats. The object (he states) is to prevent government vessels from leaving there, as some days since they were ordered to do.

The Norfolk Custom House had also been broken open, and a quantity of guns stored there were taken out.

The revenue cutter on that station had been boarded and the guns seized.

Latest from Charleston.

CHARLESTON, April 17.—There is nothing of local interest transpiring here to-day. There is, however, some excitement in relation to Virginia. If she secedes, it is supposed that troops will be sent from South Carolina, but none will go before. Private intelligence asserts that President Davis intends to assume command in person of the operations at Pensacola.

The iron battery on Cummings' Point is being taken down, and the rifle cannon moved to posts commanding the channel. The work of renovating Fort Sumter continues.

To take the Oath of Allegiance.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—All the Clerks in the Treasury Department, and it is said in some of the other departments, were summoned to meet this evening at five o'clock—it was supposed to take the oath of allegiance.

At five o'clock the clerks all met, and were notified that all clerks and other employees of the Treasury Department should in the event of an attack on the Treasury Building, report themselves either to Capt. Shiras, or Captain Franklin, of U. S. A., as ready to defend the building.

Later from Texas.

INDIANOLA, April 14.—The Star of the West was off this port on Sunday.

The Empire City and Mohawk left on Friday with troops, their destination is unknown. Six companies of troops are near this point, awaiting the arrival of other companies.

Major Rhett of the army has resigned, and offers his services to the Southern Confederacy.

Martial Law to be Proclaimed in Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—It is reported and currently believed in Washington, that Martial Law will be proclaimed in that city to-morrow.

Many families are leaving the city, and seeking places of greater quiet and safety.

Enrollment of Troops.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—New companies of troops are being organized and tendered to the Secretary of War, every moment.—One thousand will be accepted to-day. In one company are three former residents of Alexandria.

Rhode Island Troops.

WASHINGTON, April 18, p. m.—It is rumored that the Rhode Island troops proffered by Gov. Sprague, are on their way to this city. They will experience difficulties, it is said, at Baltimore.

Arsenal Seized by Virginia.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—It is stated in financial circles, as coming direct from authority that the Government has advices that Harper's Ferry Arsenal is in the hands of Virginia.

Removal of Ammunition

WASHINGTON, April 18, P. M.—The steamer Monticello, which sailed yesterday for New York, had, as part of her cargo, cannon balls, from the Arsenal.

North Carolina Affairs.

MONTGOMERY, April 17.—Gov. Ellis, of North Carolina telegraphs to the Secretary of War that he has taken the forts in North Carolina.

Storing of Provisions.

WASHINGTON, April 18, p. m.—Large quanties of provisions have been stored in the Post Office Building.

DIED.

In Washington city, D. C., on the 17th instant, at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the residence of his son, Samuel S. Taylor, Mr. THOMAS TAYLOR, for many years a resident of Alexandria, Virginia, in the 84th year of his age. ☞His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, this morning, at 12 o'clock, M., from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Washington street.

In Washington, on Tuesday morning, of pneumonia, JOHN O'HAGAN, in the 66th year of his age, a native of the parish of Tullylish, county Down, Ireland, but for the last nine years a resident of Washington.

At Georgetown, D. C., on the 17th of April, Mrs. TABITHA M. CASSIN, relict of James Cassin, in the 71st year of her age.

At his residence, in Bladensburg District, Md., on the 9th inst., Mr. NATHANIEL SUIT, in the 66th year of his age. Mr. Suit was generally known and esteemed as an honest man, a kind and indulgent parent, and a devoted friend.

On the 13th inst., after a protracted illness of catarrh fever, MARY E., daughter of John D. and Annie D'Bell, aged 2 years and 10 months.

Lonely the house, and sad the hours,
Since thou, sweet child, hast gone,
But oh, a brighter home than ours,
In Heaven is now thine own.
Thy sufferings long thou bore,
Physicians were in vain,
Till God thought good to call thee home,
And ease thee of all pain.

COMMERCIAL.

Alexandria Market, April 19.

In Flour we have an advance in quotations to notice. The demand for home consumption is not very large, but the trade between this city, with Washington and Georgetown is very heavy, and our merchants are shipping very large quantities to the District. We note sales of Uncommon Superfine at $5.50; Extra $6@$6.25, and Family $6.50@$8. The transactions in Grain on 'Change this morning were very light. We quote white Wheat at 125@130c. for medium to fair; and 135@155c. for good to choice quality; and red at 120@135c. for good to choice quality. The receipts of Corn are fair. We quote white at 58@60c.—There were no sales of Rye or Oats on 'Change.

Alexandria Fish Market, April 13.

Shad—four to five thousand up, selling at $13@15 per hundred; Herring, seventy-five to one hundred thousand up, with sales at $6@6.7 per thousand.

New York Cattle Market, April 13.

The market for beef cattle yesterday was dull and heavy, and prices were about half a cent lower. The receipts were heavy. Sheep and lambs were about 25c. ℔ head higher, and the stock was without essential change. The total receipts were 4,518 beef cattle, 121 cows, 961 veals, 8,176 sheep and lambs, and 6,362 swine.

Baltimore Cattle Market, April 18.

BEEF CATTLE.—The offerings at the Scales today reached 525 head; of which 125 were driven to Philadelphia, — left over unsold, and the balance sold from $3.50 to $4.37½. But few at latter figures. Average price, $4. This will show an advance on the average. Owing to but few inferior Cattle in market, the price on prime Cattle is rather worse.

HOGS.—Sales are making at from $6.25 to $7.00 ℔ 100 lbs., according to quality. Good supply.

SHEEP.—Prices from 3½ to 4c. for clipped.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, April 18.—Flour has advanced; sales of 9,000 bbls.; State $5.10@$5.15; Ohio $5.50@$5.60; Southern $5.25@$5.60. Wheat is firm; sales of 15,000 bushels: Chicago Spring 120c.—Corn is firmer; sales of 20,000 bushels at 67@68c. for mixed. Provisions—Beef is steady. Pork is firm; mess $18@18.50. Lard is steady at 9¾@10½c. Whiskey closed firm at 19½c. Va 6's 17½; Mo. 6's 48.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—The excitement increases in intensity—Gosport, Norfolk, Fortress Monroe, Harper's Ferry and "last, though not least," Alexandria, are spoken of wherever we go. Usually I am cautious, incredulous, and reject all startling and improbable rumors, but in these stirring times I am rather inclined to believe that it is safe to credit, even the most improbable stories.

Before you receive this, definite intelligence will probably reach you from the points of interest named above. Of course, you know all about the midnight train from Alexandria, and many will look for the Gazette to-morrow to learn something about it.

It is believed that Martial law will be declared by the Government, and even correspondents will be narrowly watched. The Administration say the Capitol will be protected, and the archives of the Government preserved at all hazards. This is a point they give out as irrevocably settled.

Hon. John Carlile, of the Virginia Convention, was in the city a few hours to-day, *en-route* for Clarksburg. I called upon him in the hope of obtaining information for the Gazette, but he told me the proceedings of the body were conducted in secrecy, and he could not divulge anything. Although Mr. Carlile was "eloquently dumb," I thought I could read in his countenance, the withdrawal of Virginia from the Union.

The Secretary of the Treasury, sent notices to all of his subordinates to-day to meet him at 6 o'clock, at the Treasury building. Some think the clerks are to be armed and drilled for Military duty, others say a test oath of fidelity to the government, and the policy of the Administration, will be administered.

About two thousand troops are expected here by extra trains to-night.

Edward C. Carrington has been appointed District Attorney, vice Robt. Ould, removed.

HOME.

State Military Movements.

The Culpeper Republican says:—"About day light this morning a large train of cars, containing seven hundred men, came to the depot at Culpeper C. H., and had a hundred more added to the number already on board, and as the train moves on, hundreds more will be gathered in.

It is supposed their destination is Harper's Ferry.

LATER.—Another train has passed from Lynchburg having on board over three hundred men and a park of handsome brass artillery.

Old Virginia is now fully aroused, and her railroads will be busy conveying troops to the borders."

The Staunton Spectator says:—"The Volunteer Regiment of this county was organized on Saturday last by the election of the following officers: W. S. H. Baylor, Colonel, A. Kohner, Lieut. Colonel, and R. Turk, and F. F. Sterrett, Majors."

The Richmond Enquirer says:—"The Chesterfield cavalry Company A. Capt. Cox, Lieut. Mason and Lieut. Lindsay, tendered their services to the Governor of Virginia yesterday for any emergency.

Col. W. F. S. Gregory of the Amelia Regiment, (1st of Virginia militia,) with four volunteer companies attached Capt. S. S. Weisiger, (Cavalry,) Capt. J. E. Fergusson, (Rifles,) Capt. W. M. Miller, (Rifles,) Capt. A. V. Scott, (Rifles,) yesterday tendered service to the Executive, prepared to march on earliest orders. All of the above companies are being daily drilled and the cavalry are in camp at Amelia court House.

A gentleman, well known to us, yesterday tendered to the Executive twenty-five negro men to work on fortifications wherever ordered.

Mr. Goode, of Bedford, yesterday by authority, tendered to the Executive the services of the Clay Dragoons, Capt. Terry, the Bedford Light artillery, Capt. Jordan, and the Old Dominion Rifles, Capt. Bower.—They were all accepted. He also tendered, at the same time, one hundred men from Memphis, Tennessee, commanded by James M. Goggin, a native of Bedford, and brother of the Hon. William L. Goggin.

Excitement in Baltimore.

The momentous intelligence from Virginia has quickened the excitement in Baltimore. At the meeting of the State Rights Convention at Taylor's Buildings, at 9 o'clock yesterday morning, a committee was appointed to wait on the Presidents of the three Railroads leading into the city, to request them, in the name of the citizens of Baltimore, to refuse to carry Northern troops through the State of Maryland, or into it. The Railroads included are the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore, the Northern Central and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Stirring addresses were made on the occasion by T. Parkin Scott, Wilson C. N. Carvers, and others.

There seems from late accounts to be a terrible excitement in that city, and the utmost efforts of the police were required to prevent violence.

1861 ALMANAC. 1861.

FOURTH MONTH APRIL.	SUN RISES.	SUN SETS.	MOON'S PHASES
19 Friday	5 17	6 41	h. m.
20 Saturday	5 16	6 42	Full.....21 5 15 e
21 Sunday	5 15	6 43	Last Qr.. 1 2 24 e
22 Monday	5 13	6 44	New..... 9 5 59 m
23 Tuesday	5 12	6 45	First Qr.. 17 10 55 m
24 Wednesday	5 11	6 46	HIGH WATER.
25 Thursday	5 9	6 47	APRIL 19 2 o'clock.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA—APRIL 18.

ARRIVED.

Schr Pawnee, St. John, Norwalk, to American Coal Co.

Steamer St. Nicholas, Kerwin, Baltimore, to Wheat & Bro.

Steamer Diamond State, Jones, Baltimore, to Wheat & Bro.

SAILED.

Schr. Congress, Fields, Norfolk, by Wm. H. Fowle & Son.

Schr. Caroline Anderson, Bawker, Wareham, by T. J. Mehaffey.

Schr. Fanny, Mayhew, Boston, by B. M. Franks.

Schr. Wm. L. Jones, Miles, Patuxen, by Meade & Marye.

☞The name of H. O. CLARGTON is presented to the voters of this Senatorial District, as a gentleman eminently qualified to represent their interests in this department of the State government; and as Alexandria is entitled to the choice of a candidate at this time, his selection for this position, will be urged by

ap 19—ed3t MANY CITIZENS.

☞LECTURE.—Rev. Dr. Butler, of Washington, will lecture in Fall's Church, on Monday evening, April 22nd, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—"American Girls." Tickets may be obtained at the door. ap 19—3t

☞The Union men of the county of Prince William, are respectfully invited to meet at their Court House, on Saturday next, 20th day of this month, to appoint delegates to a Convention of this Ninth Congressional District, to be held in the city of Alexandria on the 25th inst., for the purpose of nominating a candidate to represent said district in the next Congress of the United States. MANY VOTERS.

Prince William county, Va., ap 18—3t

☞We take pleasure in proposing the name of Major J. RICHARDS SNOOT, as a suitable person to represent this County in the next House of Delegates. As the rural districts hold the balance of power, and have never yet had a representative, simple justice requires it at they should have the delegate, inasmuch as the city is claiming both State Senator and member of Congress.

ap 17—3w MANY VOTERS.

LEATHER.

5,000 LBS. RED SOLE LEATHER, in store and for sale by

ap 5 ALBERT W. GRAY & CO.

LOCAL ITEMS.

THE NEWS YESTERDAY.—We have never seen more intense interest displayed among our citizens than was shown yesterday afternoon, when the rumors which had been floating vaguely about, for the previous thirty hours, took definite shape, and indicated that the Commonwealth was vigorously engaged in efforts to provide for the defence of its rights and the protection of its citizens. The news of the passage of the secession ordinance, was placed on Gazette Bulletin Board soon after noon, and was followed immediately by a succession of despatches giving intelligence of all the movements upon the subject of our present troubles, which had been made since the Gazette went to press early that morning. From that period until a late hour, the vicinity of the Gazette office was thronged with an interested and excited, and yet entirely decorous crowd. At 3½ o'clock and 4½, extras were issued containing details of the news as far as received, and although a very large number of extras were disposed of, each person who possessed one and would read it aloud, was surrounded instantly by an attentive circle of listeners. During the evening there was considerable excitement and large gatherings in all the public places.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.—The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal suffered considerably by the late heavy rains. Intelligence respecting the amount of mischief done is not very distinct, but we have little doubt that it will be the middle of May before navgiation will be resumed throughout. It is understood that Dam No. 5 has received some serious damage; the next section below has also been assailed, and even the eight mile level between Seneca and Edward's Ferry is reported to have three breaks of greater or less extent.

C. C. Cl. Lee Jones has resigned his commission as Adjutant General of the District of Columbia militia.

Edward C. Carrington, formerly of Virginia, was, on Wednesday appointed Attorney for the District of Columbia.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Mr. Wm. S. Moore, one of the most estimable mechanics of this city, was seriously injured in Washington yesterday, while engaged in overhauling the engine of the steamer Philadelphia, at her wharf. The swell from the steamer St Nicholas, in passing, caused the Philadelphia to come in contact with the wharf, which threw down or crushed some of the props supporting the machinery, and both thighs of Mr. Moore were caught between the piston rod of the engine and the beam, and very severely bruised. He was brought home and attended by Dr. F. J. Murphy, and is doing well. Fortunately no bones were broken.

SALE OF SALT.—The cargo of the barque Admiral Bromby was sold at auction, yesterday morning, by T. M. McCormick, auctioneer. The cargo, was offered for sale by Lewis Mckenzie, and consisted entirely of salt. The crowd in attendence was quite respectable, and the bidding was moderately sustained. The prices were as follows: 900 sacks fine salt sold at $1 37½; 2,880 sacks G. A. do., at 90 cts.

REMOVAL OF AMMUNITION.—The steamer Monticello, which sailed yesterday for New York, was loaded almost entirely with munitions of war, which had been transported from the Arsenal to Georgetown. The inspector of this port was deceived by the steamer sailing several hours before her appointed time, and consequently she was not inspected.

Attention is called to the notice in another column, of Dr. Butler's lecture to be delivered in old Fall's Church, situated on the Leesburg pike, 3 miles from Alexandria, on Monday evening. The object of the lecture is to raise funds to purchase a parish library.

ILLUMINATION.—The private residences of several of our citizens were illuminated last night, in honor of the passage of the Ordinance of Secession.

PROCLAMATION.

MAYOR'S OFFICE, ALEXANDRIA, April 18, 1861.

Realizing with the deepest sorrow and solicitude, the eminent perils to which we are exposed by the exciting scenes now transpiring; and solemnly convinced that it is the imperative duty of every good citizen, not only to refrain from saying or doing aught, that will conduce to anarchy and outrage, but further to give sympathy and assistance in support of every effort upon the part of the civil authorities to maintain the public peace, I do hereby invoke the good citizens of Alexandria to moderation and forbearance, and to abstain from angry controversies which may lead to violence and bloodshed, and claim from them aid and support in preserving the good order and peace of the city. Feeling assured, that if it is the will of Divine Providence to inflict upon this people the most dire calamity of civil war, that to those who may survive the sanguinary horrors of the unnatural strife, there will be no sweeter consolation for the woes it shall inflict than the consciousness that they in no wise contributed to the lamentable result. I again appeal to the good citizens to keep the peace and provoke not others to violence.

ap 19— W. B. PRICE, Mayor.

NOTICE.

THE STEAMER THOMAS COLVER will leave at the following hours:

Leaves Alexandria, at 6, 9, 11, 1, 3, 4½, and 6 o'clock.

Leaves Washington at 7½, 10, 12, 2, 3½, 5½ and 6½ o'clock.

ap 19—tf SAMUEL BAKER, Captain.

THE STEAMER GEO. PAGE will leave at the following hours:

Leaves Alexandria at 7½, 8, 10, 11½, 1½, 3½, and 5½ o'clock.

Leaves Washington at 9, 11, 12½, 2, 4½ and 6 o'clock. (ap 19) S. GEDNEY, Captain.

ATTENTION! WASHINGTON'S HOME GUARDS.—You are hereby notified to meet at Cluss's (West End,) on Saturday, 19th inst., at 2 o'clock, P. M., for drill. By order of the Captain:

ap 19—2t A. H. POWELL, O. S.

ALEXANDRIA CANAL COMPANY.—The annual general meeting of this Company, will be held at the chamber of the Common Council in the city of Alexandria, on the 6th day of May next, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

ap 12—eod E. B. POWELL, Clerk.

NOTICE.—A meeting of the stockholders of the *Alexandria, Mount Vernon and Accotink Turnpike Company*, will be held at the City Hotel, in the city of Alexandria, on Saturday, the 20th inst. C. GILLINGHAM,

ap 9—2awtd Secretary.

NOTICE.—Ex-members and others, having the whole or any part of the Alexandria Riflemen's Uniform, will find a purchaser by calling on me. W. B. RICHARDS, Jr.,

ap 17—3t Quartermaster of Alex'a. Riflemen.

200 DOZ. BUCKETS will be sold low, by calling at L. HERRING'S

mh 19 Broom and Willow Ware Store.

ENGLISH Teeth and Hair Brushes, a fine assortment, for sale at

ap 9 RICHARDS'.

TIMOTHY, HERDS GRASS, ORCHARD GRASS AND KENTUCKY BLUE GRASS SEED, for sale by

feb 18 MEADE & MARYE.

COTTON YARN.

5,000 LBS. SOUTHERN YARN, direct from the factory, and for sale by

mh 22 ALBERT W. GRAY & CO.

COAL OIL of a superior quality, for lamps for burning the same, just received.

H. I. GREGORY,

mh 25 118 and 120 King street.

POSTSCRIPT.

BY MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

FROM WASHINGTON.

MOVEMENTS OF THE MILITARY.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Twenty-four Volunteer Companies, averaging 100 each, have already been mustered into the service here, and several more will succeed them.

Five hundred Pennsylvanians arrived to-night, and are quartered in the old Hall of Representatives. Sherman's light artillery has also arrived, and 500 New Yorkers are expected to be in to-night.

The Pennsylvanians received rough usage in passing through Baltimore. Some of them were considerably hurt by missiles. The main body of the crowd were at another depot. It is stated by a gentlemen from Baltimore, that a large meeting was held in Baltimore to-day, and the Railroad officials were notified that their bridges and tracks would be destroyed if they afforded transportation to any more troops. The proprietors of the Bay Line of steamers were similarly cautioned.

New Military Department.

GENERAL ORDERS—No. 8.

WAR DEPARTMETT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, April 9, 1861.

1. A Military Department to be taken from the Department of the East, and called the Department of Washington, is hereby constituted to consist of the State of Maryland, and the District of Columbia according to its original boundary.

Brevet Colonel C. F. Smith, 10th Infantry, is assigned to the command of this department according to his brevet rank—Headquarters at Washington city.

II Captain Theodore Talbot, Assistant Adjutant General, is relieved from the operation of General Orders No. 7—of March 20, 1861, assigning him to duty in the District of Oregon and will report for duty, without delay, at the Headquarters of the department of Washington.

L. THOMAS, Adj. General.

SECESSION OF VIRGINIA.

AUGUSTA, GA., April 18.—The news of the secession of Virginia was communicated to Hon. Roger A. Pryor as he was departing in the train for Montgomery. It caused great rejoicing—ringing of bells, &c.

MOBILE, April 18.—The people here are frantically joyous at the news of the secession of Virginia. The bells are ringing—a salute of a hundred guns are being fired, and other demonstrations made.

MONTGOMERY, April 18.—A dispatch has been received at Savannah stating that the Ordinance of Secession had passed in the Convention, to take effect in two days. No advice have been received here to that effect—nevertheles the government believe the news to be true.

It is said here that the seizure at Cincinnati must be properly redressed or they will cause non-intercourse, and a reprisal upon Ohio property in New Orleans.

MONTGOMERY, April 18.—Salutes of 100 guns are now being fired all over the South in honor of the action of Virginia. President Davis has just received official notification of its secession.

From South Carolina.

CHARLESTON April 18.—Two millions two hundred and sixty thousand dollars of the Confederate State loan has been taken here, while the average quota of the State was set down at $1,250 000.

A requisition for five thousand more men has been made on South Carolina, but it is not yet known for what service.

The news of the secession of Virginia was received with great joy. The gun "Old Secession" was fired in front of the Courier office by the venerable Edmund Ruffin, of Va. He was surrounded by Virginians, who cheered heartily when the compliment was paid to their mother State.

OBSTRUCTIONS REMOVED—THE MERRIMAC ALLOWED TO DEPART.

The latest news from Norfolk received at the Navy Department, this afternoon is that when Pendergrast ascertained that the channel was obstructed he placed his ships broadside to Norfolk and Portsmouth, and made demand on the citizens or he would level both towns. The obstructions were removed.

EXTRA SESSION OF THE KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

LOUISVILLE, April 18.—Gov. Magoffin has issued a proclamation for convening the Kentucky Legislature on the 27th inst.

Washington Items.

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Capt. Cullom, of the corps of engineers, has been appointed Aid de Camp of Lieut. General Scott, with the rank of Lieut. Colonel, and is officially announced as such to the army, and he is to be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Messrs. Carlisle and Dent, delegates to the Virginia convention, arrived here this morning. They are of the strongest Union sentiments. Their presence here at this time occasioned surprise. They say there is no further use for them in the Convention, and Mr Carlisle remarked that he "left Richmond a sad man."

It is the intention of the War Department to muster companies enough in this district to yield a force approaching 3,000 men. The soldiers of the war of 1812 are about adopting a military organization, and offering their services for the defense of the seat of government.

Lieutenant Gwathmey, of Virginia, was yesterday stricken from the roll of the navy.

Lieuts. W. L. Bradford and Fitzgerald have resigned.

The Massachusetts and Rhode Island troops and the Seventh Regiment, of New York, are expected here immediately.

A special government messenger has just arrived from Pensacola. There seemes to be no doubt that United States troops have been landed from the U. S. sloop-of-war Brooklyn at Fort Pickens.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

NEW YORK, April 18.—The Cunard steamer from Liverpool on the 6th has arrived to-night. She reports that the Niagara took out £550,000 for the United States.

Continental advices were warlike. The Army of Paris is drilling for war. All the Marshals of France have been summoned to attend a council of War on the 8th inst.

Military operations were about commencing in Italy.

PATENT COAL OIL CHIMNIES—A new article, not so liable to break as the ordinary kind. HENRY COOK & CO., Sarepta Hall.

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Green and Black Teas, part choice
Adamantine and Mould Candles, Pepper
Nutmegs, Rice, Blacking, &c., &c., all of which we offer at lowest market prices.

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CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

On and after Monday, the 15th April, the steamers BALTIMORE and MOUNT-VERNON will leave the wharf, foot of Sixth street, for the South and Southwest via Aquia Creek and Richmond at 6 a. m., and 6 p. m., both lines stopping at Alexandria, Va., for passengers and freight. The Richmond and Fredericksburg Railroad having repaired damages, this improved schedule will run with certainty.

GEO. MATTINGLY, Sup. Potomac Boats.

Washington, ap 15—d10t

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS.

WE take pleasure in informing you that we are now prepared to offer you a large and desirable assortment of

BOOTS AND SHOES,

of every variety, of our own manufacture, at prices as low as for Northern work, and respectfully ask an examination before you make your purchases.

Also, on hand a large and well assorted Stock of STRAW, FUR, and WOOL HATS, comprising a great many new and desirable styles.

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HENRY W. THOMAS,
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HAS OPENED an office in Alexandria, and tenders his professional services to the public. He will practice in the Courts of Alexandria Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, and the City of Washington. Office in the room lately occupied by T. T. Hill, adjoining the Southern Protection Insurance Company, in the Exchange Block. ap 8—d6w

NEW SPRING STYLE OF CARPETINGS.

JUST RECEIVED at the old stand of the late firm of Clagett and Dodson a new supply of elegant

Three-ply and Double-ingrain Carpetings, which were bought in New York from the agents of the manufacturier at panic prices, and will be sold accordingly. JAS. B. DODSON.

Washington, ap 17—co2w

STORE AND DWELLING FOR RENT.—The fine store and DWELLING on the Northwest corner of King and Pitt streets, is offered for rent on moderate terms, to a good tenant. The store is admirably situated for any kind of business, and the dwelling attached, is large and commodious, having six conveniently arranged rooms. Apply to HENRY CHATHAM.

ap 17—eotf

SPRING SUPPLY OF HARDWARE, CUTLERY, GARDEN TOOLS, &c., &c.—*JOHN T. CREIGHTON, 88 King Street, Alexandria, Va.*, respectfully informs his friends, and the public in general, that he has commenced receiving his SPRING SUPPLY, embracing a general assortment of goods in his line, which he offers for sale at low prices, for cash, or to punctual customers upon usual terms of credit. ap 4

KEROSENE AND PHOTOGEN OILS.—We have taken the Agency of a manufactory of these articles, and are authorized to warrant them equal to the best ever made burning in any Coal Oil Lamp, and free from smoke and smell. For sale in quantities to suit the trade, by

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NOTICE.—The undersigned having qualified as executor of John Mastin, dec'd., all persons having claims against the estate, will please present them for settlement. And all indebted thereto, are requested to make immediate payment.

GEORGE McCLEISH,
Executor of John Mastin, deceased.

ap 15—eod3t

TO COUNTRY MERCHANTS.—I am now manufacturing TIN WARE, which I am prepared to sell at Wholesale, as low as it can be bought in Baltimore, and of a better quality. You will please give me a call before buying.

H. I. GREGORY,
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SUPERIOR BLACK WRITING INK.—A barrel of the above, just manufactured, and for sale in any quantity, by

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JUST RECEIVED 30 boxes Sweet Oranges, also, a fine lot of Bird eye FINE APPLES, for sale by C. SCHAFER, Confectioner,
ap 16 and Fruit Dealer, N. 3, Fairfax st.

WHITE WASH BRUSHES, Scrub and Shoe Brushes, Feather and Hair Dusters, for sale by PERRY BROS.,
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HONES FOR SHARPENING SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES, an improved style, for sale at [ap 9] RICHARDS'.

2,000 BUSHELS TURKS ISLAND SALT, for sale by
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LUMP AND GROUND PLASTER.—500 tons, for sale by WM. H. FOWLE & SON,
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MILL FEED.—1500 bushels SHORTS, for sale at low rates.
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COMMISSIONERS'S SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM IN ALEXANDRIA COUNTY.—By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Alexandria county, rendered in the suit of Louisa Hunter vs. Tochman and William, the undersigned Commissioners, will, ON SATURDAY, THE 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 1861, in front of the Mayor's Office, in the city of Alexandria, sell at public auction, that valuable farm known as "SUMMER