

**LOCAL.**—The weather has turned cool:—one or two arrests, it is said, were made of persons from the adjoining counties at Catts's tavern, in West End, on Thursday night:—a schooner from Baltimore has been seized in the Potomac, a few miles below this place, on a charge implicating the captain in carrying off, without authority, property in the abandoned batteries:—numerous contrabands from the adjoining counties continue to come into town:—a sale of a considerable amount of rags, iron, tobacco, furniture, &c., took place at the U. S. Quartermaster's store, in this place, on Wednesday:—sold as abandoned property of secessionists:—business continues dull:—there are but few arrivals of river crafts.

In the tax law lately passed by the City Council of this place, it is directed that the collectors shall allow to all persons paying their taxes in full, in specie or Treasury notes, or notes of specie paying banks, a discount to such as shall pay on or before the 1st day of July next, fifty per cent.—on or before the fifteenth day of July next, thirty per cent., and on or before the first day of August next, ten per cent.

The dispatch relative to the excitement concerning the slave case in Washington was incorrect in several particulars. The negro, about whom the difficulty began, was one charged with being a fugitive, and had been sent to the jail under the decision of the commissioners. Yesterday evening, all who were arrested by either side were released. Marshal Lamon and Military Governor Wadsworth had a long interview relative to the conflict of jurisdiction between them—the former claiming the right to exercise all his civil functions in the absence of the declaration of martial law. The question at issue will have to be settled by the Executive. Gen. Wadsworth intends to insist on an examination into every case where an alleged fugitive has a military pass or protection, or where there is reason to believe the accused is free under the law of August last, confiscating slaves who have been employed for insurrectionary purposes. It is said, with regard to the politics of Gen. Wadsworth, that he is *not* a politician of the Wendell-Phillips school.

**GREEN PEAS**—the first of the season here—were offered for sale in the market this morning at \$1 per peck. Buyers, generally, hold off for a decline.

**GRACE CHURCH.**—We understand that the vestry of Grace Church have determined to open it for public worship in a short time. Rev. Mr. Wall, late of Portsmouth, Va., will, we learn, be the pastor.

**THE MARKET** this morning was well supplied with meats, vegetables and fish. Prices generally were reasonable.

We are once more receiving a number of our old exchange papers from the North and West. We rarely, if ever, see a paper from the South—and can only get such information as they may contain, from the extracts published in the Northern journals.

Trade and travel are now increasing on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, and two through trains of cars run daily from Baltimore.

The U. S. Senate has taken up the tax bill, for consideration.

The Rev. Father Malone has been arrested at Fairmount, North Western Virginia. According to the Freeman's Journal, the charge is that he refuses to take an oath of allegiance to the new State Government of which Mr. Pierpoint is Governor, not believing that he is constitutionally Governor. He also claims that as an adopted citizen of the United States, there is no warrant of law requiring him as a private citizen to take an oath to support any State Government.

The secret history of the Hunter General Order remains to be written, and the Journal of Commerce is confident that if the President were aware of the facts there would be a stir in New York before many days.

The National Intelligencer quotes largely from the N. Y. Tribune to show that up to the time of secession, the Tribune itself gave all the "aid and comfort" it could, to those in favor of a separation of the North and South.

The Mem his Argus says that Miss Shaw, of Monticello, Ga., is making hats from the leaves of the short leaf pine tree. The hats are said to be charming on the heads of pretty girls.

Strawberries are abundant at Memphis, but selling at \$4 per gallon, and flour at \$20@25 per barrel.

Gen. McClellan has directed that such men of the Ninth Regiment N. Y. Cavalry as are now in a state of disaffection, shall, as an example, be instantly discharged and sent from his army. He has also issued orders forbidding plundering by the soldiers, on any pretence; and he has approved the sentence of court martial directing the execution of a free negro, a camp follower, for committing violence on a white woman.

They are reviving garroting in Chicago. A man who visited the grave of Stephen A. Douglas, was garroted by a negro and three white men, and robbed of over \$50 in money and \$98 in notes.

"In passing through one of the wards in the hospital in Baltimore," says a letter writer, "my attention was called to a poor soldier from one of our New York regiments, who was experiencing great suffering from a wound in the shoulder and one in the head. The tract woman came along, put down a tract, told him she had come to do his soul good. The poor fellow rose up, looked at her a moment, saying, Tracts, madam, I can't eat tracts, I can't drink tracts, but you can make tracks as soon as you please.

In one of the New York churches, last Sunday, the clergyman concluded his sermon as follows:—"But I hear the rustling of silks in the pews as if some of the ladies are impatient to leave; I will therefore say, God bless you!"

A public meeting was held in New York on Wednesday to take measures for the relief of the sufferers by the fire in Troy. Mayor Opdyke presided, and a large number of prominent citizens were appointed a committee to receive subscriptions.

The freedom of New York city has been tendered to Capt. Theodorus Bailey, who was the first man to land in New Orleans after its capture by the Union forces, by Mayor Opdyke and a Committee of the City Council. Capt. B. is on a visit to New York for the purpose of having a surgical operation performed.

**Telegraphic News.**

[FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.]

**LATEST WAR NEWS.**

From the Valley of Virginia.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—The following was received this morning at the War Department.

STRASBURG, May 24.

To Hon. E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War.

General Kenleys command of infantry and cavalry has been driven from Front Royal with a considerable loss in killed, wounded and prisoners.

The enemy's forces are estimated at five or six thousand.

He is reported as having fallen back on Front Royal, and probably occupies that place this morning.

[Signed] N. P. BANKS, Maj. Gen'l.

From the West.

CINCINNATI, May 24.—Colonel Heth, with three thousand men, attacked the Federal forces under Col. Crook yesterday morning at Lewisburg, and after a severe fight the enemy were driven back and completely routed.

Col. Crook's force numbered thirteen hundred. The Federal loss was ten killed, forty wounded and eight missing.

The enemy's loss was much greater. Four cannon, two of them rifled, two hundred stand of arms and about one hundred prisoners, including one Lieutenant Colonel, one Major and several Captains and Lieutenants were captured.

The tug-boat Telegraph, which has been lying sunk at the Prince street dock for a length of time, has been raised, and taken to the navy yard, at Washington, for repairs.

It is estimated that the aggregate loss of insurance companies, by the fire in Troy, will be \$1,385,000, a little more than one-third the amount of property destroyed.

The Commissioners of Taxes of New York have decided that the 7.30 per cent. stocks held in that city by banks, corporations and individuals, are liable to taxation. The act of Congress can only be made to apply to Federal taxation.

English papers say the five vacant Garters will be conferred upon the Duke of Somerset, and Lords Russell, Canning, Fitzwilliam, and Shaftesbury.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia Press says that two of the men of the Massachusetts 16th regiment were killed by sun-stroke while on the march from Lynnhaven Bay to Norfolk on the day the latter place was surrendered to Gen. Wool.

Mrs. Mary C. Thome, the last surviving witness of the execution of Gen. Andre, died in New York a few days since at the age of 92. Her father was a quartermaster of the Continental army, and was stationed in the Highlands when Andre's capture and execution took place.

**ATTRACTIVE SALE.**—On MONDAY NEXT, the 26th inst., at 10 o'clock, at the Continental House, No. 121 King street, will be sold at public sale, the lately bought HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, consisting of Tables, Chairs, Carpets, Beds, Bedding and Bedsteads, Cooking Stove, and Kitchen Utensils. Terms—Cash.  
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