

LETTER FROM NEW YORK.

The "fancy" are in a high state of excitement over a prize fight, to come off in about five weeks from now, between Joe Coburn and Tom McCool, for \$1,000 aside. Both parties are now under active training.

Lewis Ratzsky, charged with the murder of Fellner, the Jewish diamond merchant, is now confined in the Kings county jail, awaiting trial. His case was set down for Tuesday, but his counsel got the trial put off until the next term, on account of the absence of important witnesses. Ratzsky is very sullen and reserved, having nothing to say to any one but his counsel.

It is stated, on pretty good authority, that President Lincoln will shortly leave Washington for a trip as far north as this city, for the purpose of obtaining a short respite from the arduous and unintermitted duties of his office. Come when he will, it is superfluous to add that a warm welcome is in reserve for him.

The Tom Thumb reception at Irving Hall, on Friday evening, will net about \$1,000 for the Woman's and Child's Hospital.

There was not much excitement in Wall street yesterday. Speculators, gold gamblers, and stock jobbers alike are disposed to hold back a little, to see what is to be the upshot of things at Vicksburg, Port Hudson, Savannah and Charleston. There is likewise some anxiety for the next news from France, bringing, as it will, the answer to the rejection by the U. S. government of M. de L'Huys' plan of mediation.—[Phil. Inquirer.]

Appointments—Baltimore Conference.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—E. P. Phelps, P. E.—Foundry, W. M. D. Ryan; Wesley Chapel, B. P. Brown; East Washington, T. H. W. Monroe; McKendree, J. Thrush; Union, B. N. Brown; Ryland, J. H. M. Lemon; Gorsuch, to be supplied; Waugh, H. N. Sipes; Fletcher, I. N. Davis; Providence, M. A. Turner; Asbury and Mt. Zion, J. W. Lambeth; Ebenezer, to be supplied; Georgetown, W. H. Chapman, West Georgetown, J. L. Gilbert; Ellicott's Mills, W. T. D. Clemm; Patapsco, A. S. Hank, R. N. Bear; Howard, W. Prettyman; Patuxent, H. C. McDaniel, L. Rhodes; Elkridge Landing, T. T. Wysong; Bladensburg, D. Thomas, C. G. Linthicum; Charles and Woodville, A. J. Porter; St. Mary's, J. J. Sargent E. E. Shipley. John W. Hoover, Chaplain U. S. Army and member of Georgetown Quarterly Conference.

VIRGINIA DISTRICT—John Lanahan, P. E.—Alexandria, W. F. Speake, J. W. Cornelius; Rockville, F. S. Cassady, W. K. Boyle; Montgomery, S. V. Leech, C. H. Mytinger; Harper's Ferry, G. F. Feelemyer; Martinsburg, A. Buhman; Berkeley Springs, G. W. Hobbs, A. S. Smith; New Creek, B. H. Smith.

Other appointments in the Virginia work will be announced as circumstances may require.

The Senate, yesterday, confirmed the nomination of Judge Fields, of California, to be an Associate Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court. Also, that of Ebenezer Peck, of Ill., to be a Judge of the Court of Claims. His confirmation makes that court complete.

Gen. Rosecrans has ordered all of those whose natural supporters are in the Confederate service, and whose sympathies and connection are such that they cannot give the assurances of loyalty, to hold themselves in readiness to go South of the Federal lines in his command, within ten days.

The Board of Aldermen of Washington, yesterday, by a unanimous vote, adhered to their amendments to the act to relieve the city of Washington from any further liability on account of the Washington and Alexandria Railroad, and asked a committee of conference.

In the Baltimore Annual Conference, yesterday, Rev. John W. Bull said he used to be a Methodist Episcopalian in religion, and a United States man in politics. He was opposed to fasting and praying by compulsion; he would not do so even at the dictation of the President of the United States. He used to fast and pray a great deal, but he had of late ceased to do so. [Sensation.] He hated Abolitionism as he hated hell. [More commotion, and called to order by the Bishop.]

A Havana letter of the 5th instant states that the schooner Ocean Herald, from Portland, reports seeing, on the 24th ultimo, the wreck of a steamer painted black, at Abaca, twelve miles from the light house. The stern and stock only were visible. No signs of life were seen near her.

The distillery of Mason, Harman & Co., Richmond, was destroyed by fire on the night of the 10th ult. It was engaged in making whiskey for the Government. Grain and malt valued at \$30,000.

Gen. John P. Slough, U. S. Military Governor of Alexandria, was a captain of a volunteer company raised in Colorado territory 1861, and for services in that capacity, was made Colonel of the 1st Regiment Colorado volunteers. In his capacity, he made with his troops, the long and severe march from Denver to Sante Fe, and commanded in the hard fought battles, with Sibley and the Texans, in which the latter were defeated, and evacuated New Mexico. For his services he was appointed by the President Brig. General of Volunteers, and given a command at Harper's Ferry, at the first siege of which place, his skill and energy were highly spoken of. Subsequently, he received the appointment he now holds in Alexandria.

Captain William McBlair, recently the commander of the ram Fingal, died at Savannah on the 15th ultimo. His death is said to have been occasioned by exposure during recent naval operations. Captain McBlair was a Baltimorean, and previous to the present war was a Lieutenant in the U. S. Navy.

A riot occurred at Calumet, Ind., lately, induced by a political speech. The Republicans and Democrats fought fiercely, and one man was killed and two wounded.

The Senate devoted itself, in executive session yesterday, to the consideration of the recent military nominations. B. S. Todd, of Dacotah Territory, (Mrs. Lincoln's brother,) and N. G. Williams, of Iowa, nominated as Brigadier Generals, were rejected. The commission of Brigadier for Colonel E. W. Stoughton, of Vermont, surprised at Fairfax on Sunday night, will be nipped in the bud by the President's withdrawal of his name to-morrow. Six or eight nominees were laid over for the present.

Some time since the Court of Madrid protested against the retention on the blockade of Capt. Hunter, of the U. S. steamer Montgomery, because he was said to be accessory to the burning of the steamer Blanche in Spanish waters. Mr. Seward ordered him to be recalled, and tried by general court martial. The Secretary of the Navy has just received a report of the trial, which took place a few days since. They are understood to have acquitted the Captain of serious blame, and an account of the proceedings is to be forwarded to her Catholic Majesty.

Governors Andrew Johnson and Joseph A. Wright, now in Washington, passed through Harrisburg on Friday last, while the Legislature was in session. Some of the Union men were desirous of hearing them. It required a two-thirds vote of the popular branch to obtain the hall of the House for this purpose.—The majority of that body is composed of Democrats, and thirty-two of these voted against the resolution giving this authority.

Arrivals at New York from various West India ports state that nothing has been heard recently of the Confederate vessels.

MILITARY ORDERS.

HEADQUARTERS PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL, DEFENCES SOUTH OF POTOMAC, ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 18, 1863.

SPECIAL ORDERS, No. 11.—Notice is hereby given to all persons coming within the lines of the Defences South of the Potomac, that they are required to report, without delay, to:

- Provost Marshal General, headquarters, Alexandria, Va.;
  - Provost Marshal at Fort Albany, Va.;
  - Provost Marshal at Fort Ethan Allen, Va.
- A register will be kept at each of the above offices, of the names and object of such persons, thus coming within the lines.
- By order of Jas. A. Tait, Provost Marshal General, JOSEPH MUNDELL, JR., feb 18—1m Capt. and A. A. General.

ALEXANDRIA AND WASHINGTON.—The steamer THOMAS COLLYER, Captain Samuel Gedney, will leave the wharf at the foot of King street, Alexandria, regularly.

Fare, 25 cents.  
my 26—tf SAM'L GEDNEY, Captain.

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Fare, 25 cents.  
nov 12—tf CAPT. E. S. TALBOT.

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jan 26—tf

DAYS OF SAILING of Steamer KEYPORT from Washington and Alexandria to Baltimore.—Tuesday, March 3; Saturday, March 7; Thursday, March 12; Tuesday, March 17th; Saturday, March 21; Thursday, March 26.  
The steamer KEYPORT will leave Washington at 10 a. m., and Alexandria at 3 p. m. on the above days, for Baltimore.  
All goods from Washington must be on board by 10 a. m. on day of sailing. Alexandria goods received up to 2 p. m. on day of sailing.  
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