

FROM MEXICO.

By the Roanoke we have City of Mexico dates to the 10th inst. It appears that a council of notabilities declared that the Mexican nation, through them, select an Empire as their form of Government, and proclaim Maximilian, of Austria, Emperor. Should he decline the throne, they implore the French Emperor to select a person, in whom he has full confidence, to occupy the throne. His proclamation was immediately made public, and a courier posted to Vera Cruz, where it was sent by a French steamer to Havana.

A PHILADELPHIA ALDERMAN.—The standing joke about "Philadelphia lawyers" bids fair to be extended so as to include the aldermen of that city, if they all do business after the manner of the one of whom the following story is told by the Philadelphia Inquirer of July 23:—

The latest illustration of stupidity occurred yesterday in an up-town alderman's office.—The alderman wishing to sell some property, and make a deed jointly with his wife, took his wife aside and asked her whether she was willing to sign her name without any "compulsion or coercion on the part of her said husband" the alderman himself being the husband. He then signed the clause at the foot of the deed, stating that he had examined his own wife "separate and apart from her said husband," and attempted to transfer the deed on this condition to the purchasers.

Very lately, a somewhat rigid specimen of the English governess, primly dressed as became her years, and by no means attractive in cork-screw curls and well pinched lips, addressed a Dublin carman in an authoritative manner, with the obnoxious stipulation—

"I take you for an hour."
Cabby (in an insinuating manner,) Ah, ma'am, won't ye take me for life?
The lady's indignation may be easily figured.

DIED.

At Alexandria Virginia, July 25th, ANNA MATILDA, wife of Dr. C. M. Hines, U. S. Army, and daughter of the late Wm. Devereux, of New York, in the 29th year of her age.

In Washington, on Thursday morning, the 9th instant, MARY, the beloved wife of Leroy H. Berryman.

AUCTION SALE.

WILL be sold at Auction ON THURSDAY NEXT, 30th inst., at the dwelling house of Mrs. M. Masterson, on Fairfax street, No. 95, HOUSEHOLD AND KITCHEN FURNITURE, consisting in part of dining and other tables, chairs: one superior Book case, Wardrobe, Mahogany and other Bedsteads.—One fine Piano, (A. Stein, Maker,) in perfect order, of fine tone; one eight day clock, bed and Window Curtains, Brass hand irons, &c. &c. Sale at 9 o'clock. Terms Cash.
Jy 27—td PENN & CO., Auctioneers.

FOR SALE.—THREE BOWLING ALLEYS.—They can be removed anywhere, in good order. Also a large lot of good TEN PIN BALLS. WM. C. MAGEE.
No. 325 E. street, between 12 and 13th,
Jy 24—3t Washington, D. C.

TWO DWELLINGS FOR SALE.—The advertiser offers for sale, two comfortable DWELLINGS—one BRICK, one frame—situated at the lower end of Water street. For terms &c., apply at the Gazette office.
Jy 21—tf

TURNIP SEED.—We have just received by express our full supply of Landreth's TURNIP SEED of the usual varieties. For sale by LEADBEATER & Co.
Fairfax street.
Jmo 25—eo3t

F. G. SWAINE & CO.
CHEAP FAMILY GROCERY,
No. 26 North Royal street.
A full supply of family groceries always on hand.
Jan 13

VESSELS ON THE LAKES.—The immense amount of capital invested in the commerce of the great lakes is hardly realized by the public outside of business circles immediately interested in the trade. The following statement of sail and steam vessels now engaged in this business is compiled from the "Marine Register" for this year, just issued by the Board of lake underwriters: Steamers, 134; propellers and tugs, 253; barks and barkentines, 191; brig and brigantines, 79; schooners, 1,030; sloops, 14; barges, 50. Total, 1761.

Mayor Opylke of New York has vetoed the ordinance passed last week by the Council and Aldermen to pay conscripts three hundred dollars. He holds that the Common Council has had time since last March to remedy any supposed irregularities of the draft; that they did not do anything until this ordinance was passed, thus appearing as a propitiatory measure to appease the mob.

Gen. Logan and Colonel Rawlings, of Grant's staff, report that Sherman had returned to Jackson, and reports to General Grant that the leading citizens of Jackson and the surrounding country have implored him to take some action by which Mississippi may be restored to the Union. Both the army and people of that section are dispirited and ready for peace.

About 1,000 bales of cotton, the cargo of the prize steamer Victory, captured on the 23d ult., bound from Wilmington, N. C., to Nassau, were sold at auction, in Boston, on Saturday, together with a quantity of tobacco. The aggregate amount of the sale was upwards of \$350,000.

Capt. James M. Cutts, of the 11th infantry, charged with spying through the keyhole of a lady's room at the Burnett House, Cincinnati, has been relieved from duty as judge advocate of the department of Ohio, by command of Gen. Burnside.

The report from England, by the Scotia, that the steamship Moses Taylor had been captured by the privateer Alabama, with a million dollars on board, is a canard. The Moses Taylor left San Francisco on the 23d inst., for Panama, and, of course, could not have been captured, as is alleged, previous to the 15th.

The N. Y. Tribune argues that the recent unsuccessful assault upon Fort Wagner near Charleston was "mismanaged, and that the heroic bravery of the troops and their officers was of no avail, because it was not rightly directed."

The yacht Gleaner, belonging to J. Wright, jr., of South Boston, was seized by the Collector on the ground that the owner, in obtaining a register, represented that he was an American, whereas he has recently obtained exemption from the draft by a certificate that he is an alien.

It is ordered by Brigadier General Martindale that any officer under medical treatment in Washington, who shall be found visiting places of amusement shall be considered fit for duty, and ordered to report to the Convalescent Camp.

The Navy Department has awarded the contract for building the fifteen knot sloop-of-war, proposals for which were published some time since, to Cramp & Son. They are to build her with the understanding that she is to be completed in twelve months. The machinery is to be made by Merrick & Son, Philadelphia.

NEW YORK LETTER.

[Correspondence of the Philadelphia Inquirer.]

NEW YORK, July 27, 1863.

The news from Mexico that a European monarchy has been decided upon by the minions of the French Emperor there, though not wholly unexpected, creates a profound sensation, in connection with the stories that are floating about, as to an offer to place the Confederacy under a French Protectorate on certain conditions. The authority for that "offer" is the Daily News.

Wall street was not visibly affected by this intelligence, though there were not wanting parties who endeavored to "bear the market" on the strength of it.

Mayor Opylke transmitted to the Common Council this afternoon a message vetoing the ordinance appropriating \$2,500,000 for buying off conscripts.

Nevertheless, the veto will go for nothing. The ordinance will be adopted by a two-third vote, when, after the ten days which must elapse before it can come up again for consideration, it is taken from the table.

The city continues quiet, though now and then there are symptoms of rowdyism still existent. One of these was an attack, last night, on some patrolmen, in Williamsburg, and the burning down of a colored church in the same district. (There is some doubt, however, as to this being the work of incendiaries.) All the troops who have been quartered in the Park since the riots, were marched off this afternoon, to the Battery. That locality is supposed to be a much healthier one than the former.

Everything is quiet at and about the office of Provost Marshal Nugent.

The Coroner held an inquest to-day, upon the body of the late Rev. Mr. Herbert, a Catholic priest. It appears that deceased met his death by falling over some rocks, in Fortieth street, while pursuing a crowd of boys who had been firing stones at him.

NOTICE.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., July 14, 1863.

I HEREBY notify all persons who have not paid their Corporation Licences for this year, that they can save thirty per cent. by paying their licenses on or before the first day of August next, and to such as shall pay on or before the fifteenth day of August next, ten per cent., and all persons who fail to comply with this notice after the fifteenth of August will be fined double the amount of their license.

Jy 14—1m C. A. WARE, Mayor.

KEEP COOL!

THE undersigned would inform their friends, and the public generally, that they are now prepared to furnish ICE AT ALL HOURS OF THE DAY OR NIGHT, at the "old stand" No. 26, north Royal street, opposite the market.

F. SWAIN & CO.

P. S.—Orders for large quantities of ICE left with us, will be promptly filled at most favorable terms,
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ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!

A large and superior cargo of PORTLAND A. ICE, is for sale, at my ice depot, Fairfax street, opposite Mansion House Hospital.—Those who may be pleased to favor me with their orders, will have it delivered, DAILY from wagon.
mh 27—tf

P. G. HENDERSON.

JOHN T. COOKE,

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CORNER PITT AND PRINCE STREETS,

HAS constantly on hand, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Mackerel, in barrels, half barrels, and kits; Salmon, Potomac Herring, Smoked Halibut, Smoked Herring, and Smoked Beef. Also, a choice brand of Sugar Cured Hams, for family use; Shoulders and Breasts, and a general assortment of goods for family supplies. Call and examine.
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