



ALEXANDRIA.

SATURDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 2.

RETROCESSION.—The Richmond Enquirer copies from this paper the notice of the new movement in regard to the scheme of Retrocession, and our appeal to the Legislature, in behalf of the rights and interests of this city and county, and of the State of Virginia; and says:—"We earnestly second the appeal of the Gazette, and hope the Legislature will employ every possible influence to prevent the threatened wrong. To exclude Virginia from representation in Congress, and to plunder and dismember her in her constrained absence, would be an aggravation of injustice such as we cannot believe any representative body will consent to commit."

TRADE.—The National Intelligencer says: "We have information that unless the Baltimore and Ohio railroad company manages to get rails through the District for reduced through rates of toll to Baltimore, New York parties contemplate establishing large business agencies in our cities to compete with Baltimore for the wholesale trade of this region and that southwest of us."

Private letters from the City of Mexico state that Maximilian will shortly issue a proclamation taking stronger grounds than were assumed by him at Orizaba. At a meeting of his Cabinet on the 14th ult., the expediency of his remaining in the country was decided upon. Five votes were cast in favor of his departure, on the ground that the struggle should be abandoned. The majority, however, determined otherwise. We do not know that there is any truth in these statements.

The Senate has been rejecting several of the U. S. officers, during the late war, nominated to different civil offices by the President. It is not enough, now, to have been "Union men," and to have "fought for the flag," and to have been scarred and wounded;—there is a qualification requisite beyond this. You must be a "Radical," too!—as far as the Senate is concerned. Soldiers and officers, who are not of the right stamp in politics—have no chance.

It is stated, in the English papers, that Lord Lyons, now British Ambassador at Constantinople, will soon replace Earl Cowley as Ambassador at Paris. This is considered the most important, as well as the most lucrative, post in British diplomacy. The salary is \$60,000 a year, with a magnificent residence kept in repair and furnished by the British treasury.

The Postmaster General has been informed of the robbery of the post office at Salem, New Jersey, which was entered and all the letters therein broken open, the money taken, but the stamps, drafts, money orders, the letters, and everything else left behind.

It is asserted that at the present time there is not a single new merchant ship or steamer building at any of the numerous ship-yards of New York, Brooklyn or Jersey City, and but few in all the yards of the country.

It appears from official letters from the authorities in Alabama and other Southern States, that the accounts of destitution in those States, have not been exaggerated.

There is much distress in the Lehigh and the Schuylkill coal regions in Pennsylvania, at present. Many people are actually suffering for the want of food.

Treasurer Spinner yesterday received two communications enclosing money, the holding of which seemed to burden the writers' consciences.

It is reported that Gen. Grant has been summoned before the Judiciary Committee now investigating the "Impeachment" business.

The factories in Germantown, near Philadelphia, have generally suspended operations, by reason of the depression in trade.

Three little children, buried in a snow drift, near Gloucester, Mass., were rescued by a dog, one day last week.

Several of the wharves on the James river above City Point, have been swept away by the ice.

A daring gang of burglars are now operating in Baltimore—and nightly robberies occur.

EUROPE.

LATEST BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

Our advices by the cable are to yesterday. It was announced in London that the Austrian troops in Mexico do not leave that country with the French. Count Barol has been appointed Ambassador to the Court of Vienna. The Gazette de Tribunaux contains an editorial protesting against the rendition of Lamirande, detourer to the British Government.

LEGISLATURE OF VA.—The session of the Senate, on Thursday, was occupied in passing quite a number of bills. A number, however, of general public interest. None, however, of private interest also were introduced. It was a working day, and not a great deal of discussion was indulged in.

In the House, Mr. Wood presented a resolution for the appointment of an agent to represent Virginia at the Paris Exhibition. On motion of Mr. Woodson, the Clerk was authorized to purchase and keep on his table a copy of Webster's Dictionary for the use of the members. Senate bill to exempt railroads from the benefits of the stay-law was rejected, after considerable debate. The House rejected the claims of Henry Exall, Richmond, and John Critcher, of Westmoreland. A bill to amend sections 33 and 34 of the Code, exempting certain property from distress or levy was passed, as were also several other bills of a private character.—Rich. Enq.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The murderers of the late Wm. Vandevanter, who was recently killed in Missouri, have been arrested. One negro woman, who was living with the family, two negro men, and a white man, the nephew of Mrs. Vandevanter, are in prison, charged with the deed. Mrs. V. who was supposed to have been mortally wounded, is recovering.

The sums contributed in New York, for the destitute in the South amounted to \$9,650.

There is a kind of outburst of the more respectable of Republican journals against the unfortunate action of Generals Griffin and Sheridan in prohibiting a public cremation burial of the remains of General Albert Sidney Johnson.

Judge Ezekiel Chambers, of Kent county, Md., died at his residence on Wednesday, 30th ult. He was formerly a U. S. Senator.—Judge Chambers was one of the most eminent and distinguished men in Maryland.

It is understood among the friends of Governor Wells of Louisiana, that if the Legislature passes the bill for a new constitution over his veto, the Governor will issue a proclamation declaring the convention of 1864 legal, and re-assembling it.

A report from Jefferson City, Missouri, gives the details of outrages committed by the State militia there, in sacking and robbing stores. Some of the parties are now under arrest.

Late Havana advices state that the reported approach of the Peruvian and Chilean fleets had given uneasiness. The small-pox was rapidly abating.

W. H. Bidwell, of New York, will be sent by Secretary Seward to look after the Jaffa emigrants from Maine.

The law authorizing a new municipal election in Baltimore, on Wednesday next, was reconsidered in the State Senate yesterday. The House adjourned till to day, instead of going over to Monday, as is its custom, for the understood purpose of concurring in the action of the Senate. If so, there will be no election on Wednesday. There is considerable excitement in political circles.

Gen. Hancock's father died at his residence in Pennsylvania, yesterday.

It is reported that Senator Saulsbury, of Delaware, has determined to resign his position in the Senate.

The State Senate of Kansas passed yesterday a concurrent resolution declaring "the late rebellious States" to be without legal Governments, and that it is the duty of Congress to prescribe Governments for them.

LETTER FROM LEESBURG.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.] LEESBURG, VA., January 31, 1867.—Yesterday was the coldest day of the season, but towards night it moderated and snowed a little after 10 o'clock.

This day has been balmy indeed, and the snow is fast disappearing from our streets, but from the number of sleighs in town there must yet be a good deal of snow on the roads, so as to tempt persons to use them.

The extreme coldness of the day yesterday prevented a general attendance of bidders for the "Big Spring Mill" property, and it will, I presume, be tried again, when the weather is more propitious. There were several bidders from a distance in attendance.

Suing continues briskly, and will continue as long as judgments are liens on all the property of the debtor.

Marriage also seems yet to be in vogue, there having been issued thirteen licenses for the month of January. Only one of the persons having been married before, and he was of the mature age of 58 and his bride 55. The other men ranged from 22 to 36, and the ladies from 18 to 27. One license of the above was for colored people.

In consequence of the death of old residents a great deal of town property, and lots near town, will be thrown into market this year, namely: Smart's, Irish's, Raney's, Lot's, and Rattie's. Some of it is very valuable, and in the business part of the town, and near the Depot.

COMMERCE.—Several bills were introduced in the Senate, yesterday, relating to the District of Columbia, after which the bill to prescribe the duty of the clerk of the House of Representatives was taken up and passed. This bill is intended to keep out Southern Representatives at the organization of the next Congress. The bankrupt bill was next taken up and discussed, but no vote taken. A bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to receive the remaining legacy of James Smithson.

The House adopted a resolution to allow Capt. Webster, of the U. S. revenue service, to receive the present of a gold medal from the British government for services rendered distressed vessels of that nation. The bill from the Senate to regulate the tenure of office was taken up, and several proposed amendments rejected, after which it was laid aside.

The tariff bill which has passed the Senate is a substitute for the one which passed the House at the last session, and is, in most respects, a much more oppressive measure. It is stated that the Committee on Commerce of the Senate have decided to report unfavorably upon the nomination of Major General D. N. Couch, who was appointed Collector of the port of Boston.

The Committee on Ways and Means have decided to report in favor of abolishing the tax on newspaper advertisements. Mr. Hooper made a strong argument in favor of the report. Mr. Stevens mustered but a small party in the House yesterday in support of his spiteful proposition to prevent the Executive from appointing any one to office, for a year, whom the Senate has once rejected.

The morning hour was consumed yesterday in the House discussing the application of the heirs of Thomas Harvey for a renewal of some of his patents devoted to the manufacture of screws. The patentee spent a large fortune—some \$170,000—in perfecting his various machines, some of them extremely ingenious. Unfortunately he assigned them before they proved very lucrative, and the assignees—the American Screw Company—has had a monopoly of the business and realized enormous profits. His heirs make application to Congress to have the patent extended for their benefit.

The Washington Chronicle in "a double-edged article" urges the impeachment of the President.

Gold. NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Gold, to-day, 136 1/2.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

A memorial signed by the State Agricultural Society's committee, Messrs. J. R. Jones, W. D. Hart, William H. Richardson, Jas. Lyons and L. E. Harvie, has been presented to the Legislature, asking such a modification of the laws, "as to provide for one or more emigrant agents in Europe, by whom the salubrity of our climate, the fertility of our soil, our abundant mineral treasures, and our great water power will be made known, and intelligent, useful, profitable emigrants sent to us;" and suggesting that "another agent should be established at Norfolk, to receive and forward them to the interior."

For some days Mr. D. B. Parker, special agent of the Post Office Department, has been engaged in ferreting out the deprecator upon the Post Office in Lynchburg, from which money, checks and drafts have mysteriously disappeared several times recently. Wednesday night two negroes, named respectively Dick Carter and Bob Rose, together with a white boy named John Mason, were arrested on suspicion of having committed the thefts. The negro Carter has for some months been employed in the office as a porter, and upon being charged with the crime confessed it fully.

The Leesburg Washingtonian says: "The Alexandria, New York, Baltimore and Philadelphia Steamship Company, intend establishing an agency in Leesburg, for the purpose of transporting produce, merchandise, &c., to and from this point, and any of the above mentioned sea ports, on the completion of the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad to this place. Their agent, Mr. Bigelow, is at present in Leesburg, for the purpose of establishing an agency."

The Fredericksburg Herald says: "An incendiary fired the tobacco factory belonging to Mr. James R. Goodwin, near Frederick Hall depot, in Louisa county, on Thursday night last, which was totally consumed, together with Mr. G.'s entire crop of tobacco for the last year, and several hog-heads of old tobacco.—Loss about \$2,500, and no insurance."

Fears are entertained by the people of Buchanan, that their town will be flooded, from the damming of the water by an immense ice gorge that chokes up the channel of James River near that place, which is said to be a mile or more in length and about twenty feet high.

The whole amount received by Washington College, since the war, from all sources, has not yet reached the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. Twice this amount is yet needed to make the College what it ought to be.

NORWEGIAN IMMIGRANTS.—A party of about one hundred Norwegians, mostly young men were recently brought across the Atlantic to engage in a furniture manufacture in Clinton county, New York. They are described as strong and rugged physically, and of great worth of character. The person who went over to Norway to secure the services of these immigrants says that great numbers of Norwegians answered his advertisement, and his chief difficulty was to select the few he desired from the crowd of applicants. The United States is highly popular among the laboring classes abroad, and the immigration during 1867, it is estimated, will be greater than that during any previous year.—Balt. Sun.

MARRIED.

On the 26th ultimo, by Rev. Geo. W. Harris, Mr. DAVID T. WALKER and Mrs. MARY K. WELSH, all of Fauquier county.

FISH WHARF FOR RENT.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Auditor's Office until 12 o'clock, February 15th, for the renting of the Fish Wharf, during the approaching season, commencing the first day of March and ending first day of June, 1867. This property will be rented as it now stands, and the renter will be required to furnish lumber, for platforms, sufficient to accommodate the trade.

In renting this property it must be distinctly understood that no privileges respecting the sale of liquor thereon will be granted inconsistent with the laws on that subject, and that all the passways on the property must be kept open and free. The rent to be paid, one-third on the 1st day of May, one-third on the 1st day of June, and one-third on the 1st day of July, 1867. The renter will be required to give negotiable notes, corresponding with the above dates, payable in currency, and secured by a deposit of United States or other interest paying bonds in amount satisfactory to Committee.

The renter will not be permitted to erect any building at a less distance than 70 feet from the east front of wharf, and 50 feet from south front of wharf. THOMAS SMITH, feb 2-2m Clk. Com. on Pub. Prop.

SELLING OFF TO CLOSE BUSINESS.

The subscriber in order to close out the business, will, until the first of May, offer on entire stock of DRY GOODS, NOTIONS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, &c.; also, a large lot of Gentlemen's and Boys' Boots and Shoes, Ladies' Misses' and Children's Shoes, Slippers, &c. The above goods will be sold WITHOUT RESERVE AT COST PRICE. All early bargains will do well to give her an early call at NO. 319, KING STREET, between Payne and West streets, MRS. WALTER HARRIS, feb 2-1m

LOST.—Yesterday, near the Washington Depot, a BLACK LEATHER POCKET BOOK, containing between \$30 and \$55, and valuable papers. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to the owner, or to JOHN B. HANCOCK, feb 2-3m

NEW STYLE HOOPS.—

Just received, several styles of Hoops, in Bradley's Duplex Elliptic, and other celebrated makes. For Misses we have every size, from five hoops up. feb 2 WYMER & SLAYMAKER.

SAMUEL H. JANNEY MAILLON H. JANNEY JANNEY & CO., Wholesale and Retail DRUGGISTS, And Dealers in DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, PAINTS, OILS, AND VARNISHES, GARDEN SEEDS, WINDOW GLASS, AND PUTTY.

Careful attention given to the compounding of Physicians' Prescriptions. aug 10-1f

HORSE STOLEN.—

On Saturday night from the stable at Mount Vernon, one six year old BAY FILLEY, with black legs, a large star on the forehead, white slip on the left nostril, in good order, and a good traveler; medium size. A liberal reward will be given for the horse and thief, or for either of them, if delivered at Alexandria, to C. N. GREGORY, 147, King street, Alexandria, Va. It is supposed that the thieves went up on the Little River or Leesburg Pike. ja 28-3t

PINEAPPLE AND EASTERN DAIRY CHEESE.

Just received and for sale by J. M. HOGUE, Corner Pitt and Prince streets. jan 26-

JUST RECEIVED.—

10 bushels Homing; 2 Erskin's choice Butter; 100 lbs sugar; 100 lbs Hams; Best Family Lard; Clarified Cider Vinegar; for sale by J. C. MILBURN, Opposite the Market. jan 12-

CITY COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

ALEXANDRIA, Va., February 1, 1867. At a called meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held at their chamber this evening, there were present, George Bryan, esq., President; Messrs. Barton, Brewis, Smith, Gwin, Fleming and Uhler.

An act authorizing the funding of the interest due on the funded debt, on the 1st day of January, 1867, was taken up, and the second time, on objection, the 26th rule was suspended, and the act passed.

On motion of Mr. Brewis it was Resolved, That our Delegates in the Legislature of Virginia be, and are, hereby requested to secure the passage of a bill giving to the City Council of Alexandria authority to issue new bonds in liquidation of the present debt of the Corporation, and the Clerk of Council be requested to forward copies of this resolution to the Delegates from this county and the Senator from this district.

A communication from the Mayor and their action concurred in. A communication from Wm. Gray was referred to a Special Committee on Assessments, Messrs. Gwin and Uhler.

Bills of Charles Brill for work done for the Corporation, amounting to \$24.97, were received from the Common Council, and their reference to the Committee on Public Property agreed to. A resolution was received from the Common Council authorizing a deduction on taxes paid in current funds before the 22d of February, 1867, and their action concurred in.

The Board then adjourned. Tests. JNO. J. JAMIESON, Clerk.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a called meeting of the Common Council of Alexandria, held February 1, 1867, there were present Messrs. Markell, Leachert, Ashby, Brown, Clifford, Johnson, Witmer, Summers and Hough.

The President being absent, Mr. E. S. Hough was elected President pro tem. A communication from the Mayor, relative to the hauling of wood for the poor, and pay to the workmen, was referred to the Committee on Claims.

A bill was received from the Board of Aldermen, entitled "an act authorizing the funding of the interest due on the funded debt, on the 1st day of January, 1867." The 26th rule was suspended, and the bill passed.

The bills of Chas. Brill, for goods, and work for the Mayor's Office and Alms House, were referred to the Committee on Public Property. A resolution was received from the Board of Aldermen to obtain authority from the Legislature to issue new bonds in liquidation of the present debt of the Corporation, which was not agreed to.

Mr. Witmer offered the following which was adopted: Resolved, by the City Council, That the Collectors of City Taxes be authorized to make a deduction of 5 per cent on all taxes paid in current funds before the 20th of February, 1867.

The petition of Wm. Gray was received from the Board of Aldermen, and its reference to a Special Committee concurred in, and Messrs. Brown and Summers appointed said committee. The petition of B. H. Jenkins was referred to the same committee.

The Council then adjourned. Tests. THOS. M. WHITE, Clerk.

AN ACT, authorizing the funding of the interest due on the funded debt on the first day of January, 1867.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the City Council, That the Mayor and Auditor be authorized to issue stock in sums of fifty dollars and the multiple thereof, on the 1st day of January, 1867, and the principal thereof shall be payable in twenty years from their date, as authorized by an act of the Legislature, passed Jan. 21, 1867, entitled "an act to amend section first of an act authorizing the City Council of Alexandria to issue stock in sums of fifty dollars and the multiple thereof, on the 1st day of January, 1867, and the principal thereof shall be payable in twenty years from their date, as authorized by an act of the Legislature, passed Jan. 21, 1867, entitled "an act to amend section first of an act authorizing the City Council of Alexandria to issue stock in sums of fifty dollars and the multiple thereof, on the 1st day of January, 1867, and the principal thereof shall be payable in twenty years from their date, as authorized by an act of the Legislature, passed Jan. 21, 1867, entitled "an 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