

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Notwithstanding the approach of Fall, there are but few signs of any returning activity in business, and it were not for the grain trade the dullness would be even now more perceptible than ever.

Money is very scarce outside of banking circles, but the demand for commercial purposes is very limited and easily supplied.

In Baltimore the supply is quoted in excess of the demand, and the market is at 4 1/2 per cent for good commercial paper.

Call loans are quoted in New York at 2 1/2 per cent, with a very easy market. Gold remains about the same last week, closing to day at 104 1/2.

Government bonds are quiet and without change. State securities are firmer, and we note sales of Virginia consols at 102 1/2.

B & O. R. R. shares nominally 95.07, but nothing doing. In local railroads securities we note sales of O. A. & M. 75 at 105 1/2.

We quote: Orange, Alex., & Man., 75..... 612 1/2 61

Orange & Alex., 65, 14..... 612 1/2 61
Orange & Alex., 65, 24..... 612 1/2 61
Orange & Alex., 85, 34..... 612 1/2 61

Orange & Alex., 85, 4th..... 612 1/2 61
Virginia & Tennessee, 65, 21..... 612 1/2 61
Virginia & Tennessee, 85..... 612 1/2 61

This new five per cent loan of the O. A. & M. is now quoted at 102 1/2, a decrease in premium within one week of 2 per cent.

WHOLESALE QUOTATIONS IN ALEXANDRIA. Flour, Fine..... \$1 50 @ 5 00

Superfine..... 5 50 @ 6 00
Extra..... 6 75 @ 7 25
Family..... 7 75 @ 8 25

Wheat, common to fair..... 1 30 @ 1 35
Good to prime..... 1 35 @ 1 40
Choice..... 1 38 @ 1 43

Corn, white..... 55 @ 60
Mixed..... 55 @ 60
Yellow..... 55 @ 60

Rye..... 20 @ 25
Butter, prime..... 20 @ 25
Common to middling..... 10 @ 12

Eggs..... 10 @ 12
Apples..... 40 @ 50
Pears per bushel..... 75 @ 80

Onions, per bush..... 75 @ 80
Hams, country..... 12 @ 13
Best sugar cured Hams..... 12 @ 13

Butcher's Hams..... 11 @ 12
Western..... 11 @ 12
Shoulders..... 7 @ 8

Lard..... 10 @ 11
Veal Calves..... 4 @ 5
Master, ground, per ton..... 60 @ 65

Ground, in bags or bbls..... 60 @ 65
Lump..... 60 @ 65
Salt, G. A. (Liverpool)..... 10 @ 12

Flour..... 10 @ 12
Turf's Island..... 30 @ 40
Wool, long unwashed..... 30 @ 40

Washed..... 30 @ 40
Do. washed..... 28 @ 30
Hmac..... 10 @ 12
Hay..... 12 @ 15

The market closes dull and weak, and to day the offerings of grain were light. Transactions in Flour are limited, and prices are unchanged.

Old wheat Flour is wanted for bakers' purposes, and brings 25c more than new. Wheat is heavy at 15c for choice; sales of 150 bushels at 14 1/2c.

Corn is 1 1/2c better than yesterday, and 55c bushels sold at 55 and 56. No sales of Rye or Oats reported. Butter is scarce and higher. Other produce unchanged. Wool is quiet at quotations, with fair receipts.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 16.—Virginia 65, old 31; do 62 1/2; consolidated 66 1/2; do 2d series 43.

NEW YORK, August 16.—Stocks buoyant and excited. Money 1 1/2. Gold 104 1/2. Flour quiet, but without decided change.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., Aug. 17, 1877.—10.30 a. m.—For the Middle States stationary or rising barometer, northwest to southwest winds, cooler, followed by warmer, clear or partly cloudy weather, with light local rains in the interior.

THE MINES AND THE CANAL.—The Baltimore Sun says: "The New Central Coal Company, one of the large corporations in the Cumberland region, started its miners to work on Wednesday and expects to get out 150 car loads a day from two mines which they have put in operation. The Atlantic and George's Creek, and the Swanton Companies went to work, and one half of the miners in the region are employed at 55 cents a ton, the figures for which they went on a strike three weeks ago.

The principal companies holding out against the advance are the Consolidation, American, Maryland and Barton, the officers of which would not say what will be their course in the premises. The canal boatmen still held out yesterday, but they had up to that time been little coal to ship over to town. Now that their mines have come into operation, they will be seeking an outlet via water, and it is probable the shippers will find boatmen willing to carry it."

The Cumberland Allegonian says: "On the canal all things are quiet, but few boats arriving and none leaving. The steamers that left here loaded are detained near Dan N. G., because of a leakage, upon the repair of which workmen are now engaged. It is thought that boats will be able to leave by the middle of next week. Many light boats are tied up near the tow-path in different places along the canal near where the captains of the boats live."

The News has the following important item: "Tuesday the President and Directors of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal held a meeting in Baltimore and made an arrangement by which it is expected that coal shipments will shortly be resumed. The plan is briefly as follows:—The Canal Company is to become a freighter, collect freight from the shippers and pay it over to the boatmen or their agent. Mr. Fredrick Merrens has agreed that if the Canal Company will pay the boatmen 90 cents freight to Georgetown and 95 cents to Alexandria, and the boatmen consent to the arrangement, he will reduce the trippage on the very large number of boats on the canal purchased from him \$5, or to \$20 per trip—thus giving the boatmen a freight about equal to \$1 a ton with freights, tolls and trippage at the present figures. The Canal Company proposes to collect from the shippers 85 and 90 cents per ton, and pay the boatmen an advance of 5 cents, being equal to a reduction of 5 cents per ton in tolls. The tolls were 35 cents, on which a drawback of 8 cents was given. The reduction noted above will leave the company but 22 cents for tolls. Mr. Merrens yesterday laid the plan before a number of boatmen running boats purchased from him, and procured the signatures of about thirty to an agreement embracing the features above stated. Mr. Merrens last evening went down the canal for the purpose of consulting other boatmen upon the subject. It is thought that a sufficient number of boatmen to start up a brisk shipping business will enter into the new arrangement."

A telegram from Sir John's Run to the Baltimore Sun states that the 7th Maryland regiment and the U. S. troops were both under orders to leave for home to-day.

MARRIAGE CEREMONY.—The Washington Republican says:—"St. Patrick's Church was the scene of a most interesting and happy event yesterday morning. A Nuptial Mass was sung by the orphan girls of St. Rose's Industrial School, one of them presiding at the organ, on the occasion of Miss Maggie Buckley's marriage with Mr. D. J. Lawler. The altar was elegantly lighted up while Father Walter performed the ceremony and during the Mass. The church was well filled by friends of both parties being present, and many of the orphan girls in their neat and becoming dress. Father Walter addressed the happy pair in words of tender affection. The music and singing was most creditable, and a more touching and edifying ceremony has not taken place since St. Patrick's Church at the residence of St. Rose's Industrial School." Mr. Lawler was an Alexandria boy, and has many friends here who will be pleased to hear of his connubial felicity.

POLICE ITEMS.—The following cases have been tried since yesterday:—James Sisson, drunk and disorderly and throwing stones on the street, was fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang.

Isaac Johnson, colored, for defrauding Wm. Morgan, also colored, was fined and discharged. Lewis Macchia, colored, drunk and disorderly on the street, was fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang.

Israel Ward, colored, for disorderly conduct in the market house, was fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang.

Bon Hampton, colored, suspicious character, fined, and, in default, sent to the chain gang.

Eddie Roberson and Abraham Morson, small colored boys, for cutting Eddie Franklin with a knife, were made to pay costs and ordered to be soundly whipped by their parents.

COMMENCED EARLY.—A quarrel took place on Pitt street, in the rear of the jail, last night, between a small white boy named Eddie Franklin and two colored boys named Eddie Morson and Abraham Morson, in the course of which one of the colored boys drew a knife and handed it to the other, who, in accordance with the practice of his race, used it to cut the white lad, inflicting several cuts on his arm. The boys were arrested, but being too young to send to jail, and there being no house of correction, the Mayor had to discharge them, with the promise on the part of their parents to punish them severely.

RIVER SPORTS.—Several parties from this city are now down the river on fishing and crabbing expeditions, and every day numerous persons make short trips down, intent on the same sport. The fish are not plentiful, but there are more crabs than usual, and they come much higher up the river. A gentleman who returned last night from the Bachelor's camp at Indian Head reports that himself and two others caught between ninety and one hundred crabs in a short time. Crabs are also noticed as high up as Sandy Bar, just below this city, some having been caught there on Wednesday last.

NEW PROCESS FAMILY FLOUR.—The family flour made at the Occoquan mills by Mr. Jos. Janney by the "New Process," and for the sale of which Mr. George Washington is the agent, is extensively used by the housekeepers of this city, and makes as good, and as good looking, bread as any we ever tasted. It is liked by all who have used it, as it combines all the excellent qualities of the best grades of family flour, and has in addition the peculiarly good quality derived from the new process by which it is manufactured.

EXCURSIONS.—A large excursion from along the line of the Manassas branch of the Midland road came down this morning and took the steamer Arrow for Mount Vernon. They returned this evening.

A colored excursion party also came down the Midland road, this morning, and went to Washington via the Potomac Ferry boats.

CHEAP EXCURSIONS.—The fifteen cent excursions on the Potomac ferry steamer, lately discontinued, will be resumed next Tuesday and continued every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter until the close of the season. A full band of music for dancing will be on board. 2.

THE CHARIOT LINE.—The plan for the establishment of a chariot line on King street, to run in connection with the Potomac ferry steamers, will be adopted or rejected at the meeting of the directors of the Washington Chariot Company to be held early next month. Should it be adopted the fare for a trip from Georgetown to this city and return will be only fifteen cents, including boat fare, for the chariots will be transported on the boats, and passengers will not leave their seats in them unless they want to. In this connection it may be stated that the steamer on the Potomac Ferry Company can purchase a suitable boat, and they will put her on the lookout for one, they have their agents on the line between this city and Washington, to run from the hour at which their day boats stop running until twelve o'clock at night, making hourly trips from each city. This will be a great convenience to citizens of both places, and will doubtless meet with an ample reward.

NEW DROVE YARD.—The question of establishing a new drove yard and cattle sales somewhere near Colross is being agitated by several of the cattle men and butchers of this city. It is claimed that if the city would put up scales it could realize a very handsome revenue therefrom, and induce many drovers to stop their cattle here who now go on to Georgetown.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' SAVINGS BANK.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank was held yesterday evening, but the only business done was to instruct the agent of the bank to enforce the collection of sundry debts due the bank, in order that another dividend may be declared as speedily as possible.

STROKE BY LIGHTNING.—During the thunder storm on the line of the W. & O. R. R., on Wednesday evening, the dwelling of Mr. Andrew Carlin, at Carlin's Springs, in this county, was struck by lightning, the furniture knocked about and some crockery broken, but, fortunately, no one was hurt.

COLLISION.—The schooner Rapidan and another schooner whose name could not be ascertained collided, in the channel, off the foot of King street, yesterday evening. The bowsprit of the unknown schooner was broken, but both vessels proceeded on their course without stopping.

Local Briefs.—Master Malcom Brown, at C. C. Berry's store, on King street, is the agent for a party who engages resolutions, writes cards, and does other fancy writing. He has now on exhibition the resolutions of respect, by the late J. H. Hook and Ladder Company, to the late J. R. McK. Barley, which are certainly well executed.

Several of the vessels which have been lying here for some weeks past awaiting cargoes of coal, have sailed for Baltimore, in the past few days.

On account of unforeseen circumstances the Sabbath-school concert will not be given until Monday night instead of to night.

Mr. John H. Baggett lost a valuable horse, by death, yesterday.

Wanted—every one to be free from Pimples, Blisters, Boils, etc., which can be done by purifying the blood with Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture. Used everywhere.

A WORD ABOUT THE COMBINATION STORE. During the past three weeks the Combination Store has been doing a thriving business, having added a great many new goods to that already famous assorted stock. We are informed the Combination Store will be run in full force this fall, and large preparations are made to make another rush in that direction. Look out for bargains. Goods are arriving daily. 1w

Lonsdale cambric, one yard wide, very fine, at 15c; table linen at 25c; towels at 5c; white wool flannels at 12c; very fine table damask, pure linen, in remnants of 2 yards, 2 1/2 yards, 3 yards length, only 50c.; worth 75c.; large dinner napkins, pure linen, at 8c.; large white quilts at 75c. We are selling the best yard wide bed ticking in the world at 25c., slightly soiled. Also the best and widest sheeting cotton at 25c., slightly soiled. CARTER'S, aug 3-wlm 107 Market Space.

A PANIC IN PRINTS.—Mr. Isaac Eichenberg opened this morning 1,500 pieces of elegant and latest patterns dark Calicoes at 6c a yard, warranted all fast colors; also 800 pieces of best make known in the trade, at 8c a yard, in an entire new design; 25 pieces Black Cashmere, all wool, six different grades; also 25 pieces Silk Mohairs, from 50c a yard up; also a great bargain in Embroideries, Ladies' Hose, Gents' Neckties, Collars and Underwear; still another lot of Bleached and Unbleached Cottons, Napkins, Table Cloth, and Linen and Cotton Diapers, just bought at a large sale for cash, and will be sold at extra low prices to suit the times. Now is your time to invest in Cotton Goods. Call and see us. aug 11-1w

The use of my name as a member of the executive committee of the so-called "working-men's party" was without my knowledge or consent, and I hereby most respectfully decline the appointment. A. D. WARFIELD.

ELDER WILLIAM J. PURINGTON will preach at the Old School Baptist Meeting House Friday, 17th inst., at 7:30 o'clock p. m. 3.

MOURNING GOODS, in Cashmere, Henrietta and Colons' Cloths, French and English Tissues, Diagonals, Byanines, Australian Crapes and Mouslins. We offer the best grades of Black and Blue "rock" introductions in color with goods. D. F. BRASHEAR, 109 King St., Alexandria, Va. aug 17

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AMUSEMENTS.

COMBINATION SABBATH SCHOOL CONCERT, IN PRINCE HALL, MONDAY EVENING, AUGUST 20, Assisted by Mr. MEDLEY'S TWO BANDS, Also by DISTINGUISHED LOCAL VOCALISTS. Tickets 25c. For sale by the scholars. [15-31

EDUCATIONAL M. VERNON INSTITUTE, No. 12 South Washington St., Alexandria, Virginia. School tuition will be resumed on the second Monday in September.

BETHEL ACADEMY, reopens Sept. 20th. Prepares for Business or University. Large attendance enables us to offer Board and Tuition per half session for \$92.50. No unexpected extras. Endorsed by Prof. of the Univ. of Va. and patronized by leading citizens of the South. For Catalogue address W. W. SMITH, A. M., Bethel Academy P. O., Fauquier Co., Va.

From Citizens of the Tidewater. The undersigned, by reason of constant intimacy and frequent visits to Bethel Academy, think themselves in condition to judge of its real character and workings. With only a passing testimony to the extent and thoroughness of its course of instruction, which is amply vouched for by others, we desire especially to commend in high terms the scholarship, gentlemanly bearing and Christian character of its officers and teachers. The already excellent facilities for instruction have been increased year by year, and firm and excellent discipline has been introduced and maintained. The result is a high tone of morality, politeness and honor among the students. For discipline and intellectual and moral culture we cordially commend this School to the public.

John H. Lindsay, Pastor, Prof. Epis. Church; James Higgins, Pastor M. E. Church South; John L. Carroll, Pastor Baptist Church; John H. Poulton, Minister Meth. Epis. Church; John A. Scott, Jr., Pastor Presby'n. Church; H. H. Weger, Pastor Baptist Church; Wm. Smith, (Gen.) Wm. H. Payne, (Judge) James Keith, (Capt.) A. D. Payne, (Maj.) R. Taylor Scott, (Hon.) James V. Brooke, (Gen.) Eppa Hunt, (M. C.) [Judge] Thos. H. Smith, (Judge) Wm. H. Gaines, (Dr.) D. C. Gordon, (Capt.) H. R. Gardner, (Dr.) John A. Chilton, (Hon.) 2-2w

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EPISCOPAL FEMALE INSTITUTE, WINCHESTER, VA. Rev. J. C. WHEAT, D. D., Principal, Assisted by Competent and Experienced Teachers in the Several Departments. The exercises of this Institute will be resumed on Thursday, Sept. 17, 1877. For Circulars, stating terms, course of study, &c., apply to J. C. WHEAT, Principal. References: Bishop and Clergy of the Prot. Ep. Ch. of Virginia. jy 6-800w

A LADY, who has had experience in teaching, wishes to open a SCHOOL FOR YOUNG CHILDREN on the 11th of September in Alexandria, Va. Apply to Miss C. V. GORDON, at Mr. Bitzer's boarding house, 58 Prince St., Alexandria, Va. aug 3

EXCURSIONS, PICNICS, &c. SECOND GRAND EXCURSION TO RAWLEY SPRINGS, VA. A Week in the Mountains for only \$15. Train will leave the Baltimore and Ohio depot, Washington, D. C., MONDAY, August 20th, at 7:30 a. m. Tickets for round trip, (good for 15 days) including board at the Springs from Monday evening until the following Saturday morning, \$15; and return fare, \$10. For sale by Children's Jewelry Store, 78 King st., and 141 1/2 Prince St., Alexandria, Va. aug 16-1w

FOR PINEY POINT, BOTTLE MONROE, NORFOLK AND THE CAPES. The splendid steamer JAS. M. MEDLEY will start SATURDAY NIGHT TRIP to the above points, commencing SATURDAY EVENING, the 19th inst., at 8:30 o'clock; returning will arrive in Alexandria about 5:30 a. m. Monday. Fare round trip to Piney Point, \$2; to all other points \$4. Call and secure a stationer on this delightful trip. Good Caterer employed. Piano on board. SAM'L. BACON, Freight Agent. P. A. REED, Agent. jy 20

STREAMER MARY WASHINGTON. Daily service, leaving the wharf, foot of Prince street, 10:15 a. m. Carriages are in waiting at Mount Vernon Springs wharf to take visitors a pleasant ride of one mile and a half through a beautiful grove to the mansion door. Carriage fare, including admission to grounds, carriage and driver, 50c. CHEAP CHILDREN'S TRIP. Children will be taken on Saturdays for 15c. Adults 25c. Round trip, allowing the privilege of landing and waiting the boat's return at any point on the river. D. F. BRASHEAR, 109 King St., Alexandria, Va. aug 17

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AUCTION SALES.

By Green & Wise, Real Estate Agents and Auctioneers. VALUABLE KING ST. PROPERTY AT AUCTION. WEDNESDAY, August 9th, at twelve o'clock m. will be offered by public sale, on the premises, that DESIRABLE DWELLING on the south side of Cameron street, between Washington and St. Asaph sts., lately occupied by the undersigned. Terms, which will be accommodating, made known at sale. GEO. Y. WORTHINGTON. aug 13-1d

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