

LOCAL MATTERS.

The Weather Probabilities, Dec. 22, 1881. For the Middle Atlantic States cloudy and rainy weather, southeast veering to westerly winds, stationary or higher temperature and lower pressure.

CHRISTMAS NOTES.—There are on the streets of the city unmistakable signs that Christmas time has rolled around again. As everybody knows, Christmas comes on Sunday this year, and Monday will be celebrated. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather of yesterday and today, large numbers of ladies have been on the streets, and the stores, which present a handsome appearance, have been thronged with purchasers. The smart boys that stood alone upon the street corner with his tin horn a few days ago has multiplied until there is now an army of small boys with tin horns, all trying to outdo one another. If the Israelites made such a noise around the walls of Jericho as is now being made in Alexandria, it is no wonder the said walls tumbled to the earth.

A prominent business man says there is more money about this year than last, and as a consequence business is much better. Mayor Bokham, who will not issue any proclamation relative to the celebration of the day, says, while he will not place any restrictions upon any one, he wishes it to be understood that he expects all to keep within proper bounds. With good weather, Christmas this year, judging from the preparations being made, will be to a happy one.

THE ROAD TO THE LIGHT HOUSE.—Upon the occasion of the visit of the United States Inspector of Light Houses to James' Point, near this city, some weeks ago, that official objected very much to the condition of the road leading to the light house and threatened, if an improvement was not made, to recommend the use of oil instead of gas. In accordance with the suggestion of the Inspector, the old bridge leading to the light house has been removed, a new trunk has been put in its place, and the swamp to the right has been drained. For years the beach of this city has had the pleasure, upon reaching this place in their rambles, of treading their sweethearts from stone to stone until they landed on the other side was reached, and then after exhausting shells on the "Point" to return to find that the "side" was in, presenting the dilemma that the said sweethearts must submit to being carried across the waters or to remain upon the "Point" until low tide. The young lady being unwilling to stay out so late, always took the first horn to the dilemma. All this is changed now. The old landmarks are passing away.

MEMORIAL.—The Commissioners of the Sinking Fund held a meeting this afternoon at the Auditor's office, with Corporation Attorney K. Keamp, and the members of the Finance Committee of the City Council present by invitation, to consider important corporate matters. The Committee on Public Property also held a meeting this afternoon, to consider among other matters, some necessary repairs to the American Coal Wharf, owned by the city and leased by the American Coal Company. The committee after making an inspection of the wharf, will either order the needed repairs to be made, or report the matter to the City Council.

CHRISTMAS MARRIAGES.—The clerk of the court in Washington issued more marriage licenses yesterday than any day for the past six weeks. The following are among those who will, this year, spend the happiest Christmas of their lives: Edward Brown, of Outpost county, Va., and Jennie O'Brien, of this city; Geo. W. Lindsey, of Alexandria county, Va., and Annie H. Miller, of Fairfax county, Va.; Kinross Sawyer and Irene P. Clark, both of Stafford county, Va.; W. G. Gorman and Sarah J. Davis, both of Fairfax county, Va.; Theophilus Jones and Paul Walker, both of King George county, Va.

LECTURE.—Tomorrow evening, at 5 o'clock, at the Hebrew Synagogue in this city, Rev. I. Rosenstraus will hold a lecture and deliver a very interesting lecture, in pure German, the occasion being the jubilee of the festival in commemoration of the victory of the Maccabees over the heathen, tyrannical king of Syria. Rev. Mr. R. has prepared this lecture with great care, and it will doubtless be enjoyed by all students of history and sciences of the German language. His lecture will be given in the Hebrew and students of German to be present.

STEAM TUG TO CHANGE HANDS.—The steam tug Comet, now owned by Capt. Samuel English, is to pass into the hands of Captain Taylor and Mr. I. C. O'Neal, who are to become the purchasers at \$6,000. The tug will continue to run on the river. When the sale is completed, Capt. English will contract for the building of a new tug, smaller than the Comet, to be used in harbor work, at the ship yard in this city.

THE HORSE-TOMORROW NIGHT.—The men to be given by some of the young gentlemen of the city at McBurney's Hall to-morrow night will be one of the most pleasant affairs ever held in this city. It is intended to inaugurate the gay season, and the arrangements have been completed on a grand scale. A large number of invitations have been sent out, and the good many ladies and gentlemen from other cities are expected to be present.

5000 SQUARES, including the Courts, Diplomas, Imperial and other fine papers, just received by J. C. MILBURN.

SNOW WHITE POWDER.—The most exquisite and harmless powder yet discovered for beautifying the complexion. For sale at 10c per lb. J. D. H. LUNTS.

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If you want a Youth's, Boy's, or Child's Suit or Overcoat we have an endless variety at the lowest prices. S. WATERMAN & SON.

If you want a Cheap or a Fine Overcoat, Ulsterite, or Reversible Overcoat we have the best assortment and the lowest prices in the city. S. WATERMAN & SON.

Soup-stone Griddles; no greases required; no smell in the house; the nicest thing out. Fine Stove boards. A large assortment of perfect hairpins—"Ideal" Coffee-pots; another lot just received. Send for descriptive circulars. STANSBURY & BRO., Cor. King and Washington sts., McBurney's Building.

No headache or back-ache for ladies who drink "WINE OF CARDUI." For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

Mothers! Mothers!! Mothers!!! Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with the excruciating pain of cutting teeth? If so, go at once and get a bottle of Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately—depend upon it; there is no mistake about it. There is not a mother on earth who has ever used it who will not tell you at once that it will regulate the bowels, and give rest to the mother, and relief and health to the child, operating like magic. It is perfectly safe to use in all cases, and pleasant to the taste, and the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States. Sold everywhere. 25 cents a bottle. m21

Humbugged Again. I saw much said about the merits of Hop Bitters, and my wife who was always doctored, and never well, teased me so urgently to get her some I concluded to be humbugged again; and I am glad I did, for in less than two months use of the Bitters my wife was cured and remained so for six months since. I like such humbugging.—H. T. Paul, Pleazer Press.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" makes chills and fever impossible. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

A World of Good. One of the most popular medicines now before the American public, is Hop Bitters. You see it everywhere. People take it with good effect. It builds them up. It is not pleasant to the taste as some other Bitters as it is not a whiskey drink. It is more the old-fashioned bona fide tea that has done a world of good. If you don't feel just right try Hop Bitters.—Meadia News.

"BLACK-DRAUGHT" cures constipation and Sick-Headache. For sale by E. S. Leadbeater & Bro.

LADIES' UNION BERRY.—There will be a Christmas Pique Party for the poor, at the Ladies' Union on Friday next, December 23d, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. The ladies beg that our citizens will respond with their usual liberality to this appeal, in order that the poor women may be furnished with provisions for a Christmas dinner. Donations of groceries, meat, vegetables, money, and half worn clothing will be most acceptable. By order of the Board, L. U. R.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS. The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the WASHINGTON & ALEXANDRIA TERRY PIPE COMPANY is called for MONDAY, January 2, 1882, at 9 o'clock a. m., at 233 south 4th street, Philadelphia, Pa. Election for Directors, Clerk and Treasurer same day and place. dec-21 ALBERT HEWSON, Clerk.

GOODS FOR THE HOLIDAYS.—Just received at 58 King corner of Royal street, plated Nut Oranges and Nut Pies, Plated Sausa, Fork and Spoon, Ivory Plated Cheese Boxes, Part Hairpins, Pocket Cutlery, Fine Quality Sausages in Saus and other nice goods at low prices. Call and examine. dec-21 J. T. ORRINGTON & SON.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—It would be almost impossible to find a more useful and valuable present at this season for a mother, sister or friend than an improved "DOMESTIC" SEWING MACHINE, which we are now selling with all the latest improvements at reduced and accommodating terms. J. T. ORRINGTON & BRO.

PACKING BOXES of almost every size for sale at very low prices by E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

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RAISINS.—Delicious, London Layer, Plain Layer, Valencia and Seedless Raisins just received by J. C. MILBURN.

SHEET ZINC, Solder, Block Tin, Iron and Brass Nails. JAP. F. CARLIN & SONS.

PRIME CAPE COD CRANBERRIES received to-day and for sale by J. C. MILBURN.

NEW BUCKWHEAT FLOUR AND SWISS KNEK WHOLE PAST just received. W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

NEW CROP PRIME NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES just received. W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

DUBLIN FIN-HEAD OAT MEAL, just received by W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

MRS. WELLS' PURE HOME MADE MINCE MEAT just received by W. A. JOHNSON & CO.

G. W. M. RAMSAY.

CHRISTMAS.

WINE OF CARDUI.

IMPERIAL CABINET.

For the Holidays at McBurney's.

S. W. COR. KING AND WASHINGTON STS.

LONDON LAYER, LOOSE, MUSCATEL, VALENCIA, SULTANA AND MATSEEDLESS RAISINS.

FLORIDA ORANGES, LEGBORN CITRON AND ZANTER CURRANTS.

MINCE MEAT AND PLUM PUDDING, QUINCE and PINEAPPLE PRESERVES and FRUIT JELLIES, in glass and by the lb.

PURE MAPLE SYRUP and NEW CROP NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

ENGLISH and AMERICAN PICKLES and SAUCES in great variety.

FRENCH MIXTURE at 20c per lb and PLAIN CANDIES by the ton.

FINEST VARIETIES FRENCH CANDIES, CONSERVE FRUITS, GLACE FRUITS in fancy boxes, suitable for presents.

FINEST LAYER FIGS, FINEST TABLE and COOKING SERRIES.

FRENCH and COOKING BRANDIES, MUMM & CO'S CHAMPAGNE.

JAMAICA RUM and CHAMPAGNE OIDER.

DON'T FAIL TO SEE OUR STOCK.

CLOTHING.

Having entirely given up the shoe business, I have had my store remodeled and furnished as a FIRST-CLASS CLOTHING HOUSE, and am now prepared to show the largest assortment and finest selected stock of Clothing ever brought to Alexandria. My line of

MEN'S SUITINGS

YOUTH'S CLOTHING,

GENTS' FURNISHINGS,

HATS, TRUNKS and LEATHER VALISES, constantly on hand. My prices are below competition, so it is only necessary for you to come and examine and you will be sure to buy of

HENRY STRAUSS,

NO. 63 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

CHRISTMAS AND OTHER GOODS.

Whole, half and quarter boxes Raisins, Valencia Raisins Prunes, A full line of Pure Spices, Mince Meat, Apple Butter, Canned Peaches, Corn and Tomatoes, Butter and Eggs, Jellies and Pickles, 25 lbs Refined Sugar, Nos 1, 2 and 3 Maccal Coddish. For sale by dec-21 HARMON & SMITH.

CHRISTMAS NEWS.

[By Telegraph.] A TELEGRAM FROM K. KRINGLE TO H. BRANGLE.

'Twas the week before Christmas, and in every

The children were waiting to see if the mouse which nibbled the cake of Mary last year with Christmas again was about to appear. But the mouse has been caught at Miss Kringle's door.

Who has sent in return to H. Brangle's store a supply, in advance, of all Christmas things which, on Christmas Eve night, for the stockings he brings;

So that every mamma by just seeing Brangle will be taught very soon to become a Kris Kringle.

He offers Candies and Tody of all kinds, Black Fruit, Pound, Jelly and Fancy Cakes. Pies a specialty; Fruits, Nuts, Confectioneries, Loes and all the delicacies of the season. He caters for families and entertainments, and supplies Milk and the finest OYSTERS at 129 King st. dec-19

JAPANESE GOODS.

SILK, VELVET and PLUSH FRAMES

Just received.

AMAS and NEW YEAR CARDS AT

SAWEL TENNENSON & CO'S,

114 KING STREET.

Just Received.

New London Layer Raisins, whole, half and quarter boxes; loose muscatal; Valencia and Mat Seedless Raisins; New Currants, Citron and Orange Peel; New Layer Figs; Almonds, English Walnuts, Pecans, Filberts, Brazil and Mixed Nuts; Turkish Prunes; Sugar Corn; Nelson's and Core's Gelatine; Anderson's Mince Meat; the very best—Mr. Wells' Home Made Mince Meat—good Anderson's Preserves in 6 lb pails; Jelly and Preserves by the lb; New York Sweet Butter; Good Cooking Butter; Fresh Eggs; Baker and other grades of Old Rye Whiskey; Port, Sherry, Madeira and Sweet Catawba Wines; Old Apple and Peach Brandy. All of the above goods in store and for sale cheap by

R. W. AVERY

223 KING STREET

FANCY and HOLIDAY GOODS, consisting of English, French, German and American Colognes and Extracts, Hair Brushes, Hand Mirrors, Cut Glass Bottles, and a variety of other goods of similar character to which we invite the inspection of our customers.

JANNEY & CO.

THE BEST HOLIDAY GIFT.—The perfected Stylographic Pen, useful to every one and indispensable to those wanting a perfect writing device. We sell these on our own guarantee and at the remarkably low price of \$1.50. [dec-13] ROBERT BELL'S SONS.

AN ACCEPTABLE CHRISTMAS GIFT

for everybody would be a bottle of J. ANNE'S popular and delightfully fragrant ORANGE BLOSSOM COLOGNE WATER. In bottles of three ounces, at 25c, 50c and \$1, respectively; also in bulk at \$1 per pint.

POTATOES! POTATOES!

MAINE EARLY ROSE and PROLIFIC POTATOES, HERRING, MACKEREL and CODFISH, BONELESS FISH and SMOKED HERRING.

N. Y. BUTTER, CHEESE, ONIONS, &c. N. LINDSEY & CO., 6 & 10 King st.

SALT PETER the pure article in crystal and powder, also cheaper kinds. Sugar, Sweet Marjoram, &c. for sale by

E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

Choice and Beautiful Books

FOR THE HOLIDAYS AT

FRENCH'S 93 & 95 KING ST.

Picturesque Journeys in Picturesque Lands; \$10. Dora's Illustrations Paradise Lost; \$6. Beautiful Ferns; \$5. Beautiful Wild Flowers; \$5. Dora's Bible Gallery; \$3.60. Indian Summer; \$5. Holly Berries; \$2. The Gathering of the Lilies; \$3. Ho Giveth His Beloved Sleep; \$1.60. Ancient Mariner; \$5. Little Dignity; \$1.50. Kate Greenaway's Mother Goose; \$1. A World of Wonders; \$2. Lands of the Bible; \$3. A very handsome line of Juveniles, Poets and Standard Books in sets. Something new every day. [dec-13] GEO. E. FRENCH.

HOLIDAY PRESENTS

LADIES' and GENTS' GOLD WATCHES and CHAINS, BOYS' SILVER and NICKEL WATCHES, ROLLED GOLD and SILVER CHAINS, ROLLED, SOLID GOLD and FANCY BRACELETS, BRACELETS FOR SMALL CHILDREN from \$1.00 up, PLAIN, ENGRAVED and SEAL RINGS, a full assortment, GOLD LOCKETS, CHARM and CROSSES, ROLLED and SOLID GOLD NECKLACES, BRASTPINS, EAR RINGS, SLEEVE BUTTONS and STUDS, A very handsome assortment of SILVERWARE, in flat, hollow and case goods, Gold, Silver, Nickel, German Silver and Steel SPECTACLES, EYE GLASSES, CLOCKS, &c., &c., at

HENRY WILDT'S,

10 N. ROYAL STREET, NO. 3-1m Alexandria, Virginia.

FANCY GOODS

FOR THE HOLIDAYS. We have now in store the largest stock of goods ever before brought to this market, in English, French and Japanese manufacture, expressly designed for the holiday trade. Below we specify some few of the many novelties to which we invite your attention—now in stock or to arrive:

Dinner, Tea and Dessert Sets,

in English, French and Copeland China. Our Silver Sets, 51 pieces, are particularly handsome and cheap. Choice Fruit Plates, Pastoon, China Sleeve Buttons, Baccarat Bud Vases, Toilet Sets, China Flower vases, entirely new, just the article for the ladies; Teas and Coffees richly decorated, Saxton Moustache and Coupe Coffees, a large assortment.

MAJOLICA WARE

Pitchers, Plates, Ice Cream Sets, Enamelled Bowls, Butter Dishes, Punch Bowls, Sardine Dishes, Cupboards, &c. We have a large stock of these goods, and we are offering them very low.

GLASSWARE

of every description—Lamps, Lamp Goblets, Chibuncens, Goblets and Tumblers, cut and plain. CASTORS, SPOONS, KNIVES, FORKS, &c. Celebrated marks of Rogers Brothers. TEA TRAYS, large stock and cheap. VISITORS are invited to inspect the stock, independently of any intention to purchase.

E. J. Miller & Co.

65 KING STREET. nov-21-1f

NEW GOODS—Received to-day: Colgate's Rosador Water, their new perfume, in 25 cent sprinking top bottles; Benson's Hair Cure, Vaseline in collapsible tubes, convenient for travelers, Vaseline Cold Cream, Vaseline Camphor Ice, and Vaseline Confections for Sore Throats and Colds; also Vaseline Pomade, unsurpassed as a delightful dressing for the hair. [dec-2] J. J. JANNEY & CO.

HOLIDAY GOODS.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

We have just opened and offer for sale at extremely LOW PRICES, a large variety of

JEWELRY, &c.,

such as Gold and Silver Watches, Gold and Silver Bracelets, Lockets, Saus, Keys, &c., Gold Crosses and Chains, Gold, Steel and Celluloid Spectacles, Eye Glasses, &c., with a full stock of Pins and Hairpins of the latest styles and best quality; Tourquois, Garnet, Amethyst, Ruby and other fine Gold Rings; Sleeve Buttons and Studs of all kinds. He hopes his old friends and the public will call and examine before purchasing. [dec-16-1w] GEO. N. DUFFEY.

ESTABLISHED IN 1830.

HOLIDAY GOODS AND WEDDING PRESENTS AT REMARKABLY LOW PRICES.

Also an elegant assortment of WATCHES, JEWELRY and SILVERWARE. Call and examine before buying; no trouble to show goods. [dec-16-1w] R. L. ADAM, No. 78 King st.

THE FINEST SELECTION OF Christmas Goods

in the city, to be sold wholesale, retail and at AUCTION EVERY DAY AND NIGHT during the holidays. I have just received a large consignment of TOYS, to be sold regardless of cost; also a large lot of Crochery and Glass Ware, Vases, Castors, Musical Instruments and hundreds of other useful and ornamental articles for housekeepers; also a large lot of GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, all to be sold before January 1st, 1882, on account of removal to No. 19 north Royal street, (Millburn's old stand) on that day. The trade is invited to call and examine stock at once. [dec-16-1w] H. T. LUCAS, General Auctioneer, 22 north Royal street.

R. C. ACTON

151 KING STREET. Has just received a fine assortment of CHRISTMAS and WEDDING PRESENTS. He has also a full line of WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY and SILVERWARE, to which he calls the attention of the public. [dec-16-1w]

NOTICE.

TO ENABLE OUR CUSTOMERS AT THEIR LEISURE TO EXAMINE OUR ASSORTMENT OF HOLIDAY PRESENTS AND AVOID THE CROWD INCIDENT TO CHRISTMAS WEEK, WE NOW DISPLAY OUR ENTIRE COLLECTION OF HIGH JEWELRY, WATCHES, DIAMONDS, PARIS and VIENNA FANCY GOODS, &c. PREPARED ESPECIALLY FOR OUR HOLIDAY TRADE. MANY OF THESE ARTICLES CANNOT BE DUPLICATED THIS SEASON, and SELECTIONS MADE NOW MAY BE LEFT FOR FUTURE DELIVERY.

M. W. GALT, BRO. & CO.,

Jewelers and Silverware, 107 PENNA. AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C. Our store will be open in the evening until Christmas. [dec-8]

CHRISTMAS.

The trade is respectfully invited to examine our highly ornamental OAKS and GRACES FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON OF 1881.

GEORGE R. HILL & CO.,

Steam Battery, 37 & 39 Lee st. [dec-6]

THE PLACE

To make Children and Grow People a HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR IS

Amos B. Slaymaker's,